



Welcome to ITV - The Week-End College!

You are enrolled in:

History 11 (7031) **(UC: CSU) 3 Units**

Political and Social History of the United States I

A survey of major events, personages, and themes most significant to the political, economics, and social development of this nation from its New World beginnings through the Civil War. It meets the American History and Institutions requirements for the California State University system and the Social and Behavioral Sciences requirements for all universities.

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
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 4:30 - 7:30 PM

Getting Started

Although the first class meeting is not until the weekend of September 5 & 6, the class officially begins online Monday, August 31, 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.

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, Southwest, Valley, and Pierce Colleges or from most online bookstores.

3. Log In

The class website opens **Aug. 31**, 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 him 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 eight weeks. At a minimum, students expect to spend 16 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, also note those times and set your Tivo or DVD recorder in advance. You can find the broadcast schedules 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. Southwest or L.A. Valley College. The instructor teaches at all four locations.

Day	Campus	Time	Location
Saturday	L.A. City College	9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon	DaVinci Hall, Rm. 307
	Southwest College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Lecture Lab., Rm. 214
Sunday	L.A. Pierce College	9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon	Pierce Village, 8112
	L.A. Valley College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Foreign Language Bldg., Rm. 108

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

Fall 2009 CALENDAR

August 31 – October 25, 2009

Important Dates and Deadlines

Semester Begins	Aug. 31
Last Day to Drop or Change Classes	Sept. 5
<i>(without Incurring Fees)</i>	
Cablecasts Begin on Cable Channel LA 36	Sept.8
Last Day to ADD Classes	Sept. 11
Last Day to Drop Classes Without a "W"	Sept. 16
<i>(no refund)</i>	
Last Day to File for Credit/No Credit	Sept. 23
Last Day to Drop with a "W"	Oct. 11
<i>(After this date a grade must be issued)</i>	

Class Meeting Schedule

Class Meeting	Sept. 5 & 6
Class Meeting	Sept. 12 & 13
Class Meetings.....	Sept. 19 & 20
Midterms Exams.....	Sept. 26 & 27
Class Meeting	Oct. 3 & 4
Class Meeting	Oct. 10 & 11
Class Meeting	Oct. 17 & 18
Final Exams.....	Oct. 24 & 25

A photo ID is required to take exams.

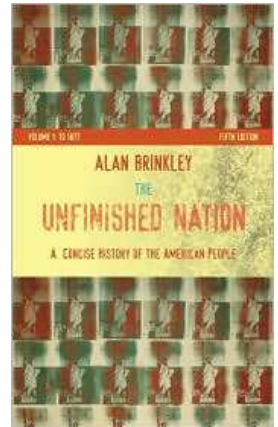
Textbooks

Required:

Title:	<u>The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History of the American People, Volume I</u>
Author:	Brinkley, Alan
Edition:	5/E, 2008
Publisher:	McGraw-Hill
ISBN:	978-0-0733-0701-5

Recommended:

Title:	<u>Distance Learning Course Study Guide for The Unfinished Nation</u>
Author:	Intelecom
Edition:	2/E, 2007
Publisher:	Intelecom
ISBN:	978-1-58370-081-5



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** the 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

The Unfinished Nation, Part I

Four Ways to Watch the Videos

1. Available on the Los Angeles Educational Channel, LA 36. The broadcast schedule is:
Tuesdays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 20 @ 8:00 – 10:00 AM
2. Purchase a complete set of the DVD's from the Pierce or Mission College Bookstore:
www.piercecollege.edu or www.lamission.edu
3. Available in Broadband at: www.lamission.edu/ITV
4. Watch the video lessons in the Learning Resource Centers at any of the LACCD Colleges. You must bring your fee receipt to view the videos.

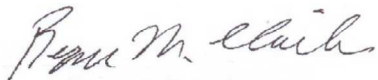
Welcome to History 11, American history from the Age of Discovery to the end of the Civil War. My name is Benjamin Christensen and I will be your instructor for this course. My own graduate work is in United States history and I am completing my doctoral studies at the University of California at Irvine. I have taught courses in United States history at the college level for several years and am excited to have the opportunity to combine onsite and online education to provide you with the best introduction possible to early American history.

For the next eight weeks we will be engaged in an intensive study of the major political and social factors that shaped the early American experience. To accomplish this task students need to be diligent in keeping up with the readings and various online assignments. The first thing you should do after logging in to the course website is to click on the discussion tab and leave a greeting for the rest of the class. I would like you to tell us something about yourself and why you are taking this course. After leaving your greeting, be sure to read over the course syllabus carefully and to navigate around the course website so as to get use to it.

Several methods of instruction will be used to help you master the course content. Readings in the textbook are designed to correspond with the video series that you will be viewing. In addition, there are numerous online activities that are intended to reinforce the information presented in the book and on the videos. Lastly, students are required to attend one of the weekend class meetings each week. Each class session is three hours long and is intended to provide students with direct contact with the instructor. Class meetings will provide students with an opportunity to ask questions about the material as well as afford the class an opportunity to go into certain aspects of American history in greater detail than is possible by relying on the textbook, videos, or web assignments alone. Attendance at one-class meetings is mandatory.

I will be holding office hours twice a week. I will be available Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 7:30pm and Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. My office phone number is on the first page. During my office hours you may call or email me with questions or concerns and, of course, drop by to speak with me in person.

The ITV staff has gone to great pains to be sure that all the information you need to know to get started in the course has been explained in the materials sent to you. Please be sure to read it over carefully as well as the syllabus on the Etudes website. The ITV staff and I are here to help you succeed in History 11 and are looking forward to working with you over the course of the next eight weeks.



Benjamin M. Christensen M.A.
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 the sections on the top left of the page, My Workspace and on the right, your class website which 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, Netscape or Firefox 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