

Summer Quarter 2008

'Understanding Our World Through Maps.'

Introduction:

Welcome to Geography 258 – Understanding Our World Through Maps. This is a five-credit course that fulfills a social science requirement for the Associate in Arts and Sciences (AAS) Degree at Bellevue Community College. There are no prerequisites for this class other than a recommendation that you should have basic computer skills.

The maps we use shape the way we think about the world. This class will explore the history and influence of maps and mapmakers from the ancient world to the high-tech images of today.

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Objectives:

This class should enable the successful student to be able to:

- 1) demonstrate an understanding of spatial dimensions and the elements of map design
- 2) assess and select appropriate cartographic techniques that are employed to effectively communicate and represent spatial information
- 3) identify the differences between qualitative and quantitative information in the production of maps
- 4) appreciate the relevance of distortion imposed by map projections
- 5) understand the relevance of traditional map design on the development of computer assisted cartography
- 6) assess the role played by remote sensing and geographic information systems on current developments in cartography
- 7) recognize that maps are merely representations of reality and are obedient servants of their creators

8) appreciate the important role played by cartography within the arena of geographic enquiry

Format:

Each module begins with a **class notes** section that covers the major theme and teaching points of that particular module. Students should read carefully through this section and make notes that highlight the key components discussed. The next section in the module will direct the student on to **additional reading** that may be required – this may be from your text book and/or from linked articles and/or Web Sites. Having worked your way through these parts of the module the final segment will be an assignment to complete. Some of these **assignments** will engage you in material that will be tested in the **quizzes/final** and some of the modules also have exercises that you will complete that will form part of your **Mapwork Portfolio** for the class. The volume of material covered in the seven modules varies and some will take longer to work through than others. Generally you should consider each module to represent about 6-8 days of class time. The course Calendar will assist you to work steadily through the course and not be left either a little behind or find yourself too far ahead of the work-load.

In addition to this Module work there will be two quizzes that will be totally focused on the use of your atlas – the Goode's World Atlas is recommended – and Quiz # 1 and Quiz # 3 will be based on these atlas exercises. You should spend some time looking through the atlas to familiarize yourself with the use of an atlas and the information that is available and answer all of the Revision Exercise Questions. Both of these **Atlas Quizzes** will be 'open book' and essentially will test your ability to use the atlas. All of the questions asked will be taken from the current edition of the Goode's World Atlas (see required texts below). You should complete the Revision Exercise Questions before you attempt each quiz. There will be 30 questions on each quiz – all directly taken from the Revision Exercise Questions. Please note that extra credit for this class is contained within these two quizzes – they carry 5 % each of the total mark allocation for the class plus an additional 5 % each in extra credit.

The 4 Quizzes:

Quiz # 1: This is the first of two atlas quizzes. There will be 30 multiple choice questions asked – and you should use your atlas to answer these questions.

Please note that there will be a limited time of only 60 minutes. No questions will be asked from the module work – they will all be from the Atlas Revision Exercise Questions.

Quiz # 2: This will test you on the material covered in the first part of the course and will be taken close to the mid-way point – after Module 4 – this will be an 'open book' exam. The questions will all be multiple-choice and will all be based

on work covered to the end of Module 4. It will be a time sensitive quiz and **you will have a limited amount of time of 60 minutes to answer the questions.** You will also only have **one opportunity** to take this quiz – so be sure that you are very **comfortable and familiar with the material before you take the quiz.**

Quiz # 3: This is the last of two atlas quizzes. There will be 30 multiple choice questions asked – and you should use your atlas to answer these questions. **Please note that there will be a limited time of only 60 minutes. No questions will be asked from the module work – they will all be from the Atlas Revision Exercise Questions.**

Quiz # 4: This will test your knowledge of material covered in Modules 5: 6 and 7 and will also be taken online toward the end of the course – it is an **‘open-book’** multiple-choice exam. - just like Quiz # 2. Again you will have a **limited amount of time of 60 minutes** to complete the quiz and only **one opportunity** to take the quiz - so be sure you have prepared for it well.

Mapwork Portfolio:

A number of the Modules require you to complete coursework that you submit at the end of the course when you take your Final Examination. This is called the ‘Mapwork Portfolio’ and will represent a significant part of the course work-load. **You should take every effort to produce work of the highest quality – not only in terms of the content, but, in terms of the presentation.** I would suggest that you obtain a good black ink/ink-gel pen to use on your mapwork – as well as a selection of pencils/ ruler / eraser - to help you to produce your own high quality maps. You should present all of your completed mapwork in a standard size file with your name clearly printed on the outside of the file. This work will be returned to you after the course has ended and the work has been graded.

