

INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHY:

Geography 100: item # 5153 and item #5154

Winter Quarter 2016

(Your teacher and friends in Livingston, Guatemala)

Welcome to Geography 100. 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. There are no prerequisites for this class. This is the only class that is a required class for those who wish to obtain a 'Concentration in Geography' - you need a total of 20 credits for this award.

Course Description:

The course will cover a series of major themes of geographic inquiry. The dynamic nature of the physical environment will be studied and this will provide a foundation to better understand the cultural landscapes of our world.

Specific areas of investigation will focus on: the role of maps and mapmakers; physical processes and the surface of the Earth; a review of the dynamics of weather and climate; the impact of population growth; and additional in depth case studies focusing on population and demography, population distribution and the economic resource base, migration, urbanization, globalization and sustainability as well as a review of the major features of the cultural landscape.

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Please use the Course Calendar regularly for deadline dates and general reminders.

(Communist rally marching past of my house in Florence, Italy)

Required Texts:

Introduction to Geography - this is only available online - please use this link to purchase - the book is essential reading for both the course materials as well as the Chapter Quizzes that will be taken using this ebook platform.

https://www.itsmorethanatextbook.com/admin/add_student.php?book_id=79&course_id=210 (Links to an external site.)

World Place Locations - this is also only available online - please use this link to purchase - this book is essential for the place locations needed for all of the map quizzes as well as for the Regional Quiz.

https://www.itsmorethanatextbook.com/admin/add_student.php?book_id=14&course_id=211 (Links to an external site.) (Links to an external site.)

If you have problems please watch this short video which helps to explain how to purchase the online book

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z-uH7oyLYo>



[\(Links to an external site.\)](#)

(Fishing boats in Castletown, Isle of Man, UK)

Course Objectives:

To consider the basic themes of geography and how they are applied to explore the relationships between physical and cultural landscapes to provide a foundation in geographic inquiry that will act as a catalyst for future study and to develop a sense of place by fostering a sense of the connectivity that exists between the physical and the cultural world.

Format:

The coursework is divided into 10 Chapters each with a Chapter Quiz: 10 Map Quizzes: 5 Discussion Topics; a Regional Quiz: and a Final Exam.

a) Course Chapters and Chapter Quizzes:

Each of the chapters in the class covers one key theme of geographic inquiry and all of the material that you need is in the class ebooks, 'Introduction to Geography' and 'World Place Locations.' The

'Introduction to Geography' ebook has the 10 Chapters that we will study and the 'World Place Locations' ebook is used for the map quizzes and the Regional Quiz.

It is important to start by developing a **Study Guide** for this class - a notebook of all key ideas/answers to all questions/and any material that will help you to remember the content. You can use this Study Guide in all of the 'open book' quizzes.

Having carefully read through each chapter, made all appropriate notes in your Study Guide notebook and answered the fifteen **Review Questions** at the end of the chapter you are ready to take the **Chapter Quiz**. Each Chapter Quiz has an open book/open note format with **multiple-choice** questions and is answered totally online using the ebook assessment system. Please note that we will use the ebook assessment system to complete the Chapter Quizzes(not the Canvas assessment system).

There will be 10 questions in each **Chapter Quiz** - 5 will be selected from the 15 Review Questions and there will be an additional 5 questions from material in the relevant chapter.

Again – please note that all exams are open book/open note - remember to **'Save'** the answers before you 'Submit' the quiz.

The order of the Chapter Exams will be exactly the same as the Chapters in the ebook - you will have 10 multiple choice questions (5 selected from the Review Questions at the end of the chapter and 5 additional questions from the material in the chapter) and each Chapter Quiz is worth 20 marks (2 marks per correct answer for a grand total of 200 marks).

Chapter 1: Introduction and Physical Geography: the Surface of the Earth

Chapter 2: Weather and Climate

Chapter 3: Maps and Mapmakers

Chapter 4: Population and Demography

Chapter 5: Population Distribution and the Economic Resource Base

Chapter 6: Geography of Migration

Chapter 7: Geography of Urbanization

Chapter 8: Cultural Geography

Chapter 9: Geography of Globalization

Chapter 10: Geography of Sustainability

(Street art in Paderborn, Germany and interesting image of Che and 'Kenny' on artwork in Cuba)

b) Map Quizzes - World Place Locations:

Please note - this is done using the online textbook 'World Place Locations.'

You will be required to study place locations for the eight major world regions (listed below). **There are 10 online Map Quizzes with 15 questions in each quiz (total 150 marks).**

Note that - Europe and Russia and - North America - are both divided into two quizzes each, a cultural quiz and a physical quiz. In all of the other regional map quizzes the cultural and physical locations are combined into one quiz (cultural is cities and countries and physical is seas, rivers, mountains, deserts and lakes etc).

