

Geography of World Affairs: GEOG105 or INTST105

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Course Syllabus:

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Office hour: By appointment and each Monday 12:30-1:00 PM

Regarding email correspondence: I will answer your emails within 24 hours. I will most likely be able to reply sooner than 24 hours but please email me as early as possible and do not wait until the last minute for important conversations. I only check my email a couple times over the weekend so please try to contact me Monday- Friday.

General Class Environment:

1) Please do not hesitate to ask any questions – at the end of the class is also fine. Please contact me as soon as possible regarding any event that will force you to miss class time or a quiz/exam. I will do my best to help as long as you contact me in advance

- 2) Attendance is expected and required – however – if you miss a class make sure that you secure the notes from a member of the class
- 3) If you are ill and unable to attend a class it is essential that you notify me by email **before** the class and on up to three occasions in the quarter I will mark you as present
- 4) It is not appropriate to leave the class early unless you have notified me to secure permission. You will lose attendance points for leaving class early. You will lose your attendance points if you are more than 7 minutes late or you are consistently showing up late. This is for the benefit of the entire class and to avoid disruptions
- 5) It is expected that you do not talk during class to your neighbor(s) as this disturbs others who are interested to learn and engage fully in the class – including me!
- 6) Please try not to eat or drink in the classroom. Janitorial services have been reduced and it is up to all of us to keep the classroom neat and tidy for the next course. If you are dying to eat, a granola bar or something similar is OK but please try to eat either before or after class.
- 7) Exams and quizzes must be taken on the scheduled dates
- 8) Bring a 'scantron' answer sheet and a pencil to the mid-term and final exams
- 9) Please ensure that all work submitted for assessment is your own. I will report violations of this to the appropriate Bellevue College authorities

Course Description:

This course will focus, from a geographical perspective, on a range of contemporary issues of major significance to the continued development of life on Earth. This will be achieved by a review of issues from social, cultural, political and physical systems.

Course Objectives:

To consider contemporary world issues from a geographical dimension - the physical, economic, social, cultural and political processes that underlie

landscapes, environments and spatial distributions. Candidates should be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the interaction of such processes and the contribution that geographical enquiry can make to an appreciation of different cultures as well as a sensitivity to, and concern for, landscapes, people and the environment.

Required Text: available online at the following link

https://www.itsmorethanatextbook.com/admin/add_student.php?book_id=31&course_id=146

If you have problems please watch this short video which helps to explain how to purchase the online book

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z-uH7oyLYo>

This is the only required textbook for this course.

Format:

Attendance – 150 points (3 points every class)

Mid-Term Exam - 100 points

Final Exam - 100 points

10 Discussion Topics – 15 points each – 150 points

5 'Pop Map Quizzes' – 20 points each – 100 points

- (1) Europe and Russia
- (2) Asia (excluding SE Asia)
- (3) Australasia, SE Asia
- (4) Africa and the Middle East
- (5) The Americas

Extra Credit – There will be around 50 extra credit points available in this class. Most of the extra credit points will come from group

quizzes that will be taken in class and will not be advertised beforehand.

Total points = 600 points

Details:

Mid-Term and Final Exam

You may bring 1 page of notes into these multiple-choice exams – as long as they are your own notes in your own hand-writing. Typed notes will be thrown away. Exams are 45 minutes long. (Please bring a 'scantron answer sheet' and a pencil).

Mid-Term – Wednesday, February 11th

Final – March 23rd-25th

Attendance

There are around 50 classes – you will secure 3 points for attending each class

Discussions

There will be 10 class-wide discussions – 15 points each – each due Monday starting Monday the 12th of January

