Psychology: The Human Experience

This introductory psychology course covers biological foundations of behavior, various theoretical perspectives including learning, personality, and intelligence theories as well as experimental and research methodology.

The Weekend College classes combine video lessons with online activities and weekend class meetings. You must 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

Classes begin online Monday, February 9th. The class website will open on February 2nd. You may read your course syllabus any time after February 2nd. Log-in directions are on page four of this correspondence. Follow the checklist below to get started in your class.

- **Choose a Campus**
  Select the campus to attend your weekend class and make note of its time and locations. Directions and maps to the campuses can be found at: [www.laccd.edu/our_colleges](http://www.laccd.edu/our_colleges)

- **Buy Your Book**
  The next page lists the required and recommended books for your class. Buy your book as soon as possible so that you can get started on your assigned readings. Textbooks can be purchased at City, Southwest, Mission, and Pierce Colleges or from most online bookstores.

- **Register and Sign In**
  The class officially begins online Monday, February 9th, 2015. However, the class website opens February 2nd. Log in, read your course syllabus and review the course map. The course map will list all your assignments, quizzes and due dates. Log-in instructions are the last page of this correspondence.

- **Email Your Instructor**
  Once you have logged in, send your instructor a message informing her that you have successfully logged into the class website.

- **Plan Your Schedule**
  Weekend College courses are fast paced – covering a lot of material in a short period of time. The Fall term is just eight weeks. At a minimum you can expect to spend 10 to 12 hours per week completing the assignments. Schedule time in advance for reading the textbook, 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 next page.

**Classroom Location Schedule**

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

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<td>Saturday</td>
<td>L.A. Southwest College</td>
<td>9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon</td>
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<td>L.A. City College</td>
<td>1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Sunday</td>
<td>L.A. Valley College</td>
<td>9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon</td>
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<td>1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.</td>
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Attendance at the class meetings is expected. If you fail to attend, you may be dropped from the class.
Spring A 2015 CALENDAR
February 9 – April 12, 2015

Important Dates and Deadlines
Semester Begins................................................................. Feb 9
Cablecasts Begin on Cable Channel LA 36.......................... Feb 16
Last Day to ADD (with instructor approval) ......................... Feb. 19
Last Day to Drop or Change Classes
(without Incurring Fees) .................................................. Feb. 20
Last Day to Drop Classes Without a “W”
(no refund) .......................................................................... Feb. 20
Last Day to File for Credit/No Credit .................................. Mar. 4
Last Day to Drop with a "W"
(After this date a grade must be issued) ......................... Mar. 28

Class Meeting Schedule
No Class Meetings..........Feb. 14 & 15
(President’s Day Weekend)
Class Meeting.............Feb. 21 & 22
Class Meeting.............Feb 28 & Mar. 1
Midterms Exams............. Mar. 7 & 8
Class Meeting...............Mar. 14 & 15
Class Meeting...............Mar. 21 & 22
Class Meeting...............Mar. 28 & 29
Spring Break...............Apr. 4 – 10
Final Exams...............Apr. 11 & 12

A photo ID is required to take exams.

Textbook

Required:
Title: Discovering Psychology
Author: Hockenbury, Don H.; Hockenbury, Sandra E.
Publisher: Worth Publishers
ISBN: 978-1-4641-0241-7

Recommended:
Title: E-Z Psychology
Author: Melucci, Nancy
Edition: 2/E, 2010
Publisher: Barron’s Publishing

Videos
Psychology: The Human Experience

Four Ways to Watch the Videos

1. Watch the lessons on the Los Angeles Educational Channel, LA 36. The broadcast schedule is:
Mondays, Feb. 16 through March 30 @10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

2. Purchase your textbooks and a complete set of the DVDs from the Mission or Pierce College Bookstore:
http://eagleslanding.lamission.edu or www.piercebookstore.com

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.
Greetings!

