

Geography 123

Introduction to Globalization

Syllabus:

Welcome to Geography 123 – ‘Introduction to Globalization’.

This is a five-credit course that fulfills a Social Science requirement for the Associate in Arts and Sciences (AAS) Degree at Bellevue Community College. There are no prerequisites for this class.

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.

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Office: D100D (next to the fountain)

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 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

Format:

The course material is subdivided into Five Parts.

1) Each Part has a **PowerPoint presentation of Class Notes** that highlight and focus on the major components of that particular topic. You will be tested on this material in the five exams. If you wish you can **print off** the notes that are featured on the PowerPoint and use these as a framework as you work your way through the material in class and at

home. You may wish to make additional notes to supplement the Class Notes to better understand the material. **Prepare your Study Guide which you may use on the exam. Your study guide may be 1 page (front and back) of handwritten notes. Typed notes WILL be thrown away on exam day.**

2) Now turn your study toward the **Textbook Homework Recommended Reading** handout (these will be given closer to exam date). Answer all of the set questions from the textbook. The exams will all contain questions from both the Textbook Reading and the Class Notes - using a multiple-choice format.

3) **Module Discussion Topic** – each Module has a topic 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 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 no later than one day after each exam has closed. 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 PowerPoint Class Notes section and make sure that you have all of the answers to the questions from the Textbook Homework Recommended Reading section. Please note that all of the questions on the exam will be taken directly from the material in the lectures (powerpoints) and the questions from the textbook.

Grading:

5 Exams each worth 40 points = 200 points

5 Discussion Topics each worth 20 points = 100 points

Attendance 2 points per class (50 classes) = 100 points

Extra Credit – There will be around 30 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 = 400 points

The Grading Scale is:

A	4.0	370
A-	3.7	355-369
B+	3.3	340-354
B	3.0	325-339
B-	2.7	310-324
C+	2.3	295-309
C	2.0	280-294
C-	1.7	265-279
D+	1.3	250-264
D	1.0	235-249
F		234 and less

Required Text:

‘Introducing Globalization’ by Matthew Sparke published by Wiley-Blackwell (2013)

Participation:

You are responsible for:

- the technical aspects of your personal computer. Please look at the BC Distance Education website for the Canvas Tutorial(s) and for hardware requirements and navigation techniques.

- reading the appropriate material as specified.
- taking part in email discussions - please use the Campus 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 except for recorded illness.
- 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.

Class Layout:

Weeks 1-2: Introduction to globalization

Exam date: Monday January 19th

Weeks 3-4: The economic dimensions of globalization

Exam date: Tuesday February 3th

Weeks 5-6: The cultural dimensions of globalization

Exam Date: Wednesday February 18th

Weeks 7-8: The environmental dimensions of globalization

Exam Date: Thursday March 5th

Weeks 9-10: The political dimensions of globalization

Exam Date: March 23-25

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.