

Bellevue College

Fall 2012

Geography 100 – 5152 A -- Introduction to Geography, 7:30a-8:20a

Geography 100 – 5150 B -- Introduction to Geography, 8:30p-9:20p

Both classes, 5 credits each, meet daily in Room D 273

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Social Science Office - D 110

Social Science Advisor Deanne Eschbach 425-564-2216. She is very helpful.

This syllabus and other critical information, such as reviews, are on mybcc.net.

Required books and Atlas: (1) Introduction to Geography, Getis, Getis & Fellman, 12th Ed., 2009; (2) World Place Locations, 2nd ed. Roselle and Walker, 2010; (3) **Finally, you will need to buy scantrons for exams at bookstore.**

Course Description: We live in a global village. This geography class focuses on local, regional, national and international elements of that village. As we examine issues of location and learn about places around the world, you will learn more about the relationships between people and places. We'll examine how distant cultures and societies influence each other and where resources are distributed around the globe.

An important part of this geography class involves working with students from other countries. As we listen to and learn from each other, our communication skills will be sharpened and our geographic knowledge enriched. **Learning Communities of three to five people are important for this class.** Please take advantage of this special classroom learning opportunity.

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are required to contact Disability Resource Center (DRC) in room B132 (phone 425-564-2498). Also, please contact me as soon as possible.

Grading Scale: A=94-100; A- =89+; B+=85+; B= 81+; B- = 77+; C+ =72+; C=67+; C- =62+; D+ = 57+; D= 50+; F = <50.

40% First and Second Exams are worth 20% each

20% Final Exam ... **7:30 class>> Fri, Dec 7 (8:00am-9:00am)** Note: **Final**
8:30 class>>Wed, Dec 5 (8:00am-9:00am) **is not comprehensive.**

*20% Three Map Quizzes based on World Place Locations (WPL). Lowest one of three map quizzes dropped. See www.ilike2learn.com for help.

10% Homework Assignments done in **Learning Communities of three to five people

10% One presentation with a partner(s) Weeks 9-10 (4-5 minutes per person)

* No makeup map quizzes this quarter.

**No late homework assignments accepted this quarter.

Readings and Schedule for Geography 100

Week 1

Chapter 6 Population Geography

Wed. Sep 19, Introduction and Chapter 1 in World Place Location (WPL)

Wednesdays (usually) this quarter we will cover a new unit in World Place Locations (WPL). Please answer the assigned chapter questions **before class**. Today, look over the Introduction and Chapter 1 and find places you don't know using A-Z Maps Online, an online database found on Bellevue College's Library and Media Center's (LMC) website. To find A-Z Maps Online go to BC website >> Campus Resources >> Library, Lab & Computing >> Library Media Center >> Periodicals/Databases >> Under A is A-Z Maps Online. If you can't find a place, use an atlas' glossary in the library. Also, try an online resource such as www.ilike2learn.com *You are tested on WPL information on the map quizzes.*

Fri. Discussion #1...Textbook "The Cairo Plan" pp. 192-193.

For **discussions**, please read the book/online readings and answer the "Questions to Consider" or mybcc.net online questions before **class**, so you can share your answers in **Learning Communities of three to five** during class. *You are tested on discussions on the three exams.*

Week 2

Chapter 7 Cultural Geography...Have you checked mybcc.net yet?

Wed. Chapter 2 from WPL, pp. 16 answer questions # 5-6, 9, 12, 14, 16-18.

Thurs. Discussion #2...Pages 238-239, "An Official U.S. Language?" Please answer all questions. *Information from the discussions can show up on the exams.*

Week 3

Chapter 8 Spatial Interaction

Chapter 9 Political Geography

Wed. Oct 3, Map Quiz # 1 from WPL Chapters 1 and 2.

Fri. Discussion #3...Pages 326-327 in textbook, "Environmental Justice," please answer all questions.

Week 4

Tues. No class – Oct 9.

Wed. Chapter 3 in WPL p. 20-21 #1, 2, 4-7, 10-13 and 18-20.

Fri. Oct 12, Exam #1 -- **Focus on everything we have talked about in class so far except WPL.**

Week 5

Chapter 5 Natural Resources
Chapter 10 Economic Geography

Tue. Discussion #4...Pages 145-146, “Damned Trouble,” answer all questions. See A-Z Maps Online for China, Washington State, Iowa and Louisiana for help with all four questions.

Wed. Chapter 4 in WPL p. 26-27, #2, 4, 7-9, 12, 14, 16 and 19.

Fri. Discussion #5...Economic Geography...please answer all questions on mybcc.net under shared documents.

Week 6

Chapter 11 Urban Geography

Mon. Discussion #6...Urban Geography mybcc.net under shared documents.

Tuesday Discussion #7...Kotkin’s Urban mybcc.net under shared docs and links.

Wed. Chapter 5 in WPL p. 32 #1-3, 7, 10 and 15.

Thurs. Discussion #8...Regional Concept mybcc.net under shared docs.

Fri. No class – Oct 26.

Week 7

Chapter 13 Regional Concept

Mon. Oct 29 -- Map Quiz #2 -- WPL Chapters 3-5.

Tue. Discussion #9...**Handout: Is Seattle a World City? See mybcc.net links.**

Fri. Nov 2, Exam # 2 -- Focus on everything since Exam #1.

Week 8

Chapter 2 Maps
Chapter 3 Landforms
Chapter 4 Weather and Climate

Wed. Chapter 6 in WPL p. 36-37 #1-3, 7, 12-13 and 19-20...**No cities on Map Quiz 3.**

Thurs. Discussion # 10 Pages 124-125 in textbook: Answer questions #1, 7, 8 and 14.
Also, see climates on page 110 in text.