Final Examination:

The Final Examination will take place in college in the last week of the class (**or** you will need to arrange a **Proctor** to monitor your exam. **if you are unable to attend college** – please be sure to inform me in the first week of the class if you are unable to attend college for the Final). This exam. will be a **‘closed book’** exam. and will be based on material from the entire coursework. Please ensure that you have **Photo ID** with you when you come to college for the Final as well as a multiple-choice/scantron answer sheet (they can be obtained from the college bookstore). **The Final Examination will be of 90 minutes duration.**

Grading-Mark Allocation:

Quiz # 1 -	10% - please note 5% extra credit within this quiz
Quiz # 2 -	20%
Quiz # 3 -	10% - please note 5% extra credit within this quiz

Quiz # 4 - 20%
Mapwork Portfolio - 30%
Final Examination - 20%

Total 100% - with 10% extra credit from Quizzes 1 and 3

The Grading Scale is:

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 44% and less

Required Texts:

- 1) **'Map Use and Analysis': by John Campbell (4th Edition). Published by McGraw-Hill Higher Education ISBN: 0-07-303748-6.**
- 2) **'Goode's World Atlas' (21st Edition). Published by Rand McNally.**
- 3) **Please also remember that you will need to purchase some mapping materials** (paper/plastic storage ring file/ pen/ pencils/ paper/ ruler/ and eraser) to complete and submit the work required for your Mapwork Portfolio.

Participation:

You are responsible for:

1. the technical aspects of your computer/email/printer etc. Please look at the BCC Distance Education website for the Vista Tutorial and for hardware requirements.
2. **reading** the appropriate material as specified.
3. taking part in **email discussions/please do not use voice email when contacting me/** fellow students can be a helpful resource for those 'difficult questions'.
4. keeping comprehensive personal notes/journals/diagrams/maps relevant to material studied.
5. **timely completion** of material and the final examination/please note that there are no **make-up tests** available - you should not leave tests to the last minute in

case you have a technical problem - this is a very important consideration/you should have a back-up plan should your system 'crash' at the wrong time.

6. please review the Bellevue Community College academic calendar posted at <http://distance-ed.bcc.ctc.edu> for all details regarding registration and withdrawal policy and procedures and distribution of final grades/you should be familiar with the **Social Science Division policy for cheating and plagiarism/if you require special student services contact Disability Support Services at 425-564-2498 or call in on campus.**

The final examination is a proctored examination and you must make appropriate arrangements to enable you to take this in the final week of class/ you will have the opportunity of taking the final on a scheduled day on the college campus or upon permission at a recognized location of your choice, contact me for more information if you are unable to attend college for the final exam. **Please remember there are no make-up opportunities for the mid-term or the final examination; it is important to make a commitment to this online class in just the same way as you would a classroom based class.**

Good luck...I sincerely hope that you enjoy the class!

PROCTOR VERIFICATION FOR ONLINE GEOGRAPHY 258 FINAL EXAMINATION

DATE:

STUDENT:

PROCTOR:

The student named above has informed us that you have agreed to supervise the Bellevue Community College online Geography 258 final examination. **The student must present a Photo I.D. for your confirmation.** The student will arrange with you for a place that is mutually convenient to take the exam. ***under your supervision.*** The student is responsible for any fees charged by you or your place of business for services rendered.

A copy of the Final Exam. will be forwarded to you later. Please allow one week for surface mail. Of course the student will not be given the opportunity to view the exam. prior to the agreed time for the exam. **Please note that this is an 'closed book' exam.** and the student can bring personal notes to the exam. to assist in the answering of the questions – please ensure that only personal notes are used – no photocopied material or books are allowed.

The student will have a time limit of 90 minutes available to complete the final examination and once he/she is finished you will need to notify the instructor by phone (425-564-2333) or via e-mail (gwalker@bcc.ctc.edu) that the exam. has been completed. Please mail the completed answer sheet and the copy of the examination to

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Please comply with the following requests:

- Ask for identification.
- The exam must be taken in your place of business.
- Do not pass the proctoring duties on to another proctor.
- The exam questions cannot be printed, duplicated, or in any way retained by the student.
- Please mail or fax a copy of this completed document, along with a copy of your signed business card or business letterhead, to the instructor at the above address.
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AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN SUPERVISED EXAMINATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROCTOR: This is to certify that I am willing to proctor the Geography 100 online final examination for the above named student. The exam will be given according to instructions provided by Bellevue Community College.

Signed _____ Position/title _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

Name of Student _____

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 Community 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 Community 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 With Special Needs

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are required to meet with the Disability Support Services (DSS) office, room B233-G (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 must 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, or 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 BCC 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 Community 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.*