



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

**History 11 (7951)
(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
Wednesdays, 1:00 – 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 September 2, 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 **Sept. 2**, 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	L.A. City College	9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon	DaVinci Hall, Rm. 308
	Southwest College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Lecture Lab., Rm. 114
Sunday	L.A. Pierce College	9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon	Business Bldg., Rm. 3206
	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 2008 CALENDAR

September 2 – October 26, 2008

Important Dates and Deadlines

Last Day to Add classes by STEP or Online	Sept. 1
Semester Begins	Sept. 2
Last Day to Drop or Change Classes	Sept. 7
<i>(without Incurring Fees)</i>	
Cablecasts Begin on Cable Channel LA 36	Sept. 9
Last Day to ADD by FAX or in-person.....	Sept. 13
Last Day to Drop Classes Without a "W".....	Sept. 18
<i>(no refund)</i>	
Last Day to File for Credit/No Credit	Sept. 25
Last Day to Drop with a "W"	Oct. 13
<i>(After this date a grade must be issued)</i>	

Class Meeting Schedule

Class Meeting	Sept. 6 & 7
Class Meeting	Sept. 13 & 14
Class Meeting	Sept. 20 & 21
Midterms Exams.....	Sept. 27 & 28
Class Meeting	Oct. 4 & 5
Class Meeting	Oct. 11 & 12
Class Meeting	Oct. 18 & 19
Final Exams.....	Oct. 25 & 26

A photo ID is required to take exams.

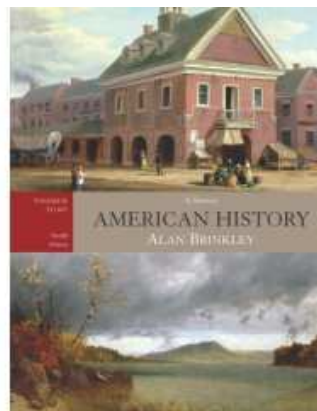
Textbooks

Required:

Title: American History: A Survey, Volume 1
Edition: 12/E, 2007
Author: Brinkley, Alan
Publisher: McGraw-Hill
ISBN: 978-0-07336-778-1

Recommended:

Title: The Unfinished Nation Distance Learning Study Guide
Edition: 2/E, 2007
Author: Intelecom
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. 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

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. 9 – Oct. 21 @ 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
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.

September 2008

Dear Students:

Welcome to History 11 in ITV for Session A in Fall, 2008. Our course will cover America's past from Columbus to the Civil War, which is a lot of history to cover in eight weeks.

History can be a challenging subject and perhaps it is not your favorite subject. I hope to change that by focusing on America's people and the important changes in our society. This can be an exciting way to study our history and I ask my ITV students to be active participants in our weekend classes. I hope that History 11 will be an enjoyable learning experience and will rekindle your interest in America's past.

To prepare for our class, review the Syllabus online and start reading Chapter 1 in the textbook. In regard to our textbook, although the Syllabus specifies the 12th edition, any recent edition is fine. New textbooks are priced at about \$90, which is expensive. I recommend that you purchase previous editions at much lower prices on the Internet at amazon.com or halfprice.com.

Here are some key dates for our History 11 class:

September 2 – start of Session A
September 6 & 7 – first weekend classes [choose just one session]
September 27 & 28 – Midterm Exams
October 11 & 12 – Term Paper is Due
October 25 & 26 – Final Exams

Please note that our first weekend class is on September 6 & 7; you can attend any of the four sessions. Also, as indicated in the Syllabus, you will receive extra credit in the form of "Starter Points" for your attendance on the first weekend.

I look forward to an enjoyable class with you and I wish you the best of luck. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at... pete_virgadamo@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,



Peter R. Virgadamo, Ph.D.
History 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:

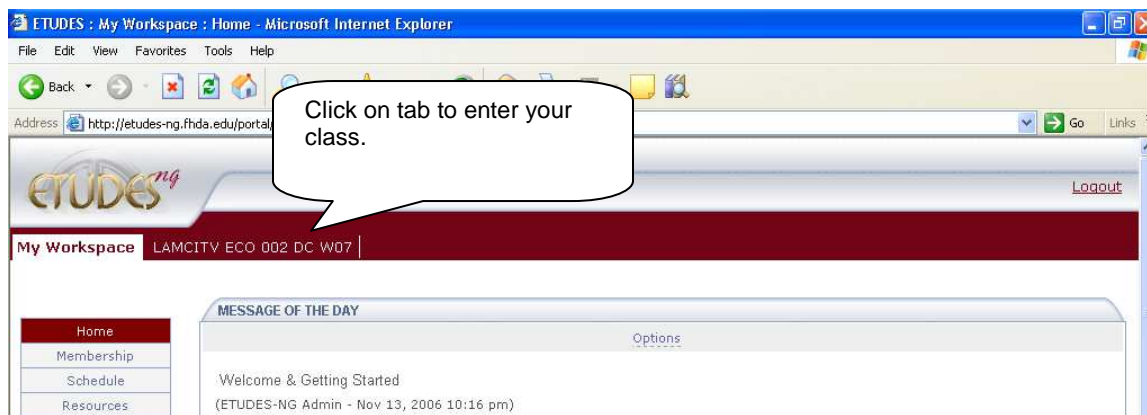
- use two numbers for your birth month
- *and* use two numbers for the birth day

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

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