



**Welcome to ITV - The Week-End College!
You are enrolled in:**

**Sociology 1 (7935)
(UC: CSU) 3 Units**

Introduction to Sociology

Develops the sociological perspective that behavior is determined largely by human interactions and membership in groups. The main elements of sociological analysis are presented, emphasizing social organization, culture, socialization, social stratification, and population. These elements are applied to topics such as crime and delinquency.

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Wednesdays, 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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.

Getting Started

Even though you do not meet with your instructor until the weekend, your class begins online on April 7, 2008. 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, Southwest, Mission, Valley, and Pierce Colleges or from most online bookstores.

3. Log In

The class website opens **April 7**, 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 a short period of time. At a minimum, you can expect to spend 10 to 12 hours per week completing the assignments. 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. Southwest, L.A. City, L.A. Valley, or L.A. Pierce College. The instructor teaches at all four locations.

Day	Campus	Time	Location
Saturday	L.A. Southwest	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Lecture Lab., Rm. 218
	L.A. City College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	DaVinci Hall, Rm. 307
Sunday	L.A. Valley College	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Foreign Language Bldg., Rm. 110
	L.A. Pierce College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Business Bldg., Rm. 3208

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

A PROGRAM OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Spring 2008 CALENDAR

April 7 – June 1, 2008

Important Dates and Deadlines

Last Day to Add classes by STEP or Online	April 6
Session B Begins.....	April 7
Last Day to Drop or Change Classes	April 12
<i>(without Incurring Fees)</i>	
Cablecasts Begin on Cable Channel LA 36	April 16
Last Day to ADD by FAX or in-person.....	April 17
Last Day to Drop Classes Without a "W"	April 23
<i>(no refund)</i>	
Last Day to File for Credit/No Credit	April 30
Last Day to Drop with a "W".	May 18
<i>(After this date a grade must be issued)</i>	

Class Meeting Schedule

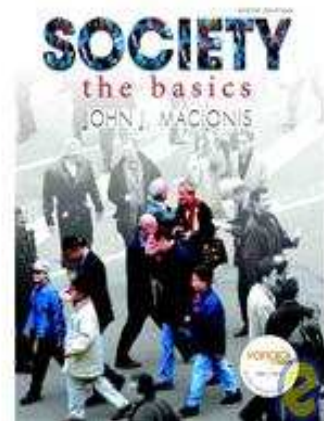
Class Meeting	April 12 & 13
Class Meeting	April 19 & 20
Class Meeting	April 26 & 27
Midterm Exams	May 3 & 4
Class Meeting	May 10 & 11
Class Meeting	May 17 & 18
Class Meeting	May 24 & 25
Final Exams.....	May 31 & June 1

A photo ID is required to take exams.

Textbooks

Required:

Title: Society: The Basics
Edition: 9/E, 2008
Author: Macionis, John J.
Publisher: Prentice Hall
ISBN: 0-13-228490-1



Recommended:

Title: The Distance Learning Study Guide for The Way We Live
Author: Light, Stephen
Edition: 3/E, 2008
Publisher: Prentice Hall
ISBN: 0-13-601679-0

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. Generally, 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 the 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 Way We Live

Four Ways to Watch the Videos

1. Available on the Los Angeles Educational Channel, LA 36. The broadcast schedule is:
Wednesdays, April 16 – May 28 @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
2. Purchase a complete set of the DVD's from the L.A. Pierce College Bookstore:
www.piercebookstore.com or 818-347-0313
3. Watch the video lessons at the Learning Resource Centers at any of the LACCD Colleges. You must bring your fee receipt to view the videos.
4. Available in Broadband at: www.lamission.edu/ITV

Dear Students:

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Sociology 1 – Introduction to Sociology (**Spring 2008 session b**). While this class will be fast-paced and we'll be covering a great deal of material, I think you'll find it both engaging and enjoyable. Sociology is a great subject as it is the study of what makes us – us. My hope is that you'll gain deeper insight into your own experiences and a greater understanding of the experiences of others.

Personally, I am an individual who enjoys spending time with my family, which includes my two-year old daughter and 11-month old son. Outside of spending time with the family, I am currently an online student with the University of Phoenix, where I am perusing a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership. During the day I work with the City of Los Angeles to alleviate the problems of At-risk Youth, implementing enrichment programs and workshops for youth who come from challenging backgrounds that include abuse, neglect, and abandonment. In addition, I also teach various classes in the discipline of Sociology at several community colleges in Southern California. When time permits, I like working out, completing Jig Saw Puzzles and playing Basketball with family and friends.

I like to encourage students to speak up in class and to actively engage with the material. Please remember, to do this effectively, you must maintain respect for each other as well as for me. I have found that it is when students connect course material with some aspect in their lives – and then share that with the rest of the class – the class itself becomes much more engaging and interesting. I will be happy to work with you if you come to me. A sure way to do poorly is to not communicate with me at all when things happen that impact your ability to do class work.

As part of your introduction to this course, I would like you to go to the "Discussion Board" section of the class website and answer the first thread "Autobiography". It asks you to introduce yourself to the class. Tell us a bit about yourself. Why you are taking this course? What are your educational goals and what are your plans for the long term? What is some other information you are comfortable sharing with the class? As part of this assignment, you will need to "reply" to at least one other student's autobiography and welcome him/her into the class. This will help us all get to know one another a little better before the class even actually begins!

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Best,



John P. Harris Jr., M.S.
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:

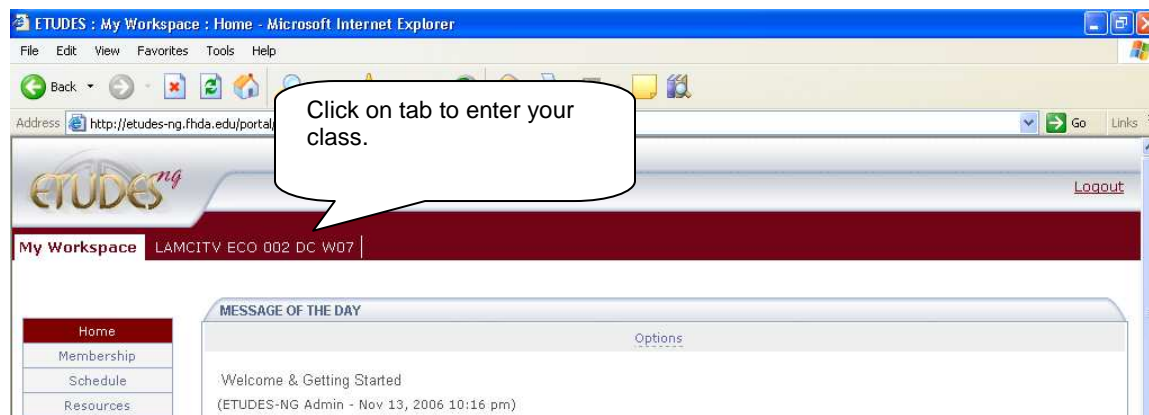
- use two numbers for your birth month
- *and* use two numbers for the birth day

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

To Add or Drop a class and check Official Grades online, go to: www.laccd.edu.

To Add or 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

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 the office.

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