



Welcome to The Weekend College! You are enrolled in:

Psychology 41 (7981) (UC: CSU) 3 Units

Lifespan Psychology

An introduction to human development from infancy through old age, including basic psychological processes, emotional and social development as well as adjustments related to each phase of the life cycle. Special emphasis is given to social and cultural influences.

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.

Instructor

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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 weekend, your class begins online on January 5, 2009. 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 **Jan. 5**, 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 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	Southwest College	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Lecture Lab., Rm. 114
	L.A. City College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	DaVinci Hall, Rm. 308
Sunday	L.A. Valley College	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Foreign Language Bldg., Rm. 108
	L.A. Pierce College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Business Bldg., Rm. 3206

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

Winter 2009 CALENDAR

January 5 – February 8, 2009

Important Dates and Deadlines

Last Day to Add classes by STEP or Online	Jan. 4
Semester Begins	Jan. 5
Cablecasts Begin on Cable Channel LA 36	Jan. 6
Last Day to Drop or Change Classes	Jan. 8
<i>(without Incurring Fees)</i>	
Last Day to ADD by FAX or in-person.....	Jan. 9
Last Day to Drop Classes Without a "W".....	Jan. 15
<i>(no refund)</i>	
Last Day to File for Credit/No Credit	Jan. 21
Last Day to Drop with a "W"	Jan. 29
<i>(After this date a grade must be issued)</i>	

Class Meeting Schedule

Class Meeting	Jan. 10 & 11
Class Meeting	Jan. 17 & 18
Midterms Exams.....	Jan. 24 & 25
Class Meeting	Jan. 31 & Feb. 1
Final Exams.....	Feb. 7 & 8

A photo ID is required to take exams.

Textbooks

Required:

Title:	<u>The Developing Person Through the Life Span</u>
Author:	Berger, Kathleen Stassen
Edition:	7/E, 2008
Publisher:	Worth Publishers
ISBN:	978-0-7167-6080-1

Recommended:

Title:	<u>Telecourse Study Guide for The Developing Person Through the Life Span</u>
Edition:	3/E, 2007
Author:	Berger, Kathleen Stassen
Publisher:	Worth Publishers
ISBN:	978-0-7167-7825-7



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

Transitions Throughout the Life Span

Four Ways to Watch the Videos

1. Available on the Los Angeles Educational Channel, LA 36. The broadcast schedule is:
Tuesdays, Jan. 6- Feb. 3 @ 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
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.

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Psychology 41 – Lifespan & Human Development

Welcome Students,

It is exciting to start the New Year off, by taking an interest in academia and higher learning. Psych 41 is a challenging and in depth look into the various psychological, biological, and social aspects of human development, throughout the life span. It is a subject that requires not only a desire to work and invest time and energy in acquiring and engaging in course materials, but an enthusiasm and wonder in discovering those things which make us so uniquely human. It is a journey of self discovery, and as such, makes for the course to be that much more enjoyable and interesting.

Although, this session is taught at a fast and challenging pace, it is very possible to earn a high grade. Commitment to timely submission of discussion threads and online quizzes, and attendance to in-person exam sessions are necessary components to earning a better grade. It also helps to show up to lecture. My lectures will focus on core content areas specific to the online activities in which you will be engaged. So I hope to see you there☺!

Reading the chapters ahead of schedule will also enable to you to acquire this new information at a consistent and reliable pace. Research shows that cramming information right before an exam or quiz is less practical and less effective than distributed studying over the course of several sessions. Thus, you may want to start reading the material as soon as you get your textbook. It is better to be over prepared rather than underprepared. You will find that the textbook is very user friendly and that chapters are easy and enjoyable to read. Some material may take longer to process than others, but you can always mark pages in your text and return to the difficult items after a break.

I will be happy to work with you if you come to me. A sure way to do poorly is to not communicate with me at all when you are in trouble or when things happen that impact your ability to do class work. The most important thing to do at the first sign of trouble is to come talk to me, and we will work together to help make this course successful for you.

As part of your introduction to this course, I would like you to go to the "Discussion Board" and answer the first thread "autobiography". It will ask you to introduce yourself to the class. Tell us a bit about yourself. Why you are taking this course? What are your educational goals and what are your plans for the long term? What is some other information you are comfortable sharing with the class? As part of this assignment, you will need to "reply" to at least one other student's autobiography and welcome him/her into the class. This will help us all get to know one another a little better before the class even actually begins!

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Linka Griswold, 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:

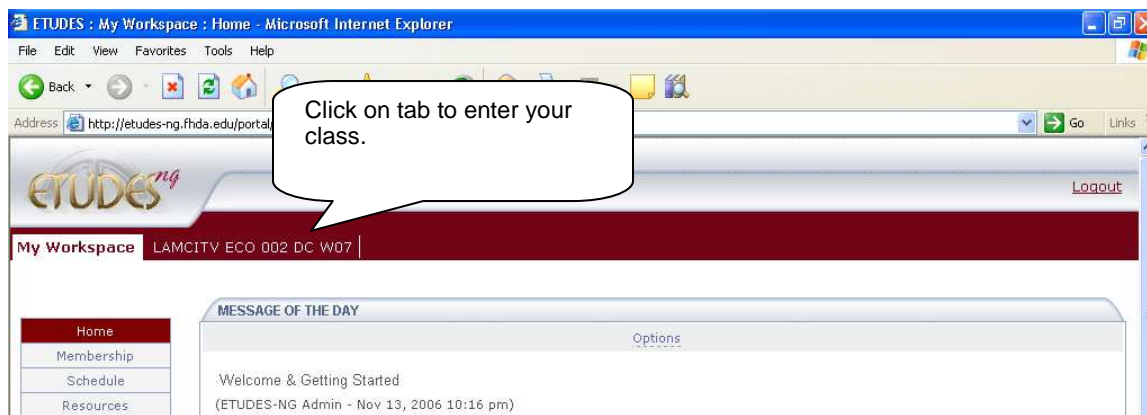
- use two numbers for your birth month
- *and* use two numbers for the birth day

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