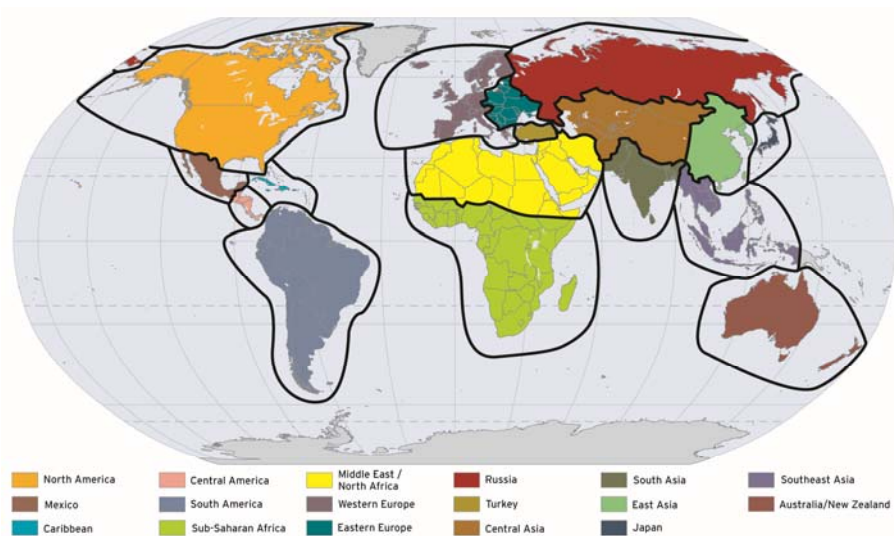
Discussions will be done on Canvas using the online textbook

Map Quizzes

There will be five pop map quizzes – use a world atlas to revise – mostly

countries and capital cities – times TBA. Map quizzes **MAY NOT** be retaken. You must show up for the date of the map quiz or you will receive a 0 on the quiz. Only an official Bellevue College event or a doctor's note will be considered

(1)Europe and Russia – grey, green and red zones plus Turkey (2)Asia (excluding SE Asia) light green, Japan/blue, brown and India/green (3)Australasia, SE Asia brown and purple (4)Africa and the Middle East Africa/green, yellow (5)and the Americas



You will join up with one colleague (teams will change) from the class and work together on this 30 minute 'pop quiz' with questions linked to the region in the spotlight – there will be 25 questions in each (20 questions counting toward your score and 5 extra credit questions).

Grading Standards:

560+ A

530-559 A-

500-529 B+

470-499 B

440-469 B-

410-439 C+

380-409 C

350-379 C-

320-249 D+

290-319 D

318 and less F

Course Schedule:

Part I:

- (1) Demographic Overview – what population problem?
- (2) The Lottery of Life - contrasting fortunes of the rich and the poor!
- (3) The Resource Base – potentials for sustainability.
- (4) The Footprint we Leave Behind – global warming.
- (5) Mid-Term – followed by discussion.

Part 2:

- (6) The Good, the Bad and the Ugly – Europe and Russia.
- (7) China the Emerging Giant.
- (8) Geography of Conflict – Palestine and Israel.
- (9) Understanding the Middle East.
- (10) The Americas – from north to center to south.
- (11) Final Exam

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION FALL 2011

Cheating, Stealing and Plagiarizing*

Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Dean of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Dean of Student Services.

Incomplete

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete ("I"). The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an "F").

F Grade

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of "F."

Final Examination Schedule

The Social Science Division will adhere to the final examination schedule as stated in the BC Schedule. Final examinations will be held at the end of each quarter at fixed times. Instructors will not give examinations in advance of the regular schedule. A student who is absent from any examination held at any time during the quarter may forfeit the right to make up the examination. If, for illness or some other circumstance

beyond the student's control, the student is unable to be present at any scheduled examination and has contacted the instructor on a timely basis, the student may be permitted to take such examination at a time designated by the instructor.

Withdrawal From Class

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

Hardship Withdrawal

Instructors may assign the grade of “HW” (hardship withdrawal) at their discretion in the event that a student cannot complete the coursework due to extreme and exceptional circumstances. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

Students Who Require Disability Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are encouraged to meet with the Disability Resource Centre (DRC) office located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DRC office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class should review the DRC accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Students with mobility challenges who may need assistance in case of an emergency situation or evacuation should register with Disability Resource Centre, and review those needs with the instructor as well.

Distribution of Grades

Grades will not be posted in the Social Science Division or in faculty offices, and secretaries will not give out grades. Students should access their grades through the BC Web site.

Return of Papers and Tests

Paper and/or Scantron score sheet returns will be arranged in the following ways ONLY: by mail, if student supplies the instructor with stamped, self-addressed envelope (with appropriate postage); or by the instructor designating a time and place whereby the student may retrieve his/her papers. Unclaimed papers and/or Scantron score sheets must be kept by the instructor for a minimum of sixty (60) instructional days following the end of the quarter.

**If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue College Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure (the right to due process) which you may pursue. Contact the office of Division Chair (D110), the Dean of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.*