

## **Geography 200:**

### **Introduction to Human Cultural Geography:**

#### **Syllabus:**

Welcome to Geography 200 – ‘Introduction to Human Cultural Geography’.

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:**

This is an introductory course that explores the cultural Geography of place. The course is built upon a series of the major themes within the study of human geographic enquiry. The interplay between the natural physical environment and the cultural landscape and the interrelationships between different peoples and cultures will be the basis from which this class will be developed.

A series of case studies will support these themes and will seek to unfold a fascinating mosaic of life on Earth. Studies will include a look at life on the streets of Havana to the soccer stadiums of Europe and Latin America; as well as explorations of the spiritual realms of places of pilgrimage and the cultural adaptations of the Inuit to the physical challenges imposed by the places they call home.

The class will identify the aspects of culture that illuminate life on Earth. Our path will explore a variety of themes and ask a series of probing questions: including - why Han culture dominates in China: why the Makah of Washington hunt the whale: and the fascinating mosaic of life in Cuba today. The course will invite the student to explore the cultural undertones of wearing the hijab in Iran: of the cultural and spatial links that associate Seattle and Starbucks: to the fight to preserve indigenous languages throughout the world: and the meaning of the word ‘Cubanismo’. I hope that you will enjoy our journey as we explore the cultural realms of planet Earth.

Additionally, I hope that the course material will create a desire to understand the intricacies of these systems and inspire a deeper appreciation of these components of Geographic enquiry. For intimacy with a landscape inspires respect for that landscape and ultimately a better understanding of our-selves.

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**Course Objectives:**

- to consider the basic themes that make-up the core of geographic enquiry
- to explore the relationships between physical and cultural landscapes
- to investigate the spatial component of cultural processes and interactions
- to study the changes that occur in the human landscape
- 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 and cultural world in which we live.

**Format and Mark Allocation:**

- (a) The Mid-Term and Final Exams – each will be worth a maximum of 150 marks – the exam schedule will be as below (300)
- (b) The 4 Discussion Topics – will each be worth a maximum of 25 marks (100)
- (c) The ‘Culture Map’ will be worth a maximum of 100 marks – due Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct.(100)
- (d) Personal book review – 100 marks – written (50) and report (50)

Total marks do not include random attendance which will be taken 10 times during the quarter (10 marks)

**Total 600 marks**

**Schedule:**

Mid-Term Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov

Final in Finals week

Discussions – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct: and Monday 19 Nov.

Book Reviews written due Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Grading:**

The total mark allocation for the course is 600 marks.

The Grading Scale is:

A	4.0	540+
A-	3.7	510-539

B+	3.3	480-509
B	3.0	450-479
B-	2.7	420-449
C+	2.3	390-419
C	2.0	360-389
C-	1.7	330-359
D+	1.3	300-329
D	1.0	270-299
F		269 and less

### **Participation:**

General Class Environment:

- 1) Office hour is from 12.30 until 1.30 daily – please do not hesitate to ask any questions – at the end of the class is also fine – I prefer to answer questions face to face rather than by email
- 2) Attendance is expected – 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 an exam it is essential that you notify me by email before the class
- 4) It is not appropriate to leave the class early unless you have notified me to secure permission
- 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) All food and drink (other than water) will not be allowed in the class – if you are hungry go to the cafeteria!
- 7) Exams must be taken on the scheduled dates
- 8) Bring a ‘scantron answer sheet’ to the exams
- 9) Please ensure that all work submitted for assessment is your own
- 10) Be sure to make notes during every class to allow you to answer the questions on the exams – you may bring these notes to the exam – but only your own hand written notes will be accepted

### **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.