

Bellevue College

Spring 2012

Geography 100 – 5150 A -- Introduction to Geography, 5 Credits, 8:30am-9:20am

Geography 100 – 5151 B -- Introduction to Geography, 5 Credits, 9:30am-10:20am

Both classes 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, Roselle and Walker, 2nd Ed. 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..8:30 class-Weds. June 13 (8:00am-9:00am).

9:30 class-Fri. June 15 (9:30am-10:30am)

Note: Final 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 make up quizzes this quarter.

**No late homework assignments accepted this quarter.

Readings and Schedule for Geography 100

Week 1

Chapter 6 Population Geography

Wed. April 4, Introduction and Chapter 1 in World Place Locations (WPL)

Wednesdays (usually) this quarter we will cover a new unit in World Place Locations (WPL). Please do the assigned quiz questions of the assigned unit **before class**. For 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 or try an online resource such as www.ilike2learn.com If you can't find a place, use an atlas in the library. *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 textbook pages and answer the "Questions to Consider" **before class** (or, in certain cases, read mybcc.net links/shared documents), so you can share your answers in **Learning Communities of three to five** during class.

Week 2

Chapter 7 Cultural Geography...Have you checked mybcc.net for our class *recently*?

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

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

Week 3

Chapter 8 Spatial Interaction

Chapter 9 Political Geography

Wed. April 18, 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

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

Fri. April 27, Exam #1 -- Focus on everything we have talked about so far except WPL, since WPL is for map quizzes, not exams.

Week 5

Chapter 5 Natural Resources

Chapter 10 Economic Geography

Mon. Discussion #4...Pages 145-146, “Damned Trouble,” answer all questions. Look for major rivers in China, Washington State, Iowa and Louisiana on [A-Z Maps Online](#).

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

Fri. Discussion #5...Economic Geography...see mybcc.net under shared documents.

Week 6

Chapter 11 [Urban Geography](#)

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

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

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

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

Week 7

Chapter 13 [Regional Concept](#)

Mon. May 14 -- Map Quiz #2 -- WPL Chapters 3-5.

Tue. Discussion #9...Is Seattle a World City?...mybcc.net under links.

Fri. May 18, 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.

Week 9

Student Presentations Start this week.

Mon. May 28 – 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. June 7 -- Map Quiz #3 Units 6-8 in WPL. No cities on Map Quiz 3.

Chapter 12 Human Impact on the Environment

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

Week 11

Final Exam given in class -- Focus on all work covered since Exam #2 including student presentations.

Final is not comprehensive.

Final Time 8:30 class --- Wed. June 13 (8:00 am-9:00 am) in class

Final 9:30 class --- Fri. June 15 (9:30 am – 10:30 am) in class

Due Dates and Student Responsibility

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, links/shared documents on mybcc.net, class notes and textbook readings are important.

It is each student's responsibility to get any notes or important information for any class time missed. Many links/shared documents are available at our class site mybcc.net. Check there regularly to see if class is cancelled or a change in dates/times or assignments/exam has taken place.

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.

No late work will be accepted this quarter.

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 five (5) and six (6) of this syllabus.

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

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 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 2011**

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.*

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/>.