



Welcome to ITV - The Week-End College!

You are enrolled in:

Political Science 1 (7963) (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
Wednesdays, 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 October 27, 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 **Oct. 27**, 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 her 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. 112
	L.A. City College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Da Vinci Hall, Rm. 306
Sunday	L.A. Valley College	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Foreign Language Bldg., Rm 106
	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.

Fall 2008 CALENDAR

October 27 – December 20, 2008

Important Dates and Deadlines

Last Day to Add classes by STEP or Online	Oct. 26
Semester Begins	Oct. 27
Last Day to Drop or Change Classes	Nov. 1
<i>(without Incurring Fees)</i>	
Cablecasts Begin on Cable Channel LA 36	Nov. 3
Last Day to ADD by FAX or in-person.....	Nov. 7
Last Day to Drop Classes Without a "W".....	Nov. 12
<i>(no refund)</i>	
Last Day to File for Credit/No Credit	Nov. 19
Last Day to Drop with a "W"	Dec. 7
<i>(After this date a grade must be issued)</i>	

Class Meeting Schedule

Class Meeting	Nov. 1 & 2
Class Meeting	Nov. 8 & 9
Class Meeting	Nov. 15 & 16
Midterms Exams.....	Nov. 22 & 23
No Class Meeting.....	Nov. 29 & 30
Class Meeting	Dec. 6 & 7
Class Meeting Saturday.....	Dec. 13
Final Exam Sunday	Dec. 14
Final Exam Saturday	Dec. 20

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: 978-0-0734-0386-1

Title: California Government and Politics Today
Edition: 12/E, 2009
Author: Field, Mona
Publisher: Longman
ISBN: 978-0-2056-2007-4



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:
Thursdays, Nov. 6 – Dec. 18 @ 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.

Dear Students:

I am writing to welcome you to Political Science 001. This is one of the most exiting times to teach and learn politics since it is the Presidential Election year. We are going to be talking, analyzing, and discussing the implications of this election to a great extent.

You might be taking this class just to fill your degree requirements. Yet, my goal in this class is to show you and make you realize that politics affect us on a daily basis. It has tremendous influence on our life style, spending, health, and life, regardless we are aware of it not. My intent is to help you see how government and politics affect us, and how you can be an informed citizen to make the system work for your best interest. To do that, we will be covering a wide range of topics ranging from Constitution to domestic and foreign policy. This of course requires reading the course material regularly, and following current events daily. My suggestion to you is to either read a newspaper, or if you cannot, log on the web pages of papers such as the Los Angeles Times, or news outlets like CNN, NBC, and check out what is happening everyday for at least fifteen minutes. Following the news is not only a great way to learn about politics and government, but also a big contribution to your becoming an informed member of the society.

My teaching philosophy is to create an environment in which ideas can be shared and flourish. I strongly encourage you to participate online and in-class discussions. I am also more than happy to answer your questions on line and in class anytime. However, do not forget, we will be discussing "Politics", one of the topics Americans are famous for avoiding. So my rule is to respect one another's perspectives, ideas, and expressions, and maintain a civil dialogue.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you soon.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ebru Durukan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ebru Durukan, Ph.D.
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