

# Syllabus

## **INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHY. Geography 100 (online).**

Welcome to Geography 100. This is a five-credit course that fulfills a Social Science distribution requirement for the Associate in Arts and Sciences (AAS) Degree at Bellevue College. There are no prerequisites for this class. This is the only class that is a required class for those who wish to obtain a 'Concentration in Geography' - you need a total of 20 credits for this award.

### **Course Description:**

The course will cover a series of major themes of geographic inquiry. The dynamic nature of the physical environment will be studied and this will provide a foundation to better understand the cultural landscapes of our world.

Specific areas of investigation will focus on: the role of maps and mapmakers; physical processes and the surface of the Earth; a review of the dynamics of weather and climate; the impact of population growth; and additional in depth case studies focusing on population and demography, population distribution and the economic resource base, migration, urbanization, globalization and sustainability as well as a review of the major features of the cultural landscape.

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PM.

I love geography. I've visited over 50 countries, mostly in the 1980s when I lived abroad as a young adult. I've been teaching at BC for about 15 years. I speak English, Spanish, French and Japanese. I hope I speak your language! Please let me know if you have any questions.

### **Required Text.**

**Introduction to Geography** - this is only available online - please use this link to purchase - the book is essential reading for both the course materials as well as the Chapter Quizzes that will be taken using this ebook assessment system

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**If you have problems please watch this short video which helps to explain how to purchase the online book**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z-uH7oyLYo> ☐  
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### Course Objectives.

To consider the basic themes of geography and how they are applied to explore the relationships between physical and cultural landscapes to provide a foundation in geographic inquiry that will act as a catalyst for future study and to develop a sense of place by fostering a sense of the connectivity that exists between the physical and the cultural world.

### Format.

The coursework is divided into 10 Chapters each with a Chapter Quiz: 5 Map Quizzes: 5 Discussion Topics and a Final Exam.

#### **a) Course Chapters and Chapter Quizzes:**

Each of the chapters in the class covers one key theme of geographic inquiry and all of the material that you need is in the class ebook, 'Introduction to Geography.' The 'Introduction to Geography' ebook has the 10 Chapters that we will study and the ebook assessment system is used to take these weekly Chapter Quizzes (please note - not the Canvas assessment system).

It is important to start by developing a **Study Guide** for this class - a notebook of all key ideas/answers to all questions/and any material that will help you to remember the content. You can use

this Study Guide in all of the 'open book' Chapter Quizzes.

Having carefully read through each chapter, made all appropriate notes in your Study Guide notebook and answered the fifteen **Review Questions** at the end of the chapter you are ready to take the **Chapter Quiz**. Each Chapter Quiz has an open book/open note format with **multiple-choice** questions and is answered totally online using the ebook assessment system. Please note that we will use the ebook assessment system to complete the Chapter Quizzes(not the Canvas assessment system).

There will be 10 questions in each **Chapter Quiz** - 5 will be selected from the 15 Review Questions and there will be an additional 5 questions selected from material in the relevant chapter.

Again – please note that all of these Chapter Quizzes are open book/open note. You can only make **ONE** attempt to answer the questions in each Chapter Quiz – remember to ‘**Save**’ the answers before you ‘**Submit**’ the quiz.

**The order of the Chapter Quizzes will be exactly the same as the Chapters in the ebook - you will have 10 multiple choice questions (5 selected from the Review Questions at the end of the chapter and 5 additional questions from the material in the chapter) and each Chapter Quiz is worth 10 marks (1 marks per correct answer for a grand total of 100 marks).**

**Chapter 1: Introduction and Physical Geography: the Surface of the Earth**

**Chapter 2: Weather and Climate**

**Chapter 3: Maps and Mapmakers**

**Chapter 4: Population and Demography**

**Chapter 5: Population Distribution and the Economic**

## Resource Base

Chapter 6: Geography of Migration

Chapter 7: Geography of Urbanization

Chapter 8: Cultural Geography

Chapter 9: Geography of Globalization

Chapter 10: Geography of Sustainability



### b) 5 Map Exercises:

There are 5 Map Exercises to take and each one is worth 20 marks. These all have 'deadline dates' and so please check to see when they are due.

The details for preparation for these map exercises are found when you go to the Modules Page on this site and link to the relevant exercise.

You will need access to an atlas - especially for the first two map exercises. You can use an atlas of your choice and for your convenience you may access the **A-Z Maps website which is available to you through the College Library Periodicals page** - this is an online atlas and we also recommend that you print off from this Library resource your own blank maps of the regions for revision purposes. We suggest that you follow the link on the website to **download the blank maps** and label all of the

required locations on the blank map - this will help you to better remember the locations for the opening two exercises.

**c) Discussion Topic postings** are an additional part of the course and each of these five postings carries a score of **15 marks** for each completed posting (**total - 75 marks**). **These are submitted using the Discussion Tool on the class Canvas website.**

For the details of each **Discussion Topic** follow the link from the course Home Page - each discussion will secure a maximum of **15 marks**. To secure these marks your first post should discuss the topic under review and should be of approximately 250 words and your response post(s) in which you reflect on other comments by other students should be of about 100 words. **These are intended not to be simply 'copy and paste' from another source, but your own personal reflections and views associated with the topic in question.**

**d) The Final Exam.**

This will be worth **100 marks** - **there will be 25 multiple choice questions** (worth 3 marks each) all of which will be chosen from the 10 Chapter Review Questions as well as the questions asked in the Chapter Quizzes covered in the 10 Chapters. **In addition there will be a selection of 5 images** and each will require a written response from you. Each image will require you to identify it and to write about the image with as much information as you can. They will each be worth 2 marks for correct identification and a maximum of an additional 3 marks for the discussion you submit. The Final Exam will be done in Finals Week and will last 75 minutes.

### **Course Grading:**

10 Weekly Chapter Quizzes	- 10 marks each	= 100
5 Map Exercises	- 20 marks each	= 100
5 Discussion Topics	- 15 marks each	= 75
Final Exam		= 100

**Total = 375**

**Extra Credit opportunities: class evaluation (10) = 10**

**Please note that there are no make-ups and the deadline dates are firm.**

### **Grading Scale:**

<b>A</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>345 and over</b>
<b>A-</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>325-344</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>305-324</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>285-304</b>
<b>B-</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>265-284</b>
<b>C+</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>245-264</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>225-244</b>
<b>C-</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>205-224</b>
<b>D+</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>185-204</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>165-184</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>164 and less</b>

### **Participation:**

The student is responsible for:

1. the technical aspects of your computer/email/printer etc.  
Please refer to the [BC Distance Education website](#)  
(Links to an external site.)  
[Links to an external site.](#)  
for the [Canvas Tutorial](#)  
(Links to an external site.)  
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and for minimum hardware requirements. The Distance Education Office telephone number is listed above.
2. reading the specified materials.
3. taking part in email discussions. Contacting me/fellow students can be helpful.
4. keeping comprehensive notes/diagrams/maps relevant to course topics.
5. timely completions of place location and module exams. You should not leave exams to the last minute in case you have a technical problem this is a very important consideration.
6. reviewing the Bellevue College academic calendar for all details regarding registration and withdrawal policy and procedures and distribution of final grades.
7. reading the Social Science Division's policy statement.
8. if special needs are necessary contacting **Disability Support Services at (425) 564-2498**

*(Fishing boats in Ramsey harbor in Isle of Man and Petit Moreno Glacier in Patagonia, Argentina)*

## **PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION**

**(Updated SP 2014)**

### 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.*