



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

**Philosophy 1 (7953)
(UC: CSU) 3 Units**

Introduction to Philosophy

A survey of the fundamental questions about self, society, and universe. Primary focus is on theories of reality, theories of knowledge, philosophy of religion, and philosophy of death.

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
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 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	Southwest College	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Lecture Lab., Rm. 108
	L.A. City College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	DaVinci 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 3203

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. 11
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: Philosophy - A Text with Reading
Edition: 10/E, 2008 (Paperbound)
Author: Velasquez, Manuel
Publisher: Thomson/Wadsworth
ISBN: 0-495-09497-8



Recommended:

Title: The Examined Life Telecourse Study Guide
Edition: 4/E, 2008
Author: Velasquez, Manuel
Publisher: Thomson/Wadsworth
ISBN: 0-495-10302-0

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 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 Examined Life

Four Ways to Watch the Videos

1. Available on the Los Angeles Educational Channel, LA 36. The broadcast schedule is:
Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 23 @ 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.

Philosophy 1 Students:

Alfred North Whitehead once referred to philosophy as an “adventure of ideas,” and I would like to welcome you on that journey. While my reasons for teaching philosophy are various, of direct and immediate relevance is the following: I enjoy engaging inquiring minds in the exploration of philosophical topics of profound importance and the deep and enduring questions they engender.

The Philosophy 1 class in which you have enrolled is a hybrid course consisting of video presentations, textual materials, on-line instruction and live interaction in order to simultaneously encourage an appreciation of the nature and development of western thought, and the development of critical thinking skills and computer literacy. To assist you in orienting yourselves and getting the most out of the course from the outset, the college, ITV and I have provided a number of features on the ITV and *Etudes* websites:

On the enclosed material and the ITV website, you will find the video cablecast schedule for this quarter.

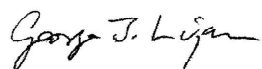
Under “syllabus” and under “resources” on the *Etudes* site, you will find the syllabus for this course, which includes my office hours and the grading system for the course.

Under “resources” on the *Etudes* site, you will find some of the better philosophy websites on the Internet, some useful *non*-philosophy websites, several academic support sites, supplementary reading materials, research paper guidelines and suggestions, and a complete timetable for the reading assignments so that you can do as well as possible on the tests and quizzes, and take fullest advantage of the in-class lectures. Exploring “resources” and familiarizing yourselves with its contents will be well worth the time; indeed, I cannot stress enough how much useful and important information appears there.

The assigned text for the course is Manuel Velasquez’s, *Philosophy, Tenth Edition* (2008), and Velasquez’s and White’s *Telecourse Study Guide — The Examined Life* is highly recommended.

The materials provided throughout *Etudes*, and included in the video episodes, the lectures and the texts should be useful, but it may be the case that special difficulties may arise with which you may need assistance. Please contact me with *any* problems you may have, with either the course material or requirements of this class. If you need to meet with me, I will make every effort to do what I can to help you.

I look forward to having you in this course and participating in the “adventure of ideas.”



George J. Lujan, M.A.
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