

Imperial Valley College
Non Credit Program
POLS 800
American Citizenship
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Course Description:

This course will enable the student to learn the 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 must be taken on a CR/NCR basis.

Recommended Preparation: (None)

Minimum Standards for Passing:

Credit is based on the following:

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| • Attendance and Participation | 10 % |
| • Assignments | 10 % |
| • Naturalization Self Test | 20 % |
| • Final Exam | 60 % |

Course Objective:

The student will be able to:

- Learn about United States history and government by using the 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.

- Demonstrate basic knowledge of the Oath of Allegiance, the Star- Spangled Banner and the Pledge of Allegiance

Core Content

1. 10 Steps to Naturalization
2. Principles of American Democracy
3. System of Government
4. Rights and responsibilities
5. Colonial Period and Independence
6. Recent American History and Other Important historical Information
7. Geography-Symbols-Holidays
8. Review & Final Exam

Textbook(s) and Resources:

N-400 the Naturalization Application

USCIS web site at www.uscis.gov

Quick Civic Lessons for the Naturalization Test

Vocabulary Flash Cards for the Naturalization Test

100 Questions and Answers for the Naturalization Test

The Naturalization Self Test

Any student with a documented disability who may need accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Program and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible.

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