

Geography 123
Introduction to Globalization

Course Syllabus:

Welcome to Geography 123. This is a five-credit course that is cross-listed with International Studies (INTST 123) and it fulfills a Social Science distribution requirement for the Associate in Arts and Sciences (AAS) Degree at Bellevue College.

There are no prerequisites for this class.

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Important: please read very thoroughly through all of the materials in the Getting Started section and begin with the Syllabus as follows.

Course Description:

The phenomenon of globalization involves the story of the exchange and movements of commodities, peoples, ideas, innovations, currency, fashion, food and the diffusion of so many attributes of culture itself. It also has relevance when discussing the impact of conflict and the global problems associated with the natural environment and the ability of the earth's resources to satisfy the increasing demands of a growing population that seeks to satisfy material needs in balance with the spiritual and mindful aspects of life. The course will be divided into five sections each with a specific focus on a particular dimension of globalization. However, it is important to consider that the historical, cultural, economic, environmental and political dimensions of the subject are very closely inter-related.

Course Objectives:

- to consider the basic themes of each of the core dimensions of globalization.
- to explore the relationships that exist between the historical, cultural, economic, environmental and political dimensions of globalization.
- to investigate the spatial aspects of globalization through a series of case studies interwoven throughout the five component parts.
- to study the changes in globalization that have taken place over space and time and to project these toward a consideration of future global trends.
- to provide a foundation in geographic enquiry that will act as a catalyst for future study.
- to develop a sense of place and foster a sharper sense of intimacy with both the physical, social, political and economic aspects of the global theater within which we live.

Course Participation

Please note that you are responsible for:

- the technical aspects of your personal computer. Please look at the BC Distance Education website for the Vista Tutorial and for hardware requirements.
- reading the appropriate material as specified.
- taking part in email discussions - please use the Course Email to contact me – and remember that fellow students can be a helpful resource for those ‘difficult questions’.
- keeping comprehensive personal notes; journals; diagrams; maps that are relevant to the material studied.
- timely completion of coursework - please note that there are no make-up exams available - you should not leave tests to the last minute in case you have a technical problem - this is a very important consideration and you should have a back-up plan should your system ‘crash’ at the wrong time.
- please review the Bellevue College academic calendar for all details regarding registration and withdrawal policy and procedures and distribution of final grades: you should be familiar with the Social Science Division policy for cheating and plagiarism. If you require special student services please contact Disability Support Services at 425-564-2498 or call in on campus.
- again please remember that the class has a very flexible structure, but, there are no make-up opportunities; it is important to make a commitment to this online class in just the same way as you would a on-campus classroom based class.

• Format:

- **The course material is subdivided into Five Modules.**

- 1) Each Module has a **presentation of Class Notes** that highlight and focus on the major components of that particular topic area. You will be tested on this material in the five exams. Prepare your **Study Guide** of condensed notes that you may bring to the exams with you. **Please note that because of the size of some of the Powerpoint presentations they will not automatically download and you will need to click on the link at the top of the page to download - they are 'saved in PowerpointShow' and you can view them whether or not you have a PowerPoint application on your computer.**
- 2) Now turn your study toward the **Recommended Readings/Viewing** section. Answer all of the set questions from the articles, videos and textbook. Remember the exams will all contain questions from both the Recommended Readings/Viewing and drawn from material from the Class Notes - using a multiple-choice format.
- 3) **Module Discussion Topics** – each Module has two topics for class discussion (the topics can be viewed when you follow the link to Discussion Topics from your Home Page). You should read the relevant material associated with the topic and make a post of about 150-200 words that reflects your views and thoughts. Then complete a second (or more if you wish) posting of approximately 50-75 words in response to postings of your class mates. You should make these posts during the period when we are working on that particular part of the material – and you can check these times with deadlines posted in the Course Calendar. You must make both posts to secure the 10 marks.
- 4) **Module Exams:** you will be allowed to bring a **Study Guide** to the exams. Before you attempt the exam carefully read and revise through your notes from the Class Notes section and make sure that you have all of the answers to the questions from the Recommended Readings section. Please note that all of the questions on the exam will be taken directly from the material in the Class Notes and the actual questions from the readings.
- I would advise you to read through your Study Guide Class Notes a number of times as this will give you the option during the exam of being able to quickly look back through the notes for an answer to a question that you cannot readily remember. You should even have enough time in the exam to go back into the actual course material to check an answer - assuming that you have a thorough understanding of the material. You will only have one chance to do each Module Exam – and once you start you must continue to finish the exam and **SAVE** your answers before you submit the exam for marking. Please remember that you will be limited to 60 minutes for each Module Exam.
- Please note that each of the five Module Exams (there is no final exam) will be available for you to take during an ‘open period’ of about one week. This is designed to allow flexibility in the course and at the same time to keep you on a

sensible schedule of work. However, there will be no make-up opportunities and so I strongly advise you to not leave things until the last moment – just in case you have technical or other difficulties.

Grading:

5 Exams each worth 80 marks = 400 marks

10 Discussion Topics each worth 20 marks = 200 marks

Total mark allocation = 600 marks.

Extra Credit is available up to 10 marks in each exam = 50 marks

Class Evaluation = 20 marks

The Grading Scale is:

550 plus A

520-549 A-

490-519 B+

460-489 B

430-459 B-

400-429 C+

370-399 C

340-369 C-

310-339 D+

280-309 D

279 and less Fail

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION

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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.