Preparation for the quizzes is done by completing the respective chapters in the **World Place Locations online ebook** and referencing an atlas of your choice.

For your convenience you may access 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 from this Library resource 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 online 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 - under A-Z Maps - scroll down to see 'Blank Maps' - all the blank maps can be printed for revision purposes.**

To ensure success, read the **Instructions to the Student** for suggestions, hints, and guidelines in the **World Place Locations** online ebook.

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' matching format. Carefully, follow the online instructions when taking the quizzes.

You only have **8 minutes** to answer each Map Quiz so please be sure you know the locations well before you begin.

The 10 Map Quizzes and respective Chapters in the World Place Location online ebook are listed below.

Please note - The Major Features of the Planet Map Quiz is at the start of the World Place Location ebook and this is to be used for practice only – it will not count toward your score for the class – it is only for practice to give you a good idea of what to expect in the Map Quizzes.

- 1. Europe and Russia Cultural – Chapter 2**
- 2. Europe and Russia Physical - Chapter 2**
- 3. East Asia – Chapter 3**
- 4. South and Central Asia – Chapter 4**
- 5. Southeast Asia and Australasia – Chapter 5**
- 6. Northern Africa and the Middle East – Chapter 6**
- 7. Southern Africa – Chapter 7**
- 8. South and Central America and the Caribbean – Chapter 8**
- 9. North America Cultural – Chapter 9**
- 10. North America Physical - Chapter 9**

Remember - Chapter 1 in your textbook considers the **Major Features of the Planet and is not assessed** and should be used as a practice map quiz before you begin the other map quizzes. However, it is advised that you plot the locations on a blank map of the world to allow you to become more familiar with the format of the workbook.

(Che is everywhere in Cuba as are cigar makers and 1950's Chevi cars)

(c) Discussion Topic postings are an additional part of the course and each of these five postings carries a score of **15 marks** for each completed posting (**total - 75 marks**). **These are submitted using the Discussion Tool on the class Canvas website.**

For the details of each **Discussion Topic** follow the link from the course Home Page - each discussion will secure a maximum of **15 marks**. To secure these marks your first post should discuss the topic under review and should be of approximately 250 words and your response post(s) in which you reflect on other comments by other students should be of about 100 words. **These are intended not to be simply 'copy and paste' from another source, but your own personal reflections and views associated with the topic in question.**

d) The Regional Quiz is done using the online ebook 'World Place Locations' assessment tool.

At the end of each of the eight chapters in the online textbook 'World Place Locations' you have 25 questions to answer and the 25 questions in the Regional Quiz will be chosen from these 200 questions (8 chapters with 25 questions each). You can earn a total of **50 marks** by doing the Regional Quiz. It is

intended that it will be taken toward the end of the quarter when you have finished all of the map quizzes.

e) The Final Exam.

This will be worth 125 marks plus a possible 25 additional marks of extra credit. There will be 25 multiple choice questions (worth 3 marks each) all of which will be chosen from the 10 Chapter Review Questions as well as the questions asked in the Chapter Quizzes. In addition there will be a selection of 10 images and each will require a written response from you. Each image will require you to identify it and to write about the image with as much information as you can. They will each be worth 2 marks for correct identification and a maximum of an additional 3 marks for the discussion you submit. **Any form of 'Copy and Paste' will not be allowed and score zero marks - all comments must be in your own words.**

Course Grading:

10 Weekly Chapter Quizzes - 30 marks each	200
10 Map Quizzes - 15 marks each	150
Five Discussion Topics - 15 marks each	75
Regional Quiz from World Place Location ebook	50
Final Exam	125
Total possible score	600

Please note that there are no make-ups.

Extra credit is available with 15 marks possible for completing a class evaluation.

Grading Scale:

A	4.0	550 and over
A-	3.7	525-549
B+	3.3	500-524
B	3.0	475-499
B-	2.7	450-474

C+	2.3	425-449
C	2.0	400-424
C-	1.7	375-399
D+	1.3	350-374
D	1.0	325-349
F	0.0	324 and less

(Cefalu beach in northern Sicily and Agrigento railway station in southern Sicily)

Participation:

The student is responsible for:

1. the technical aspects of your computer/email/printer etc.

Please refer to the [BC Distance Education website \(Links to an external site.\)](#) for the [Canvas Tutorial \(Links to an external site.\)](#) 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 College academic calendar 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**

(Fishing boats in Ramsey harbor in Isle of Man and Petit Moreno Glacier in Patagonia, Argentina)

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION

(Updated SP 2014)

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.*