



IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE

course. Please note that all sections, with the exception of "Other Course Information," are required elements.

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2025	Instructor Name:	Guzman, Cesar
Course Title & #:	CTZN 800	Email:	cesar.guzman@imperial.edu
CRN #:	12021, 12022, 12024, 12026	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	3111,1603	Office #:	BESD, 260 "D" Street
Class Dates:	08/15/25-10/03/25, 10/10/25,12/05/25, 09/10/25-11/19/25, 09/11/25-11/20/25	Office Hours:	10:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.
Class Days:	Fri/Wed/Thurs	Office Phone #:	7605502108
Class Times:	4:30-8:30pm, 4:30-8:30pm, 5:30-8:30pm, 1:00-4:00pm,	Emergency Contact:	760-550-4416
Units:	Pass/no pass	Class Format:	In-Person

Course Description

[Paste in the course description from the Course Outline of Record (COR), located at <https://imperial.curricunet.com/Search>]

This course will enable students to learn basic facts about the United States Constitution, famous Americans and important events in American history. Emphasis is in the privileges, duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

[Paste in the course prerequisite(s) and/or corequisite(s) from the COR, located at <https://imperial.curricunet.com/Search>]
None

5 years as permanent resident in the United States or 3 years if you file as a spouse of a United States citizen.

Student Learning Outcomes

[Paste in the course student learning outcomes from the COR, located at <https://imperial.curricunet.com/Search>]

Student must demonstrate the ability to read, write, speak and understand basic English. They must also demonstrate a basic knowledge of the United States history, government and civics principals.

Course Objectives

Fill out-N-400 application, prepared for the interview, pass the writing, reading, oral civics exam.



Textbooks & Other Resources or Links*[Describe which textbooks and/or other resources are required for the course. Be sure to include ISBN.]*

10 steps to Naturalization, 10 civics practice exam English/Spanish, Civics Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test, Preparing for the Naturalization test pocket study guide and the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution handbook. Audio CD 100 Civics Questions.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Learn about the United States and government USCIS study guide and naturalization self-test.

Identify the major reasons why Europeans settled in North America as well as the major development that led to the Revolutionary war. Identify the main principles of the Constitution and demonstrate an understanding of the separation of powers and check and balances. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the geography of the United States. Identify local state and national leaders.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

[Provide detailed information related to grading practices and grading scale, including values and totals. Consider adding final grade calculation, rubrics, late assignment policy, and other grading practices.]

Pass/No Pass Credit.

Credit will be based on the following

Attendance and participation 40%

Assignment 10%

Naturalization Self-Test 20%

Final Exam 30%

Course Policies

[Describe other policies such as attendance, academic honesty, netiquette, expected classroom behavior, etc.]

Attendance is required as well as participation and engaging. In the 10 civics practice exams and final exam.

Other Course Information

None

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.



Any student with a documented disability who may need accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Program and Services (DSP&S) office is located on the south side of the science building as soon as possible.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

[Provide a tentative overview of the readings, assignments, tests, and/or other activities for the duration of the course. A table format as in the example below may be used for this purpose.]

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1	Syllabus & Introduction Pledge of Allegiance Requirements for Naturalization N-400 Application Fee Schedule for Form 912, FOIA, AR-11, N-648 10 Steps to Naturalization Filing fees-Poverty Guideline-2025	Civics Practice Test 1
Week 2	Settlement-Pilgrims Map- 13 colonies United State abbreviations Europeans settled in America George Washington- 1 st President of United States and Father of our Country	Civics Practice Test 2
Week 3	Declaration of Independence 1776- Thomas Jefferson – Main Writer Major developments that led to the Revolutionary War Rights obtained from the Declaration of Independence Very Important People	Civics Practice Test 3
Week 4	The United States Constitution 1787- James Madison Bill of rights – Amendment 1-10 Amendment 1, Four Amendments to the Constitution of who can vote	Civics Practice Test 4
Week 5	Three Branches of Government Legislative- Congress Executive – President Judicial- Courts Understanding the Separation of power and check and balances Abraham Lincoln- President of the Civil war	Civics Practice Test 5-6
Week 6	Very Important People of the United States Susan B Anthony, Benjamin Franklin, Martin Luther kings Nancy Pelosi, John G. Roberts Jr., Congressman Juan Vargas and Senators Alex Padilla, Alan Schiff Basic knowledge of the geography of the United States States that border Mexico and Canada Two major rivers of the United States Countries and oceans that border our country of the USA	Civics Practice Test 7



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Week 7	Oath of Allegiance, Star-Spangled Banner and Pledge of Allegiance National, State and Local leaders Important events in American history	Civics Practice Test 8
Week 8	State Government – Governor Gavin Newsom State Assembly State Senate California Supreme Court	Civics Practice Test 9
Week 9	USCIS Flash Cards Activity	Civics Practice Test 10
Week 10	Test review for final exam Final Exam- Test 1 and Test 2	Final Exam Test 1 and Test 2

*****Subject to change without prior notice*****