Week 9

Student Presentations Start this week.

Mon. Nov. 12 – No class.

Wed. Chapter 7 in WPL p. 41-42, #2-5, 12, 14 and 19.

Wed. Chapter 8 in WPL p. 49-50, #1, 6, 9, 11-12, 16, 18, and 20.

Week 10

Finish Student Presentations this week.

Thurs and Fri No class --- Thanksgiving Break Nov 22 and 23.

Week 11

Chapter 12 Human Impact on the Environment

Tue. Discussion # 11 p. 456 in textbook, answer questions #3 and #6.

Wed. Nov 28 -- Map Quiz #3 Chapters 6-8 in WPL...No cities on this quiz.

Week 12

Final Exam given in class – On all work covered since Exam #2.

Final is not comprehensive...but includes student presentations.

Final Time 7:30 class >>Fri Dec 7 (8:00 am-9:00 am) in class

Final Time 8:30 class >>Wed Dec 5 (8:00 am-9:00 am) in class

Due Dates and Student Responsibility

While we will try to follow this syllabus, it is subject to change.

The flu may be a strike hard this quarter. Please do not come to school if you are ill.

To complete this course with a satisfactory grade you must carefully follow directions, finish all assignments on time, be prepared for map quizzes, and demonstrate a mastery of geographic concepts through performance on exams, and participation in group work on homework and discussions. In addition, student presentations, DVDs, links/shared documents @ mybcc.net, class notes and textbook readings are important.

It is each student's responsibility to get any handouts, notes, or important information for any class time missed. Check mybcc.net regularly.

No late work will be accepted this quarter.

Coming in late disturbs the class. Please get here on time and, if late, quietly sit in back.

Map quizzes cannot be made-up under any circumstances. Quizzes can't be taken earlier than or later than the regular map quiz. However, if you miss a map quiz, all is not lost. The lowest one of the three map quizzes will be dropped.

Make-up exams must be arranged *in advance* with me. A phone call (leave message) or an e-mail **before** the exam suffices. Make-up exams have 25% deducted from the score. An exam is considered a make-up if it is not taken at the regularly scheduled time. See Social Science Guidelines on pp. 6 and 7.

Talking during class about personal issues interferes with the learning of other students and is **UNACCEPTABLE. PLEASE LEAVE THE CLASSROOM AND TALK ELSEWHERE.** Also, please turn off cell phones, MP3 players, and I-pods during class.

Cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty are unacceptable at Bellevue College and are subject to disciplinary action and a reduced grade or failure of the class. See page six (6) and seven (7) of this syllabus.

Thanks for making this class successful.

Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course successful students will be able to:

- 1) Understand the importance of the dynamic nature of place.
- 2) Using maps, identify physical and cultural features on a map.
- 3) Explain in short in-class tests weather and the dynamic nature of the atmosphere.
- 4) Recognize through written work and map study the spatial distribution of natural resources, languages, political parties, population and people.
- 5) Explain the dynamics of the urban environment.
- 6) Explain the economic components within regions and their role in determining potential values, perceptions and decision making processes in a society.
- 7) Recognize the phenomena of globalization on the world community and the rapid pace and increasing scale of economic integration.
- 8) Analyze geographic concepts, for example the landlocked position of a country, and the implications of that on the geography of an area.
- 9) Question your geographic assumptions, so your understanding of our small, yet complex, world will be enriched.

Welcome to Bellevue College!!

This is your class and suggestions are welcome.

Let's make the most of this quarter.

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION Fall 2012

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 and at [http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050P_Student_Code_\(Procedures\).asp](http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050P_Student_Code_(Procedures).asp)

Email Communication with instructors must be done through student email accounts only. Instructors cannot communicate with students about their course work or grades through student's personal email accounts.

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 program assistants or coordinators 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.*

If you need help with your writing, please make use of the following student support services:

- Academic Success Center: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/academicsuccess/>
- Academic Tutoring Center: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/tutoring/>
- TRiO Student Support Services: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/TRiO/>
- Writing Lab @ BCC: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/writinglab/>

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: If you have medical information to share with me in the event of an emergency, please contact me via email or come to see me during office hours. Emergency preparedness is important! If you need course modifications, adaptations, or accommodations because of a disability, I can refer you to our Disability Resource Center (DRC). If you prefer, you may contact them directly by going to B132 or by calling 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110. Information is also available on their website at <http://bellevuecollege.edu/drc/>

EXPLORE THE LMC! The Library Media Center is at your fingertips! I *strongly* encourage you to visit the LMC at least once a week, but you can also access it via the web. Talk to a Reference Librarian at the Library (D-126), by calling (425) 564-6161, or by email reference@bellevuecollege.edu.

- **Main Library Media Center:** <http://bellevuecollege.edu/lmc/>
- **For the LMC online catalog:** <http://bellevuecollege.edu/lmc/catalogs.html>
- **For article databases:** <http://bellevuecollege.edu/lmc/periodicals.html>

✓ To get announcements of campus closures:

- Receive email and text messages through the BC Alert System (sign up at <http://bellevuecollege.edu/alerts>).

- Visit www.SchoolReport.org or subscribe to their emergency email and text message service.
- Call BC's emergency information line: (425) 401-6680.
- Check the BC home page (<http://bellevuecollege.edu>) for a link to the BC emergency information website, OR access that page directly at <http://bellevuecollege.edu/publicsafety/>.