

**Bellevue Community College**  
Winter 2009

Geography 105-5320 A - Geography of World Affairs, 5 Credits, 11:30a-12:20p  
Or (Not Both)

International Studies 105-5500 B - Geography of World Affairs, 5 Credits, 11:30a-  
12:20p  
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.

**Required books and Atlas:** (1) A Geography of Contemporary World Issues, Walker, 2008, 2007; (2) World Place Locations, Roselle and Walker, 2007; (3) Hammond: The Comparative World Atlas, Revised 2007 Edition.

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 ...**Fri. Mar. 20 (11:30am- 12:30pm) in class**

\*20% Four Map Quizzes based on World Place Locations (WPL). Lowest one of four 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 8-10 (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**

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

**Wed. Jan. 7, Introduction and Units 1 and 2 in WPL. Atlas pp. 10-11, 39 and 46-47.**

Wednesdays (usually) this quarter we will cover new unit(s) in World Place Locations (WPL). For today, look over the Introduction and Units 1 and 2 while finding places you don't know using your atlas and atlas index. Focus on major cities and large countries with high populations. Try an online resource such as [www.ilike2learn.com](http://www.ilike2learn.com) for additional information. Have questions on WPL?? Ask them in class!!

Thurs. Part IV: Globalization.....Trade and Agriculture.

**Fri. Discussion #1....** For discussions, let's work in Learning Communities of three to five during class. For all discussion questions this quarter, ask yourself and group members why this is happening. 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 2**

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

Wed. Jan 14, Unit 3 from WPL (starts on page 21).

*Thurs. Discussion #2*

### **Week 3**

Part I: Population Studies

World population an overview

Egypt – A study in rapid population growth

Demography of Japan – an ageing population

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

Mon. Jan 19 – no school – ML King Holiday.

*Wed. Jan. 21, Map Quiz # 1 from WPL (Units 2 and 3 – Europe, Russia and East Asia).*

**Fri. Discussion #3**

### **Week 4**

Part I: Population Studies continued

Migration – coming to America

Urban Growth in Developing Countries La Paz and Cairo

Urban Giant - Tokyo

Wed. Units 4, 5 and 6 – The Rest of Asia. Atlas p. 45 and 53. Atlas pp. 56-59 and 62-63.  
Fri. Oct. 30, Exam #1 (All material covered to date).

## **Week 5**

Part II: Geography of Rich and Poor  
Feast or Famine - Global Wealth and Poverty  
Help for the Poorest – Foreign Aid  
The Provision of Healthcare – World’s Apart

**Tue. Discussion #4...**

Wed. Feb. 4 - Map Quiz # 2 - The Rest of Asia

**Fri. Discussion #5...**

## **Week 6**

Part II ... continued  
Ill-Health and Power in Sub-Saharan Africa  
Caribbean Contrasts  
Life in America – the American Dream  
Part III: The Resource Base  
The impact of humankind on the environment  
The earth’s weather and climate

**Mon. Discussion #6**

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

**Thurs. Discussion #7**

## **Week 7**

Part III ... continued  
Global Climate Change  
Desertification in Niger  
The Mediterranean under threat

Mon. Feb. 16 -- No school -- President’s Holiday.

**Tue. Discussion #8**

Wed. Feb. 18—Unit 7- page 55. Atlas pp. 64-65, 67 and 70-71.

Fri. Feb 20, Exam # 2 (On all material since last exam).

## **Week 8**

*Student Presentations Start this week.*

Part III ... continued  
The oil industry

Part V: Conflict – an overview  
Territorial Conflicts – Arab and Jew in the Holy Land  
The situation in Iraq  
Water wars – Power, Poverty and Inequality  
Border Disputes – Suspicious Neighbors of South Asia

**Tue. Discussion #9**

Wed. Map Quiz 3– Feb. 25 - Africa

**Week 9**

Part V...Continued  
Post-war reconstruction – Cambodia and Afghanistan rebuild  
America the Superpower – Global Perspectives

**Tue. Discussion # 10**

Wed., Units 8 and 9, page 63-83 in WPL. Atlas pages 88-91.

**Week 10**

***Finish Student Presentations this week.***

Closing Thoughts: The Way Ahead

**Tue. Discussion #11**

Wed. Mar 11 -- Map Quiz # 4 - The Americas.

**Fri. Discussion #12**

**Week 11**

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

**Fri. Mar. 20 (11:30am-12:30pm) 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 College!!***

***Always remember...***

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

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

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