



Welcome to ITV - The Week-End College!

You are enrolled in:

History 12 (7970)
(UC: CSU) 3 Units

Political and Social History of the United States II

A survey of political and social developments in American history from the Reconstruction period (1865) to the present.

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 weekend, your class begins online 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 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 schedule 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. 310
	Southwest College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Lecture Lab., Rm. 210
Sunday	L.A. Pierce College	9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon	Business Bldg., Rm. 3208
	L.A. Valley College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Foreign Language Bldg., Rm. 110

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.

Textbook

Required:

Title: American History: A Survey , Volume 2
Edition: 12/E, 2007
Author: Brinkley, Alan
Publisher: McGraw – Hill
ISBN: 978-0-07333-163-8



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

The Unfinished Nation, Part II

Four Ways to Watch the Videos

1. Available on the Los Angeles Educational Channel, LA 36. The broadcast schedule is:
Wednesdays, Nov. 5 – Dec. 17 @ 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 fee receipt to view the videos.

Dear Students:

Welcome to History 12! You are to be commended for your commitment. It is not easy to balance all the complicated elements of today's world *and* be a student. I love teaching history – and I hope you will catch my enthusiasm.

- As a student, you are at the center of this course, particularly as you engage with the text, with me and with one another, cultivating a critical mind and informed heart.
- As teacher, I attempt to bring energy, knowledge and enthusiasm to the course. I try hard to listen to and understand your insights and interpretations of the past.
- At the web site, as part of the Academic Forums on Etudes, there's an opportunity to experience the multiple perspectives from your classmates (and to some extent from myself) and to listen to one another.
- Finally, in the context of these multiple voices and perspectives, there is an interesting video series. Please tune in and listen to the voices of the historians, artists and critics.

I hope to support you in your quest to become a critical thinker, a reader and a writer who can respond in deeply personal, informed ways to history. This course invites you – in this variety of formats – to engage in a journey of the imagination in order to become an informed critical thinker. Thus, I welcome you and hope to work closely with you in order to make the course a success for each one of you. In order to make this success more likely, after you read this introduction, please do the following:

1. Make sure that you purchase the textbook, *American History A Survey* by Alan Brinkley immediately.
2. Download the syllabus from the Etudes web site under the "Syllabus" icon at the upper left of the home page.
3. Finally, please send me an email, including your full name, to my email address as follows: professorlash@yahoo.com so that I can welcome you more personally.

Hope to meet all of you soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Lash". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Christopher Lash, 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