

Bellevue College

Spring 2010

Geography 105 – 5320 A – Geography of World Affairs, 5 Credits

International Studies 105 – 5500 A – Geography of World Affairs, 5 credits

Meets daily at 11:30am to 12:20pm in Room D 103

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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 information are on mybcc.net.

Required books and Atlas: (1) A Geography of Contemporary World Issues, 1st Ed., 2008, George Walker; (2) World Place Locations, Roselle and Walker, 2007; (3) Hammond: The Comparative World Atlas, Revised 2007 Edition. (4) National Geographic: EarthPulse, State of the Earth 2010, Collector's Edition, 2009. (5) **Finally, you will need to buy scantrons for exams at bookstore.** (6) Optional: Geography 100 Outline Maps.

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 ...Fri. June 18 (11:30am-12:30pm). **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

Part I: Population Studies

EarthPulse: pp. 1 and 10-17.

World population an overview

Egypt – A study in rapid population growth

Demography of Japan – an ageing population

In Atlas, pp. 8-9, 12-13 and 24-25. Pp. 41 and 51 Euro+Asian cities over 2(3) million.

Wed. April 7, Introduction and Unit 1 in WPL. Atlas pp. 10-11,

Wednesdays (usually) this quarter we will cover new unit(s) in World Place Locations (WPL). For today, look over the Introduction while finding places you don't know using your atlas and atlas index. In Units 2-8, focus on countries, particularly ones with high populations or of great size, and cities, particularly ones with high populations, but also national capitals. Try an online resource such as www.ilike2learn.com for additional help. *Places on Map Quizzes come from the WPL book.*

Fri. Discussion #1.... For discussions, let's work in Learning Communities of three to five during class. For all discussion questions this quarter, answer questions ahead of class and ask yourself and group members "why is this happening?"

Week 2

Part I: Population Studies continued

Migration – coming to America

Urban Giant - Tokyo

Wed. Unit 2 in WPL Europe and Russia, atlas 39-47.

Thurs. Discussion #2...

Fri. Discussion #3...

Week 3

Part II: Geography of Rich (developed) and Poor (developing countries)

EarthPulse: pp. 5, 33-37 and 53-54. Atlas pp. 28-29.

Feast or Famine - Global Wealth and Poverty

Help for the Poorest – Foreign Aid

The Provision of Healthcare – World's Apart

Tue. Discussion #4...

Wed. April 21, Map Quiz # 1 from WPL (Units 1 and 2 – Major Features of Planet and Europe and Russia).

Fri. Discussion #5...

Week 4

Part II ... continued

Caribbean Contrasts

Life in America – the American Dream

Part III: The Resource Base

EarthPulse: pp. 6-7, 51, 56-69. Atlas pp. 30-33.

The impact of humankind on the environment *Atlas pp. 41 and 51.*

The earth's weather and climate *Atlas pp. 16-19, 50-56, 61, 67 and 74-75.*

Mon. Discussion #6

Tue. Discussion #7

Wed. Unit 3 from WPL, starts on page 21. Atlas pp. 49 and 54-55.

Fri. April 30, Exam #1 (All material covered to date).

Week 5

Part III ... continued

Global Climate Change *Atlas pp. 22-23.*

The oil industry *Atlas p. 36 (OPEC and the Arab League)*

Tue. Discussion #8

Wed. Unit 4 in WPL. Atlas pp. 45, 49 and 53.

Week 6

Part IV: Globalization p. 59- 74 in *Geography of Contemporary Global Issues: An Overview*

Trade and Agriculture

Raw Materials

EarthPulse: pp. 24-28, 38-45 and 71-72.

Wed. Unit 5 in WPL. Atlas pp. 56-59 and 62-63.

Thursday Discussion in class in Learning Communities.....Trade and Agriculture.

From Textbook:

1. p. 64. What happened to Commodity Prices from 1961-2002?
2. p. 68. What countries have a trade surplus (more exports than imports) and which ones have a trade deficit (more imports than exports)?
3. p. 71. What happened to Russia and Ukraine's Jewish communities 1970-2006?

Week 7

Part IV: Globalization...continued...*East Asian Economic Giants*
...*Diasporas....The Global Shadow Economy – Illicit Trade*

Wed. May 19, Map Quiz # 2 from WPL (Units 3-5).

Week 8

Tue. May 25, Exam 2 in class on all material covered since Exam 1.

Wed. Unit 6 in WPL p. 47. Atlas pp. 52, 65 and 68-69.

Thurs. Discussion #9

Fri. Discussion # 10

Week 9

Student Presentations start this week.

Part V: Conflict – an overview

EarthPulse: pp. 18-23 Atlas p. 36.

Territorial Conflicts – Arab and Jew in the Holy Land

Water wars – Power, Poverty and Inequality

Border Disputes – Suspicious Neighbors of South Asia

Post-war reconstruction – Cambodia and Afghanistan rebuild

Mon. May 31 -- No class --- Memorial Day.

Tue. Unit 7- page 55. Atlas pp. 64-70.

Week 10

Finish Student Presentations this week.

America and China, the Superpowers? – Global Perspectives

Closing Thoughts: The Way Ahead

EarthPulse: pp. 74-75.

Thurs. Unit 8 in WPL. Atlas pp. 88-96.

Fri. June 11 – Map Quiz #3 – Units 6-8 in WPL.

Week 11

Mon. Discussion #11...

Final Exam given in class (On all material since last exam).

Fri. June 18 (11:30am-12:30pm) in class

Due Dates and Student Responsibility

The swine (H1N1) flu may hit hard this quarter. Please don't come to school if you are ill. Considering this, I will accept one homework done alone via e-mail.

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

To complete this course with a satisfactory grade you must carefully follow directions, finish all assignments on time, be prepared for the quizzes, and demonstrate a mastery of geographic concepts and readings through performance on exams, quizzes, participation in group work and on the homework. In addition to student presentations, handouts and atlas work, 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. Some information will be online at mybcc.net. There are also supplemental readings used during this class as handed out by the instructor.

No late work will be accepted this quarter.

Chronic tardiness and/or absences will negatively influence your grade.

Map quizzes cannot be made-up under any circumstances. They can only be taken at the scheduled time. 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, and only under extenuating circumstances. Any exam given before or after the scheduled exam time is considered a make-up. Make-up exams have 25% deducted from the score.

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 Community College and are subject to disciplinary action and a reduced grade or failure of the class. See page six (6) 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 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 Winter 2010

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.*