



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

Political Science 1 (7874) (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.

Instructor

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Office Hours

Tuesdays, 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 April 9, 2007. 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 **April 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 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. 113
	L.A. City College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Da Vinci Hall, Rm. 310
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.

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Spring 2007 CALENDAR

April 9 – June 3, 2007

Important Dates and Deadlines

Last Day to Add classes by STEP or Online	April 8
Session B Begins.....	April 9
Last Day to Drop or Change Classes	April 14
<i>(without Incurring Fees)</i>	
Last Day to ADD by FAX or in-person.....	April 18
Cablecasts Begin on Cable Channel LA 36	April 19
Last Day to Drop Classes Without a "W"	April 25
<i>(no refund)</i>	
Last Day to File for Credit/No Credit	April 27
Last Day to Drop with a "W".	May 20
<i>(After this date a grade must be issued)</i>	

Class Meeting Schedule

Class Meeting	April 14 & 15
Class Meeting	April 21 & 22
Class Meeting	April 28 & 29
Midterm Exams	May 5 & 6
Class Meeting	May 12 & 13
Class Meeting	May 19 & 20
Class Meeting	May 26 & 27
Final Exams.....	June 2 & 3

A photo ID is required to take exams.

Textbooks

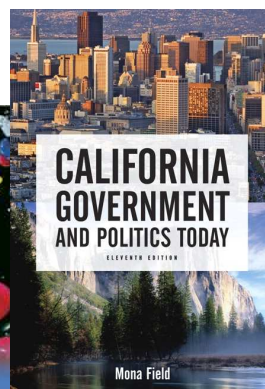
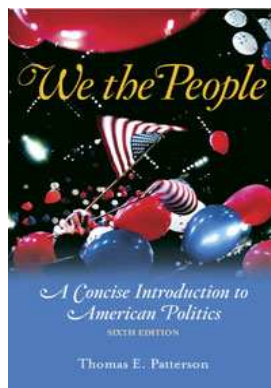
Required:

Title: We the People
Edition: 6/E, 2006
Author: Patterson, Thomas E.
Publisher: McGraw-Hill
ISBN: 0-07-319774-2

Title: California Government and Politics Today
Edition: 11/E, 2007
Author: Field, Mona
Publisher: Allyn & Bacon / Longman
ISBN: 0-32-143654-7

Recommended:

Title: Framework for Democracy Study Guide
Edition: 3/E, 2006
Author: Carleton, Vile, & Eaton
Publisher: McGraw-Hill
ISBN: 0-07-295575-9



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

Five Ways to Watch the Videos

1. Available in Broadband at: www.lamission.edu/ITV
2. Available on the Los Angeles Educational Channel, LA 36. The broadcast schedule is:
Thursdays, April 19 – May 31 @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
3. Purchase a complete set of the DVD's from the L.A. Pierce College Bookstore:
www.piercebookstore.com or 818-347-0313
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.
5. Rent the video series from ACT/RMI Media:
www.rmimedia.com or 800-745-5480

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 rettkeeg@lamission.edu. Be sure to include:

- Your full name
- Course title and instructor
- Student ID
- Your phone and e-mail address
- Date enrolled