



Welcome to ITV - The Week-End College!

You are enrolled in:

Political Science 1 (7025) (UC: CSU) 3 Units

The Government of the United States I

Meets the graduation and transfer requirements for all majors to take a course in federal, state and local governments. Deals with how the U.S. Constitution and Government meet democracy's challenge in a world of change; plus California and local governments.

The Weekend College classes combine video lessons with online activities and weekend class meetings. You should complete all three components to successfully pass the class. The course requirements are in the online syllabus. If you have questions contact your instructor via email or by telephone during their office hours listed above.

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Office Hours
Wednesdays, 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Getting Started

Even though you do not meet with your instructor until the second weekend after the semester begins, the online component begins June 15, 2009. Follow the checklist below to get started in your class now.

1. Choose a Campus

Select the campus to attend your weekend class and make note of its time and location. Directions and maps to the campuses can be found at: www.laccd.edu/our_colleges/.

2. Buy Your Books

The back of this page lists the required and recommend books for your course. Buy your books as soon as possible so that you can get started on your assigned readings. Textbooks can be purchased at City, Mission, Valley, and Pierce Colleges or from most online bookstores.

3. Log In

The class website opens **June 15**, log in and read your course syllabus. It will list all assignments and quizzes times and due dates. You can find log-in instructions on the last page of this letter.

4. Email Your Instructor

Once you have logged in, email your instructor and let her know that you have successfully logged in to the class website.

5. Plan Your Schedule

Weekend College courses are fast paced—covering a lot of material in a short period of time. At a minimum, you should expect to spend approximately 15 hours per week on the class. Schedule time in advance for reading the textbooks, watching the video episodes and completing the online assignments. If you plan to watch or record the videos on the educational cable channel LA 36, note those times and set your Tivo or DVD recorder in advance. The broadcast schedule is on the back of this page.

Classroom Location Schedule

Attend class at any one of the four campuses: L.A. City, L.A. Pierce, L.A. Harbor or L.A. Valley College. The instructor teaches at all four locations.

Day	Campus	Time	Location
Saturday	L.A. Harbor College	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Northeast Academic Hall, Rm. 205
	L.A. City College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Da Vinci Hall, Rm. 306
Sunday	L.A. Valley College	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Foreign Language Bldg., Rm 106
	L.A. Pierce College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Pierce Village, 8111

Attendance at the class meetings is expected.
If you fail to attend, you may be dropped from class.

Summer 2009 CALENDAR

June 15 – August 2, 2009

Important Dates and Deadlines

Semester Begins	June 15
Cablecasts Begin on Cable Channel LA 36	June 16
Last Day to Drop or Change Classes	June 19 (without Incurring Fees)
Last Day to ADD Classes	June 26
Last Day to Drop Classes Without a "W"	June 29 (no refund)
Last Day to File for Credit/No Credit	July 8
Last Day to Drop with a "W"	July 20 (After this date a grade must be issued)

Class Meeting Schedule

Class Meeting	June 20 & 21
Class Meeting	June 27 & 28
No Class Meetings	July 4 & 5
Midterms Exams.....	July 11 & 12
Class Meeting	July 18 & 19
Class Meeting	July 25 & 26
Final Exams.....	Aug. 1 & 2

A photo ID is required to take exams.

Textbooks

Required:

Title: We the People
Edition: 8/E, 2009
Author: Patterson, Thomas E.
Publisher: McGraw-Hill
ISBN: 978-0-0733-7896-1

Title: California Government and Politics Today
Edition: 12/E, 2009
Author: Field, Mona
Publisher: Longman
ISBN: 978-0-2056-2007-4



Textbooks are available in the college libraries. Most libraries have the texts on Reserve, (two hour use, in the library) some libraries have copies in the General Collection. Individual Library Policies apply and they may be different at each campus. Students must have a valid student ID **for the campus they intend to use**, to check out or use library materials. For example, to check out books from Pierce College Library students must have a valid Pierce College Student ID. Students who enrolled only in ITV classes may obtain a Mission College ID through the Admissions Office at Mission College.

Videos

Framework for Democracy

Four Ways to Watch the Videos

1. Available on the Los Angeles Educational Channel, LA 36. The broadcast schedule is:
Tuesdays, June 16 – July 28 @ 8:00 – 10:00 AM
2. Purchase a complete set of the DVD's from the L.A. Pierce College Bookstore:
www.piercebookstore.com or 818-347-0313
3. Available in Broadband at: www.lamission.edu/ITV
4. Watch the video lessons at the Learning Resource Centers at City, Pierce, Harbor, Valley, and Mission Colleges. You must bring your student ID or fee receipt to view the videos.

Dear Students

Welcome to Political Science 1: Introduction to American Government and Politics. This is a hybrid class composed of three parts. First, video lessons; second, in-class lectures; and the third is online discussions based on video lessons as well as online quizzes based on the textbooks. Although our first class meeting is on June 20, the online component starts on June 15. This means, you are expected to log in to the class website, introduce yourself and take the first quiz.

This is a very exciting, informative, and a fast-paced class. We will be covering a semester-worth of material in just six weeks. To be able to successfully finish the class, I recommend you to stay on top of your readings and attend the class meetings regularly. Based on the feedback I gather from my previous students in-class lectures are the part of this course that has helped them the most in terms of understanding the material.

Another suggestion I would like to make is to follow the news and the current events on a daily basis. Since we will be learning all about American government and politics, it is essential that we observe and discuss how all this information plays out in real life.

We are going to have a fun summer class and looking forward to meeting you all.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ebru Durukan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ebru" and last name "Durukan" clearly distinguishable.

Ebru Durukan, Ph. D.
Instructor

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Online Class Website

Step 1. Where do I go to log on to this course?

- Go to <http://etudes-ng.fhda.edu/portal>
- Bookmark this page!
- Enter your user ID

Step 2. What is my User ID?

In lowercase letters and with no spaces:

- use the first 2 letters of your first name
- *and* the first 2 letters of your last name
- *and* the last 5-digits of your student ID #

Example: Donna Smith:

Student ID #: 88 455 6789

User ID:

My User ID is: _____

Step 3. What is my Password?

Using four numbers together with no spaces:

- use two numbers for your birth month
- *and* use two numbers for the birth day

Example: if your birth date was January 3

Password:

My Password is: _____

Once you have logged in you will see two sections on the top left of the page, My Workspace and on the right, your class website. Your class website begins with LAMCITYV. Click on the tab to enter the course. See the example below:



E-mail your instructor once you have successfully logged in to the course website.

NOTE TO AOL USERS: Launch either an Internet Explorer or a Netscape browser after you connect using AOL and minimize the AOL Browser. DO NOT USE THE AOL BROWSER.

Add/Drop Classes & Check Grades

Forms for adding/dropping a class or requesting an official transcript can be found at www.lamission.edu/itv. These forms can be faxed to (818) 833-3598 or brought in to our office.

To Add/Drop a class and check Official Grades online, visit www.laccd.edu.

To Add/Drop classes through the Student Telephone Enrollment Process (STEP):

1. Call (213) 689-8888 or (310) 605-0505 or (323) 226-1999 or (818) 988-2222
2. Press 0 for ITV/The Weekend College
3. Follow the instructions to complete your request

We're here to Help

If you need technical assistance logging in to your course, contact ITV Technical Support at (818) 833-3596 or send an email to mckennpg@lamission.edu. Be sure to include:

- Your full name
- Course title and instructor
- Student ID
- Your phone and e-mail address
- Date enrolled