

Bellevue College

Winter 2013

Geography 250...Geography of the Pacific Northwest...Item: 5180-A

5 Credits, 9:30a-10:20a

Class meets 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 are on mybcc.net.

Required Atlas and book: (1) Atlas of the Pacific Northwest, Jackson & Kimerling Editors, 9th Ed., 2003; (2) The Good Rain, Timothy Egan, 1991; (3) buy scantrons for exams.

Course Description: We live in the Pacific Northwest region of the United States. This geography class focuses on local, regional, national and international elements of that region. As we examine issues of location and learn about places around the Pacific Northwest, you will learn more about the relationships between people and places. We'll examine how distant cultures sometimes influence the Pacific Northwest.

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 of this region will be enriched. Learning communities of three to five people are important for this class. I encourage you to embrace this special classroom 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% Two Midterm Exams (20% each).

20% Final Exam ... **Mon Mar 18 (9:30am-10:30am)** in class.

Note: Final Exam is

not comprehensive.

*20% Three Map Quizzes. Lowest one of three map quizzes dropped.

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

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

* No make up map quizzes this quarter.

**No late homework assignments accepted this quarter.

Readings and Schedule for Geography 250

Week 1

Chapter 3 In Atlas, Population Geography, pp. 25-30.

Fri. Discussion #1

For discussions, please read the atlas, book or check mybcc.net under documents or links and answer the questions before class, so we can share our answers in Learning Communities of three to five during class.

For today's discussion answer the following questions at www.census.gov.

1) What United States congressional district(s) is Bellevue in? 2) Seattle? 3) Kirkland? 4) Tacoma? 5) Federal Way? Also, from Atlas, what county in the Pacific Northwest (PNW) has the largest minority population? 6) In what Washington counties are Native Americans or Indians the largest minority group?

Week 2

Chapter 2 In Atlas, Cultural-Historical Geography, pp. 10-24.

Tue. Discussion #2... 1) In what part of Washington do the Makah Indians live? 2) What tribe lives near Bellevue College? 3) What is Manifest Destiny? 4) What are anadromous fish?

Week 3

Chapter 9 Agricultural Geography, pp. 76-84.

Chapter 12 Water Resources Geography, pp. 92-100.

Wed. Discussion #3

Fri. Jan 18, Map Quiz # 1. Pacific Northwest Cities

Week 4

Chapter 13 Energy Resources and Distribution Geography pp. 101-114.

Mon. No class...MLK Holiday.

Wed. **Discussion # 4**

Fri. **Discussion # 5**

Week 5

Wed. Jan 30, Exam 1 (Focus on Chaps. 2, 3, 9, 12, 13) in Atlas, mybcc.net shared documents and links, DVDs and class notes).

(After Exam 1.... Chapter 16 Manufacturing and Services Industries pp. 127-138)

Week 6

- Chapter 4 Transportation Geography, pp. 31-44
- Chapter 6 Land Use, pp. 52-58
- Chapter 10 Forest Resources, Ownership and Harvest, pp. 85-87
- Chapter 1 The Region's Geography, pp. 1-9.
- Chapter 7 Climate Geography, pp. 59-68.
- Chapter 5 Landforms and Geology, pp. 45-51.

Chapters 1-3, pp. 13-69 in The Good Rain.

Thursday, Discussion # 6.

Fri. Feb 8, Map Quiz # 2. Pacific Northwest Indian Tribes.

Week 7

Chapter 11 Soils Geography, pp. 88-91.

Chapter 4-6 in The Good Rain, pp. 70-127.

Thurs. Discussion #7

Week 8

Mon. Feb 18 -- No class.

Tue. Discussion #8

Thursday, Feb 21, Exam 2. (Focus on Chapters 16, 4, 6, 10, 1, 7, 5 and 11 in Atlas, Chapters 1-6 in The Good Rain, mybcc.net shared documents and links, DVDs, if any, and class notes).

Week 9

Mon. **Discussion #9**

Tuesday, Feb 26, Map Quiz 3, *Pacific Northwest Physical Features (rivers, mountains, lakes, other landforms).*

Student Presentations Start this week.

Chapter 14 Ocean Resources Geography, pp. 115-123.

Chapter 8 Vegetation Geography, pp. 69-75.

Week 10

Finish Student Presentations this week.

Chapter 17 in Atlas, Outdoor Recreation Resources and Tourism Geography, pp. 139-147.

The Good Rain -- Chapters 7-13 plus Epilogue (pp.128-254)

Fri. Discussion #10

Week 11

Mon. Discussion #11

Chapter 18 Hunting and Fishing Geography pp. 148-152.

Chapter 15 Minerals and Mining Geography pp. 124-126.

Week 12

Final Exam - Mon Mar 18 (9:30am-10:30am) in class.

Final Exam given in class (Focus on Chapters 14, 8, 17, 18 and 15 in Atlas of the Pacific Northwest, Chapters 7-End of book in The Good Rain, mybcc.net shared documents and links, student presentations, DVDs and class notes).

Note: Final is not comprehensive.

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) **before** the exam 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 physical and cultural features and ethnic groups in the Pacific Northwest
- 5) explain the dynamics of the urban environment
- 6) explain the economic components within our region and their role in determining potential values, perceptions and decision making processes in a society
- 7) recognize the phenomena of globalization on the Pacific Northwest and the rapid pace and increasing scale of economic integration
- 8) Question your geographic assumptions, so your understanding of our small, yet complex, Pacific Northwest region will be enriched!!

Welcome to Bellevue College!!

This is your class and suggestions are welcome.

Let's make the most of this quarter.

Have a great 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/>.