

Geography 105:
Geography of World Affairs:

Course Syllabus:

Welcome to Geography 105. This is a five-credit course that fulfills a Social Science distribution requirement for the Associate in Arts and Sciences (AAS) Degree at Bellevue College. This course satisfies General Education Requirements in the following areas:

There are no prerequisites for this class.

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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 such issues from social, cultural, political and physical systems.

Course Objectives:

To consider environmental, political and social issues which have a geographical dimension on a world scale. To study physical, economic, social, cultural and political processes that underlie landscapes, environments and spatial distributions. Candidates should be able to demonstrate a 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 at the College Bookstore)

World Place Locations - 2nd Edition by Roselle and Walker: published by Cengage

Format:

(a) Five Module Exams- each will be worth 100 points toward the total score = Total 500 points

(b) Four Place Location Map Quizzes - each will be worth 25 points toward the total score = Total 100 points

Preparation for the quizzes is done by completing the respective chapters in the World Place Locations workbook and referencing the A-Z Maps website which is available to you through the College Library - this is an online atlas and we also recommend that you print off your own blank maps of the regions for revision purposes. We suggest that you follow the link on the website to download the blank maps and label all of the required locations on the blank map - this will help you to better remember the locations for the quiz. To ensure success, read the Instructions to the Student for suggestions, hints, and guidelines in the World Place Locations workbook. So - you fill in the blank maps and they are then used to practice identifying the locations listed in each Chapter in the workbook (you do not hand in these maps as they are only for your practice). The Place Location quizzes are all 'open book' multiple-choice format. Carefully, follow the online instructions when taking the quizzes. You will be asked 20 location questions and you will need to identify which of the multiple choices correctly matches the location of the feature as shown on the map. There will also be a series of 5 questions selected directly from the questions asked in the World Place Location book from the exercises at the end of the relevant chapter on each of the four regions that you need to study. You only have 10 minutes to answer each Map Quiz so please be sure you know the locations well before you begin.

(c) Five Discussion Topics – each one will be of approximately 150 words for an initial posting and 50 words for a second response posting; each will be worth 30 points toward the total score = Total 150 points

Total Mark = 750 points

(a) The Five Modules

The course material is subdivided into **Five Modules**. You should proceed through each Module in the following way.

1. Each one begins with a **Class Notes** section that will highlight and focus on the major components of that particular topic area. Read carefully through this material and make your own notes that highlight the key points. You will be tested on this material in the Module Exam.

2. After completing the Class Notes section you should proceed to the **Case Studies** section. These topics will provide specific illustrative examples of issues discussed within the Class Notes. Again make appropriate notes as you will be tested on this material in the Module Exam.

3. Now turn toward the **Essential Reading** section of the Module. There will be a series of readings that you should study - each has a number of questions that you will need to answer. Complete this section before you progress onto the Module Exam - you will be tested on these questions and your general understanding of the material from the Module in the Module Exam - using a multiple-choice answer format.

4. You should now move your attention to the **Discussion Topics** section.

5. You are now in a position to answer the **Module Exam**. Before you attempt the exam carefully read through your notes and the answers to the questions from all of the material that you have read. All of the questions on the exam will be taken directly from the questions from the Essential Reading section as well as the Class Notes and Case Study section.

You will only have one chance to do each Module Exam - and once you start you must continue – so remember to ‘Save’ your answers as you progress through the exam. - you will be limited to 60 minutes.

6. There are in all **5 Module Exams - each of 25 questions - that are all answered online**. You will have access to the Module Exams usually for about one week (a little less in the shortened Summer Quarter) - you must take the exam sometime during this ‘open’ time period. As you will see - this regimen will help to keep you on target and complete the various exercises in a timely manner.

