



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

Political Science 1 (7944)
(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
 Tuesdays, 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 June 16, 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 **June 16**, 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 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, Southwest or L.A. Valley College. The instructor teaches at all four locations.

Day	Campus	Time	Location
Saturday	Southwest College	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Lecture Lab., Rm. 113
	L.A. City College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Da Vinci Hall, Rm. 305
Sunday	L.A. Valley College	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Foreign Language Bldg., Rm 104
	L.A. Pierce College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Business Bldg., Rm 3204

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

Summer 2008 CALENDAR

June 16 – August 10, 2008

Important Dates and Deadlines

Last Day to Add classes by STEP or Online	June 15
Semester Begins	June 16
Last Day to Drop or Change Classes	June 21
<i>(without Incurring Fees)</i>	
Cablecasts Begin on Cable Channel LA 36	June 23
Last Day to ADD by FAX or in-person.....	June 27
Last Day to Drop Classes Without a "W".....	July 2
<i>(no refund)</i>	
Last Day to File for Credit/No Credit	July 9
Last Day to Drop with a "W"	July 27
<i>(After this date a grade must be issued)</i>	

Class Meeting Schedule

Class Meeting	June 21 & 22
Class Meeting	June 28 & 29
Class Meeting	July 5 & 6
Midterms Exams.....	July 12 & 13
Class Meeting	July 19 & 20
Class Meeting	July 26 & 27
Class Meeting	Aug. 2 & 3
Final Exams.....	Aug. 9 & 10

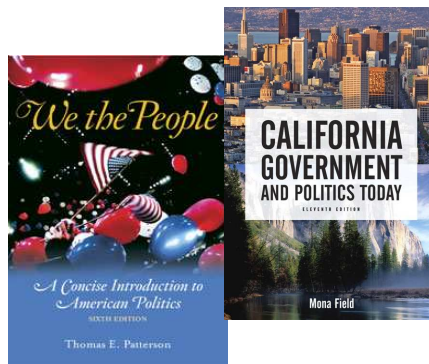
A photo ID is required to take exams.

Textbooks

Required:

Title: We the People
Edition: 7/E, 2008
Author: Patterson, Thomas E.
Publisher: McGraw-Hill
ISBN: 0-07-340386-5

Title: California Government and Politics Today
Edition: 12/E, 2009
Author: Field, Mona
Publisher: Longman
ISBN: 0-20-562007-8



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 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:
Fridays, June 27 – Aug. 8 @ 10:00 AM – 12 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. Available in Broadband at: www.lamission.edu/ITV
4. Watch the video lessons at the Learning Resource Centers at City, Pierce, Southwest, Valley, and Mission Colleges. You must bring your student ID or fee receipt to view the videos.

Hello Class,

Welcome to Political Science 1, The Government of the United States. My name is Van Chaney and I will be your instructor for the summer session. This is an exciting time in politics and for the future of the United States. We will be electing a new President this fall and the outcome will determine the path that this country will take, both at home and abroad, for the next four years.

I am honored to work with you this term and let me tell you a little about myself. Los Angeles is my home and presently I teach political science at Pierce, Southwest, and El Camino Colleges. I was a product of the Los Angeles Community College District when I started my college years at West Los Angeles College. My bachelor's degree in political science is from Loyola-Marymount University, Masters of Public Administration from California State University, Northridge, and presently I am working on my Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Walden University. During this course, I have attended law school and many other educational institutions.

Before becoming an instructor I worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prior to that, I was a congressional intern for former U.S. Congressman Mel Levine in his Los Angeles field office. My career now has presented me great joy in working with individuals such as you and relating my passion of political science with you.

The purpose of this course is to gain the fundamental knowledge of the development of American and California government structures. Through class lectures, discussions, activities, and exams, you should be able to implement your knowledge into analyzing public policies and political structures that will affect you. In order to accomplish this it is important to attend class, read assignments, and prepare for exams to gain the most from this course. The following are the main objectives I have for us to attain.

- Critical Thinking Skills.
- Develop an awareness of the political activities occurring in the United States and the State of California.
- The ability to express views and listen to others in order to discuss and debate national, state, and local issues.
- Becoming active in the political process by voting and participating in community activities.

Prior to our first day of instruction I will have our class board in place and during the first week. I would like all of you to introduce yourselves in the discussion board section with background information about yourselves and why you are taking the course. I am there for you this term so feel free to contact me at any time with your concerns or issues. Take care and welcome to Political Science 1.

Regards,
Van P. Chaney

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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