



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

**Astronomy 1 (7918)**  
**(UC: CSU) 3 Units**

*Elementary Astronomy*

This course is a journey through space, exploring the galaxies, stars and planets, with an eye to the origin and proliferation of life in the universe.

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.

**Instructor**  
**Phi Vu, M.S.**

(818) 364-7600, ext. 7160  
 philaccd@yahoo.com

**Office Hours**  
 Thursdays, 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Getting Started**

Even though you do not meet with your instructor until the first weekend after the semester begins, your class begins on February 4, 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.

**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 **Feb. 4**, 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, also note those times and set your VCR 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, Southwest or L.A. Valley College. The instructor teaches at all four locations.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Campus</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Saturday	L.A. City College	9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon	Holmes Hall, Rm 106
	Southwest College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Lecture Lab., Rm. 111
Sunday	L.A. Pierce College	9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon	Business Bldg., Rm 3201
	L.A. Valley College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Foreign Language Bldg., Rm. 102

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

# Spring 2008 CALENDAR

February 4 – April 6, 2008

## Important Dates and Deadlines

Last Day to Add classes by STEP or Online .....	Feb. 3
Semester Begins .....	Feb. 4
Last Day to Drop or Change Classes .....	Feb. 10
<i>(without Incurring Fees)</i>	
Cablecasts Begin on Cable Channel LA 36 .....	Feb. 13
Last Day to ADD by FAX or in-person.....	Feb. 14
Last Day to Drop Classes Without a "W".....	Feb. 22
<i>(no refund)</i>	
Last Day to File for Credit/No Credit .....	March 5
Last Day to Drop with a "W" .....	March 22
<i>(After this date a grade must be issued)</i>	

## Class Meeting Schedule

Class Meeting .....	Feb. 9 & 10
No Class Meeting .....	Feb. 16 & 17
Class Meeting .....	Feb. 23 & 24
Class Meeting .....	March 1 & 2
<b>Midterms Exams.....</b>	<b>March 8 &amp; 9</b>
Class Meeting .....	March 15 & 16
<b>Saturday Classes Meet ...</b>	<b>March 22</b>
Spring Break .....	March 23 – 29
<b>Sunday Classes Meet.....</b>	<b>March 30</b>
<b>Final Exams.....</b>	<b>April 5 &amp; 6</b>

***A photo ID is required to take exams.***

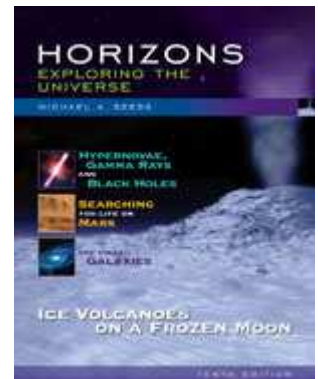
## Textbooks

### Required:

- Title: Horizons – Exploring the Universe
- Author: Seeds, Michael A.
- Edition: 10/E, 2008
- Publisher: Thomson Learning
- ISBN: 0-495-11358-1

### Recommended:

- Title: Telecourse Student Guide Horizons: Exploring the Universe
- Author: S.P. Lattanzio, J.M. Levine, and V.L. Lee
- Edition: 2/E, 2008
- Publisher: Thomson Learning
- ISBN: 0-495-11365-4



## Videos

### ***Observations and Theories***

*Four Ways to Watch the Videos*

1. Watch the lessons on the Los Angeles Educational Channel, LA 36. The broadcast schedule is:  
**Wednesdays, Feb. 13 – March 12 @ 8:00 AM – 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](http://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 Astronomy 1.

My name is Phi Vu, and I am your instructor for the Spring 2008 semester. I understand that astronomy is not an easy subject for many of us. However, with your cooperation and hard work, I will do my best to help you through and also to make the subject fun to learn.

You can check the course syllabus and schedule for further class information. The syllabus is posted in ETUDES-NG once you successfully login. You can also find the syllabus at: <http://www.oriondirect.net/phi/itv/syllabus-itv-spring08.htm> .

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either through phone or email. The best and fastest way to contact me is through email at: [philaccd@yahoo.com](mailto:philaccd@yahoo.com). Except on the weekend, I regularly check my email at least once a day. When email please reference "ITV - ASTR 1" in the subject of the email.

Good luck and I am looking forward to seeing you in class.

Phi Vu, 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:mckennpg@lamission.edu). Be sure to include:

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