

GEOG 100: Introduction to Geography, Section E Fall 2009 Course Syllabus

Class Time and Location:

Daily 1:30pm – 2:20pm in D273

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Course Description: This lecture-based course covers a series of major themes and concepts of geographic enquiry. The dynamic nature of the physical environment will provide a foundation on which the human/cultural landscape has evolved.

Specific areas of investigation will focus on an explanation of the parameters of geography: the role of maps and mapmakers: an awareness of some of the major forces of physical processes and resulting topography: a review of the dynamics of the atmosphere and subsequent climate types: the impact of population growth: and case studies that take an in depth look into a series of issues in economic, political, urban, and cultural geography.

About This Course: The study of geography is a complex and varied topic. Because this is a survey course, we won't cover many topics in depth. However, specific examples, both locally and from the text, will be used to illustrate important concepts. This course is lecture-based, supplemented by slides and videos. Discussions on the covered topics are encouraged.

Learning 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 enquiry that will act as a catalyst for future study and to develop a sense of place by fostering a sense of connectivity with both the physical and cultural world.
- improve research and writing skills
- improve critical thinking skills

Prerequisites: This course does not have any prerequisite. However, it is strongly recommended that you have sufficient reading and writing ability to be eligible for English 110, College Writing.

Textbook and Required Readings:

- **Introduction to Geography** *Getis, Getis, and Fellmann*, McGraw-Hill – 11th edition
- **World Place Locations** *Roselle and Walker*, Thomson
- **The Comparative World Atlas** Hammonds
- **Map Packet** Rand McNally

Student's Responsibilities: The best strategy for doing well in this course is to approach it with a genuine desire to know more about the world. An honest intellectual curiosity will be your best tool for success. To that end, you have several responsibilities:

- Attend all lectures and take good notes.
- I do not take attendance, as this is a college-level class. However, if you miss class, you will miss points on unit examination(s) as ALL the questions will be drawn from lecture materials and required readings. Isn't it the same?
- Arrive on-time and be prepared. This means carefully read and consider the materials assigned for that class.
- Participate actively in lecture & discussions.
- Timely complete all assignments and readings. Do all the readings before class, this will help you understanding the lecture materials during class; or you may be lost and have difficulties to catch up.
- Technical aspects of your computer / email / printer, etc. You should have back-up plans if your computer crashes at the wrong times. Always save a soft copy of your assignments.
- Do not use laptop or other electric devices, and no text massaging during class; turn off your mobile phone, and do not record lectures unless with my permission.
- PowerPoint slides in abridged format will be emailed to students prior to the beginning of each chapter. However, I do expect you to attend all the lectures and take your own notes.
- Class may involve many discussions and video case studies, so pre-arrange note-taking with your fellow classmate(s) if it is necessary for you to miss a class. There will be **NO** re-run of any video, **NO exception**.
- Review Bellevue College academic calendar for all details regarding registration and withdrawal policy, procedures and distribution of final grades. This is your responsibility to be familiarized with all these important dates during the quarter.
- If you have a special circumstance that you feel requiring an exception to these rules, please talk to me during office hours or schedule an appointment.
- It is your responsibility to assess whether you have the skills to succeed in the class. It is okay to be too busy with other obligations or not having the specific skills to complete this course this quarter. But if you are not able to meet the requirements of this course right now, please have the responsibility to withdraw the class and take it later.
- **If you have any question at any time, please ASK!**

Assignments, Examinations and Grading:

Your grade will be calculated from the following:

Location Map Quizzes (10 x 15 points each)	150 points
Midterm Examination (2 days)	125 points
Final Examination	125 points
Total points possible:	400 points (subject to change)

Place Location Component:

You will be required to study place locations for the eight major world realms (listed below). There are ten (10) location map quizzes **EVERY Monday** (or Tuesday if no class on Monday). Preparation for the quizzes is done by completing the respective units in the **World Place Locations** workbook, utilization of the **blank outline maps**, and referencing the **Atlas** (see required texts above). To ensure success, read the Instructions to the Student for suggestions, hints, and guidelines in the **World Place Locations** workbook. The blank maps are used to practice identifying the locations listed at the end of each Unit in the workbook. The place location quizzes are fill-in-the-blank format. Carefully follow the instructions when taking the quizzes.

Here are the eight realms and respective units in the World Place Locations workbook and dates for map quiz:

9/28 & 10/6 (T): Europe and Russia – Unit 2 (divided into two quizzes- physical and cultural)
10/12: East Asia – Unit 3
10/19: South and Central Asia – Unit 4
10/26: Southeast Asia and Australasia – Unit 5
11/2: North Africa and the Middle East – Unit 6
11/9: Southern Africa – Unit 7
11/16: South and Central America and the Caribbean – Unit 8
11/23 & 11/30: North America – Unit 9 (divided into two quizzes - physical and cultural)

Examinations:

There is one (1) non-comprehensive mid-term examination on **October 22** and **October 23** during class time. The final examination will be on **December 7**. The examinations may include multiple choice questions, matching terminology, short answers or any combination of the above. No dictionaries, electronics devices or other aids are allowed to be used during examination, unless with my permission.

Late policy: Imperative to passing the course is the completion of **ALL** examination / assignment before class (not during or after) on the stated due date. Our late policy is not flexible, but it is easy to understand and fair to everybody: late assignment and examination are **not accepted** unless accompanied by a document on official, original stationery from a professional (e.g., physician, police, hospital, etc) that clearly documents the emergency and your inability to turn in an assignment or take an examination.

No examination will be arranged other than the scheduled date and time as listed in the syllabus, with the exception of campus closure due to weather conditions. Please plan your vacation and other appointments accordingly.

Grades will be assigned at the end of the quarter according the following scale:

A	4.0	90%+	A-	3.7	85-89%			
B+	3.3	80-84%,	B	3.0	75-79%,	B-	2.7	70-74%
C+	2.3	65-69%,	C	2.0	60-64%	C-	1.7	55-59%
D+	1.3	50-54%,	D	1.0	45-49%			
F	0.0	44% and less						

Adverse weather condition or illness of instructor: Class may be cancelled due to unexpected weather condition (such as snow, floods, or T-storm!). Please check the college's website or <http://www.schoolreport.org/> for the most current update. I strongly encourage you to sign up for email alerts. If the instructor is seriously ill and unable to lecture on any given date, the instructor will notify the students via email immediately once class cancellation decision is made.

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 BCC 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 Support Services (DSS) office located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DSS office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class should review the DSS 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 Support Services, 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 (A251), the Dean of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.*