



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

Psychology 1 (7990)
(UC: CSU) 3 Units

Psychology: The Human Experience

Survey course introducing modern psychology by presenting scientific and humanistic interpretations of the human mind and behavior. Topics to be covered are: biological bases of behavior, perception, learning, personality and social influences.

The Weekend College classes combine video lessons and online activities with 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 second weekend after the semester begins, the online component begins February 9, 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 **February 9**, 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 the timer on 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. 114
	L.A. City College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	DaVinci Hall, Rm. 307
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.

A PROGRAM OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Spring 2009 CALENDAR

February 9 – April 5, 2009

Important Dates and Deadlines

Last Day to Add classes by STEP or Online	Feb. 8
Semester Begins	Feb. 9
Last Day to Drop or Change Classes	Feb. 15
<i>(without Incurring Fees)</i>	
Cablecasts Begin on Cable Channel LA 36	Feb. 16
Last Day to ADD by FAX or in-person.....	Feb. 20
Last Day to Drop Classes Without a "W".....	Feb. 27
<i>(no refund)</i>	
Last Day to File for Credit/No Credit	Mar. 11
Last Day to Drop with a "W"	Mar. 28
<i>(After this date a grade must be issued)</i>	

Class Meeting Schedule

No Class Meeting	Feb. 14 & 15
Class Meeting	Feb. 21 & 22
Class Meeting	Feb. 28 & Mar. 1
Class Meeting	Mar. 7 & 8
Midterms Exams.....	Mar. 14 & 15
Class Meeting	Mar. 21 & 22
Class Meeting	Mar. 28 & 29
Final Exams.....	Apr. 4 & 5

A photo ID is required to take exams.

Textbook

Required:

Title: Discovering Psychology with Study Guide
Edition: 4/E, 2007 (Paperback)
Author: Hockenbury, Don H.; Hockenbury, Sandra E.
Publisher: Worth Publishers
ISBN: 978-0-7167-7661-1

Recommended:

Title: Psychology: The Easy Way
Edition: 1/E, 2004
Author: Nancy Melucci
Publisher: Barron's Publishing
ISBN: 978-0-76-412393-1



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.

Video

Psychology: The Human Experience

Four Ways to Watch the Videos

1. Available on the Los Angeles Educational Channel, LA 36. The broadcast schedule is:
Mondays, Feb. 16 – Mar. 30 @ 8:00 – 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.

Dear Students:

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Psychology 1 – Introduction to Psychology. While this class will be fast-paced and we'll be covering a great deal of material, I think you'll find it both engaging and enjoyable. Psychology is emerging as the most vital science of the 21st century. It is a SCIENCE that is leaving behind the fascinating but not terribly helpful speculations of the Freudians and embracing the tremendous insights that have been gained through an understanding of the complex and amazing brain. My hope is that you'll gain deeper insight into your own experiences and a greater understanding of the experiences of others.

Just to give you a little background about myself, I have been teaching for over a decade and am currently a full-time instructor at Long Beach City College. I free-lance teach at a number of other schools which allows me to use my full-range of knowledge (teaching statistics, child development and a number of other courses not offered in LBCC's psychology program). I also write professionally and encourage you to pick up a copy of my book *Psychology the Easy Way* which is a useful study guide and accompaniment for the main textbook in this course. I earned my doctorate at University of Pennsylvania in 1992 and have clinical experience although I do not practice at this time. I have a wonderful 11-year-old daughter, Hannah Houston.

I like to encourage students to speak up in class and to actively engage the material. Please remember, to do this effectively, you must maintain respect for each other as well as for me. I have found that it is when students connect course material with some aspect in their lives – and then share that with the rest of the class – the class itself becomes much more engaging and interesting. In order to gain this benefit you must commit to using the discussion forums on a regular basis. If you do not, and wait until the end of the class to fulfill this requirement, you will not get the same benefit, and you will also not receive the points. It is not "discussing" to walk into a room as everyone is leaving and begin to talk to the no-one that remains.

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. Please try to contact me by email as you will experience a MUCH faster turn around than you would by phone. I am a byte-head and check my emails several times a day.

When you email me, make your questions specific as that way you will find you understand the material better than you thought you did. As part of your introduction to this course, I would like you to go to the "Discussion Board" and answer the first thread "introduction". 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.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Melucci, Ph.D.

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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