(b) The Four Map Place Location Quizzes

1) North America: 2) Europe and Russia:

3) East Asia: 4) Northern Africa and the Middle East:

You will be required to take all of these map quizzes during the first three weeks of the course, but, first take the **Practice Map Quiz** to give you some idea of the format of these quizzes. Preparation for the quizzes is done by completing the respective chapters in the World Place Locations workbook and referencing the A-Z Maps website which is available to you through the College Library - this is an online atlas and we also recommend that you print off your own blank maps of the regions for revision purposes. We suggest that you follow the link on the website to download the blank maps and label all of the required locations on the blank map - this will help you to better remember the locations for the quiz. Preparation for the quizzes is done by

completing the respective sections in the World Place Locations workbook, using the blank outline maps – for these go to the College Library site and the blank map PDFs are all on the Periodicals page: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/lmc/periodicalsAlpha.html> under “Images/Maps” – all the maps can be printed for revision purposes.

There will be 25 multiple choice questions in each quiz. You will be shown a series of maps - each will show you a part of the region under review - and you will be asked 20 questions and you will need to identify which of the multiple choices correctly matches the location of the feature as shown on the map. There will also be a series of 5 questions selected directly from the questions asked in the World Place Location book from the exercises at the end of the unit on each of the four regions that you need to study. Please note that there are 8 regions/units in the book, but, you will only be required to study the 4 regions units as listed above; 1)North America, 2)Europe/Russia, 3)East Asia and 4)Northern Africa/Middle East.

You will have a limited time of only 10 minutes as soon as you begin the quiz. Be sure to do the Practice Map Quiz first – and you may do this one as many times as you wish. There are detailed instructions in the World Place Location book to help you to prepare for these map quizzes.

(c) Discussion Topics

You will be required to submit by the course site Discussion Tool **five 150 and 50 word discussions based on the Case Studies in your workbook.** - use the course site Discussion Tool to submit your postings.

Course Schedule:

Module I: Population Studies

- 1 – World population and demography
- 2 – Migration
- 3 – Britain and the 'Industrial Revolution'
- 4 – Population growth in Egypt
- 5 – Ageing population of Japan
- 6 – Urban regions - Tokyo

Module 2: Economic Geography

- 1 – Global wealth and poverty
- 2 – Help for the poorest – foreign aid
- 3 – The provision of healthcare
- 4 – Healthcare and politics in Sub-Saharan Africa
- 5 – Economic diversity - Caribbean contrasts

6 – Life in America

Module 3: The Resource Base

- 1 – The impact of humankind on the environment
- 2 – The Earth's weather and climate
- 3 – Global climate change
- 4 – Desertification in Niger
- 5 – The Mediterranean – ecosystem under threat

Module 4: Globalization

- 1 – Globalization - an overview
- 2 – Trade and agriculture
- 3 – The global 'shadow economy'
- 4 – Agriculture in Developing Countries
- 5 – Raw material resources and development
- 6 – The oil industry

Module 5: Geography of Conflict

- 1 – Conflict - an overview
- 2 – America – the 'superpower'
- 3 – Closing thoughts
- 4 – Territorial Conflicts – the Middle East
- 5 – Water wars
- 6 – Border Disputes – suspicious neighbors of South Asia

Grading:

The total mark allocation for the course is 750 points. Each of the 5 Module Quizzes will be worth 100 points each; and the 4 Map Quizzes will be worth 25 points each; and the 5 Discussion Topics will be worth 30 marks each.

The Grading Scale is:

Grading Standards:

705 and over	A
660-704	A-
615-659	B+
570-614	B
525-569	B-
495-524	C+
450-494	C

405-449 C-
375-404 D+

330-374 D
329 and less Fail

Participation:

The student is responsible for:

1. the technical aspects of your computer/email/printer etc.
Please refer to the BCC Distance Education website for the Vista Tutorial and for minimum hardware requirements. The Distance Education Office telephone number is listed above.
2. reading the specified materials.
3. taking part in email discussions. Contacting me/fellow students can be helpful.
4. keeping comprehensive notes/diagrams/maps relevant to course topics.
5. Timely completions of place location and module exams. You should not leave exams to the last minute in case you have a technical problem this is a very important consideration.
6. reviewing the Bellevue Community College academic calendar posted at <http://distance-ed.bcc.ctc.edu> for all details regarding registration and withdrawal policy and procedures and distribution of final grades.
7. reading the Social Science Division's policy statement.
8. if special needs are necessary contacting **Disability Support Services at (425) 564-2498**

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.*