

**IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE**  
**Syllabus**

CITZ 800 American Citizenship

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Course Title: American Citizenship

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 P/NP basis.

Recommended Preparation: (None)

Minimum Standards for Passing:

Credit is based on the following:

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| • Attendance and Participation | 30 % |
| • Assignments                  | 10 % |
| • 10 Naturalization Self Tests | 20 % |
| • Final Exam                   | 40 % |

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**

### **10 Steps to Naturalization**

### **Principles of American Democracy**

### **System of Government**

### **Rights and responsibilities**

### **Colonial Period and Independence**

### **Recent American History and Other Important Historical Information**

### **Geography-Symbols-Holidays**

### **Review & Final Exam**

Textbook(s) and Resources:

N-400 the Naturalization Application

USCIS web site at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

10 Quick Civic Lessons for the Naturalization Test in English/Spanish

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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