

## Bellevue Community College

Fall 2008

Geography 100-5304 E Introduction to Geography, 5 Credits, 3:00p-5:10p  
3:00p class meets Tues and Thurs in Room D 273

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**Required books and Atlas:** (1) Introduction to Geography, Getis, Getis & Fellman, 11<sup>th</sup> Ed., 2008; (2) World Place Locations, Roselle and Walker, 2007; (3) Hammond: The Comparative World Atlas, Revised 2007 Edition. (4) Also, please purchase 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. I encourage you to embrace this special classroom opportunity!!

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are required to contact Disability Support Services (DSS) in room B132 (phone 425-564-2498). Also, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Grading Scale:** A=94-100; A- =90+; B+=86+; B= 82+; B- = 78+; C+ =72+;  
C=68+; C- =64+; D+ = 60+; D= 50+; F = <50.

40% First and Second Exams are worth 20% each

20% Final Exam ... **Tues. Dec. 9 (3:30pm-4:30pm) in class**

**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](http://www.ilike2learn.com) for help.

\*\*10% Homework Assignments done in *Learning Communities*

10% One presentation with a partner(s) Weeks 9-10 (4-5 minutes per person)

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\* 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  
In Atlas, pp. 4-5, 8-9, 12-13 and 24-25.

**Thurs. Sep 25**, *Introduction and Unit 1 in WPL*. Atlas pp. 10-11.

This quarter we will cover a new unit in World Place Locations (WPL) each week. Please do the assigned quiz questions of the assigned unit **before class**. Today, look over the Introduction and Unit 1 and find places you don't know using your atlas (and atlas index) or try an online resource such as [www.ilike2learn.com](http://www.ilike2learn.com) Have questions on WPL?? Ask them in class!!

**Thurs. Discussion #1**....Textbook "The Cairo Plan" pp. 198-199.

For **discussions**, please read the book and/or handout and answer the "Questions to Consider" **before class**, so we can share our answers in Learning Communities of three to five during class.

### **Week 2**

Chapter 7      Cultural Geography  
Atlas...pp. 26-29 and pages 44-45.

Thurs. Oct. 2, Unit 2 from WPL. Answer quiz questions # 7-10, 13, 18, 20, 21, 24 and 25 on page 18. Atlas pages 39 and 46-47.

**Thurs. Discussion #2**...Pages 244-245, "An Official U.S. Language?" Please answer all questions.

### **Week 3**

Chapter 8      Spatial Interaction  
Chapter 9      Political Geography  
Atlas...p. 12-13, 32-33 and 36.

Thurs. Oct 9, Map Quiz # 1 from WPL (units 1 and 2).

**Thurs. Discussion #3**...Pages 334-335; "Voting Rights and Race" Please answer all questions.

### **Week 4**

Thurs. Unit 3 in WPL p. 25 #2, 3, 5, 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18 and 22. Atlas page 54-55.

Thurs. Oct. 16, Exam #1 (**Focus on Chapters 6-9, handouts, atlas work and class notes**).

### **Week 5**

Chapter 5      Natural Resources  
Atlas...pp. 32-33.

Chapter 10     Economic Geography  
Atlas...pp 30-31 and 34-35.

**(Week 5 continued)**

**Tue. Discussion #4...**See textbook pages 148-149, “Damned Trouble,” answer all questions. Atlas p. 55, 80-Washington State, 83-Iowa and 87-Louisiana.

Thurs. Unit 4 in WPL p. 35, #2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 15, 20 and 25. Atlas p. 45-46 and 53.

**Thurs. Discussion #5...**Economic Geography...please answer all questions in handout.

**Week 6**

Chapter 11 Urban Geography

**Tues. Discussion #6...**Urban Geography handout.

**Tues. Discussion #7...**Kotkin’s Urban Handout, atlas p. 84-85.

Thurs. Unit 5 in WPL p. 44 #1, 3, 8, 9, 12 and 15. Atlas pp. 56-59 and 62-63.

**Thurs. Discussion #8...**Regional Concept handout.

**Week 7**

Chapter 13 Regional Concept

Tue. Nov. 4-- *Map Quiz #2 -- WPL (units 3-5)*

**Tue. Discussion #9...Handout: Is Seattle a World City?**

Thurs. Nov. 6, Exam # 2 (**Focus on Chapters 5, 10-11 and 13, handouts, atlas work and class notes**).

**Week 8**

Chapter 2 Maps

Atlas...pp. 6.

Chapter 3 Landforms

Atlas pages 14-15 (Look for Mid-Atlantic Ridge and Japan).

**Tue. Nov 11 – No Class**

Thurs. Unit 6 in WPL p. 52 #2, 8, 9, 12, 14, 21 and 22. Atlas pp. 52 and 68-69.

**Week 9**

***Student Presentations Start this week.***

Chapter 4 Weather and Climate

Atlas pages 16-19.

**Tue. Discussion # 10** Pages 128-129 in textbook: Answer questions #1, 7, 8 and 14.

Thurs., Unit 7 in WPL. Focus on p. 59 #1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 18 and 21. Atlas p. 64-65 and 70-71.

## Week 10

Chapter 12 Human Impact on the Environment  
Atlas pages 22-23.

**Thurs. and Fri - Nov. 27 and 28 Thanksgiving Holiday**

***Finish Student Presentations.***

## Week 11

Tue. Unit 8 in WPL p. 70, #1-3, 6, 9, 15, 18 and 21. Atlas pages 88-91.  
**Tue. Discussion #11** Page 462 in textbook: Please answer #3 and #6.  
Thurs. Dec. 4 -- Map Quiz #3 (units 6-8) in WPL.

***Get Ready for Final Exam***

## Week 12

**Final Exam given in class (Focus on Chapters 2-4 and 12, student presentations, handouts, class notes and atlas work)**

Final is not comprehensive.

Final Exam = **Tues. Dec. 9 (3:30pm-4:30pm)** in class

### **Due Dates and Student Responsibility**

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 paper. 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. 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. 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. 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 Community College!!***

***Always remember...***

***This is your class and suggestions are welcome.***

***Let's make the most of this quarter.***

***Have a great quarter!!***