THE PHILOSOPHY OF BIOLOGY

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REQUIRED TEXTS:


COURSE GOALS:

In this course, we will study the conceptual and theoretical problems that arise from contemporary biology. These problems include: What is a gene? Are species real? Is adaptationism a "just so" story? What are biological functions? Is there a human nature? Is genuine unselfish behavior possible? What should conservationists conserve? Is there an arrow to the history of life?

SCHEDULE OF READING (TBA)