Have you ever wondered why people do the things they do? Well, you are in for a very enlightening experience. Welcome to Introduction to Psychology: where we will discuss some of the questions that you may have been pondering about human behavior.

Why are we attracted to certain types of people? What did that “weird” dream mean? Why do some memories seem so vivid like they happened yesterday? Throughout the course we will have the wonderful opportunity to discuss these questions. I am sure you may have many other questions about human behavior. Be an active participant in the course and you may finally get the answer to those questions.

This course moves along very quickly. In eight weeks we will cover 14 chapters. To stay on track be sure to attend class, watch the video lessons and participate in the weekly discussions. There will also be weekly quizzes and a research paper. All of the details can be found on the Etudes website for the course.

You will have access to the course website on February 2. On February 9, the first graded discussion forum and quiz #1 will be open. Keep in mind, due to President’s Day; there will be no class meeting on February 14 & 15. Our first class meeting will be on February 21 & 22.

Here’s what you will need to do the first week. As part of your introduction to this course, go to "Discussions and Private Messages" on the Etudes website and answer Discussion Topic #1, “Self-Introduction.” This assignment gives you the opportunity to introduce yourself to your fellow classmates. Tell us something about yourself. What’s your favorite color or food? Why you are taking this course? What are a few of your educational goals? If there is other information you are comfortable sharing with the class feel free to do so in this discussion form. As part of this assignment, you will need to reply to two classmates and welcome them into the class. This assignment will help us all get to know one another a little better before the class actually begins. This assignment will also help you to get familiar with working in discussion forums.

Our first lecture and video broadcasts will begin during week 2. To aid in your understanding of the material, do the indicated readings on the syllabus ahead of time. Get into the habit of making time to see the videos; they will be the basis of the rest of the discussion forums. They also often present material that will be reinforced in the readings and class discussions. Watching the videos will help you on quizzes and exams. Many students find it extremely helpful to create a schedule for themselves to view the videos. Video broadcast times will be posted on Etudes.

This hybrid course includes weekly class meetings as well as online participation. You will be required to attend class (on time), participate in the online discussions and watch the instructional videos. We get together once a week. I discuss important information at the beginning of each class so attendance and punctuality is essential.

You will get out of this course exactly what you put in. To obtain the grade you believe you deserve be sure to: read the assigned chapters before class, participate in the weekly discussions and turn in assignments on time. I welcome questions so feel free to ask.

If you have any concerns or questions, please come see me. I am here to help you succeed in this course. Together we will have a fun semester!

I look forward to meeting you all,

Dr. Angel Hall
Online Class Website

Step 1. Where do I go to log on to this course?
Go to http://myetudes.org/portal
Bookmark this page!
Enter your user ID

Step 2. What is my User ID?
In lowercase letters and with no spaces:
- the first 2 letters of your first name
- and the first 2 letter of your last name
- and the last five digits of your student ID

Example:
Donna Smith
Student ID #: 88 455 6789
User ID: dosm56789
My User ID is:

Step 3. What is my password?
Using four numbers together with no spaces:
- The two numbers of your birth month
- And the two numbers for the birth day

Example:
If your birth date was January 3
Password: 0103
My Password is:

Once you have logged in you will be in the Etudes Dashboard. On the right under the Etudes logo, you will see tabs with links to your class websites. Your class website begins with LAMCITV. Click on the tab to enter the course. You can also click on the box in the center of the page. Each class will have a box with an opening date and the title of the course. See the example below:

Once you have successfully logged in send your instructor a private message.

Add/Drop Classes & Check Grades
You can change your schedule and check grades on the Student Information System. The SiS may be accessed from: www.lamission.edu/itv click on “Register for Classes”.

Technical Support
Etudes and MyLabsPlus offer log-in and other help on their sites, which include FAQs if you have problems logging in. ITV/The Weekend College also offers support by calling (818) 833-3596 during normal business hours.

If you have questions regarding course content, contact your instructor during their office hours or via email.