

Philosophy 2330: Philosophy of Science  
Spring 2022  
Fourth short essay assignment

Please complete your essay and upload it into Blackboard before 11:59pm on Wednesday, Mar 30th.

You are to write an argumentative essay of roughly one to two pages (500-800 words) with a conclusion relevant to our discussion of Intelligent Design in class. Here are a few of the many acceptable topics you could write about:

- 1) Is “Intelligent Design” a scientific hypothesis? Why or why not?
- 2) Is Behe’s version of Intelligent Design fundamentally different from Paley’s design argument in an important way? Does this make a difference when considering whether it is scientific or religious? How does this relate to natural theology more generally?
- 3) Is it appropriate (or is it legal or is it a good idea or ...) to teach Intelligent Design in public school science classes?
- 4) To what extent do questions about the status of intelligent design depend on how we think about methodological naturalism?