

Bellevue College

Spring 2010

Geography 250...Geography of the Pacific Northwest...Item: 5360-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.

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% Three Midterm Exams (20% each). Lowest one of three dropped.

20% Final Exam ...**Fri. June 18 (9:30am-10:30am)** in class. You must take final exam and can not drop it. **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 midterm exams this quarter.

** 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.
See Handouts as well.

Thurs. Discussion #1

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

The current U.S. census is ongoing. For today's discussion answer the following **questions** at www.census.gov.

1) What congressional district 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 three 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 BCC? 3) What is Manifest Destiny? 4) What are anadromous fish?

Friday, April 16 - Exam 1. Focus on Chapters 2 and 3 in Atlas, handouts, DVDs and class notes.

Week 3

Chapter 9 Agricultural Geography, pp. 76-84.

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

Wed. Discussion #3

Fri. April 23, Map Quiz # 1. Pacific Northwest Cities

Week 4

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

Chapter 16 Manufacturing and Services Industries pp. 127-138

Wed. Discussion # 4

Week 5

Chapter 4 Transportation Geography pp. 31-44

Chapter 6 Land Use pp. 52-58

Chapter 10 Forest Resources, Ownership and Harvest pp. 85-87

Tue. Discussion # 5

Friday, May 7, Exam 2, (Focus on Chapters 9, 12, 13, 16, 4, 6 and 10) in Atlas, handouts and DVDs, if any, and class notes).

Week 6

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. May 14, Map Quiz # 2. Pacific Northwest Indian Tribes.

Week 7

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

Chapter 8 Vegetation Geography, pp. 69-75.

Chapter 11 Soils Geography, pp. 88-91.

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

Thurs. Discussion #7

Week 8

Tue. Discussion #8

Thursday, May 27, Exam 3. (Focus on Chapters 1, 7, 5, 14, 8 and 11 in Atlas, Chapters 1-6 in The Good Rain, handouts and DVDs, if any, and class notes).

Week 9

Student Presentations Start this week.

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

Mon. May 31 – No Class

Tuesday, June 1, Map Quiz 3, *Pacific Northwest Physical Features* (rivers, mountains, lakes, other landforms).

Wed. Discussion #9

Week 10

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

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

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

Thurs. Discussion #10

Finish Student Presentations this week.

Week 11

Mon. Discussion #11

Final Exam - Fri. June 18 (9:30am-10:30am) in class.

Final Exam given in class (Focus on Chapters 17, 18, 15, in Atlas of the Pacific Northwest, Chapters 7-End of book in The Good Rain, handouts, if any, student presentations, DVDs and class notes).

Note: Final is not comprehensive.

Due Dates and Student Responsibility

The H1N1 flu virus (the swine flu) may strike hard this quarter. Please do not come to college if you feel ill.

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 map quizzes, demonstrate a mastery of geographic concepts and readings through performance on exams, and participate in group work. In addition to student presentations, handouts and atlas work, class notes, DVDs and textbook readings are important.

It is each student's responsibility to get any handouts, notes, or important information for any class time missed. 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. If you are late please come in quietly and sit in the back row.

Midterm exams cannot be made up under any circumstances. Taking a mid-term exam earlier than or later than the scheduled time is considered a make-up. However, if you miss a mid-term exam, all is not lost. The lowest one of the three mid-term exams will be dropped.

Map quizzes cannot be made-up under any circumstances. Taking a map quiz earlier than or later than the scheduled time is considered a make-up. However, if you miss a map quiz, all is not lost. The lowest one of the three map quizzes will be dropped.

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 pages five (5) and 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 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
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.*