

# NC 400: CITIZENSHIP

## Citrus College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Fall 2021
Credits:	0
Total Contact Hours:	30
Lecture Hours :	30
Lab Hours:	0
Hours Arranged:	0
Outside of Class Hours:	60
Strongly Recommended:	Completion of NC 307- Multiskills Intermediate I.
Transferable to CSU:	No
Transferable to UC:	No
Grading Method:	Non-Credit Course

## Catalog Course Description

The Citizenship course is designed for students at the intermediate and advanced levels of English acquisition. This course introduces students to the integrated topics of civics and citizenship preparation. It includes instruction in the history and government of the United States, as well as the essential steps to becoming a United States citizen. This course will ultimately prepare students for the U.S. citizenship test and interview. Open entry/exit. 30 lecture hours.

## Course Objectives

- Demonstrate spoken linguistic and cognitive ability sufficient to pass the USCIS speaking test and interview in English.
- Read and demonstrate understanding of short narrative passages (3-4 paragraphs) on government and civics.
- Complete N-400 written application and other important paperwork to apply for and obtain citizenship.
- Apply learning, speaking, listening, reading, and writing strategies to learn material more effectively and aid in passing the USCIS interview and exams.
- Demonstrate enough knowledge (at least 70% accuracy) of major U.S. geographical features, symbolism, and holidays to pass the USCIS civics test.
- Demonstrate enough knowledge (at least 70% accuracy) of dates, locations, significance, figures, and narratives of key U.S. historical events to pass the USCIS civics test.
- Demonstrate enough knowledge (at least 70% accuracy) of features, structures, significance, and figures of the U.S. government to pass the USCIS civics test.
- Write dictation of simple sentences on U.S. civics, accurately enough to pass the USCIS writing test.
- Use function words in simple sentences sufficiently enough to pass the USCIS interview and exams.
- Formulate and orally read anticipated USCIS questions comprehensibly enough to pass the reading test.

## Major Course Content

### Listening Comprehension

1. Understand dialogues and questions.
2. Take dictation.
3. Follow verbal directions.

### Speaking

1. Pronunciation - Discrimination and production of sounds and intonation –patterns contained dialogues or other spoken material, word sentence stress, grapheme-phoneme (letter-sound) correspondence
2. Conversation: practice dialogues related to the citizenship interview and exam.

### Steps to Citizenship

1. How to become a U.S. Citizen
2. N-400 Application
3. Basic citizenship requirements
4. INS Interview
5. Swearing-In Ceremony

### U.S. History

1. The New World
2. The Revolution
3. The U.S. Flag
4. The Civil War
5. Moving West
6. World War I
7. The Great Depression
8. World War II
9. The Cold War
10. Wars in Asia
11. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### U.S. Government

1. The Constitution
2. The Executive Branch of Government
3. The Legislative Branch
4. The Judicial Branch
5. States and Local Government

## **Suggested Reading Other Than Required Textbook**

ESL dictionary, picture dictionary, USCIS study and practice materials

## **Examples of Required Writing Assignments**

Comprehension exercises on U.S. civics, demonstration of vocabulary understanding and use, personal narratives, and practice exams

## **Examples of Outside Assignments**

Daily homework, written assignments, practice exams, listening and reading comprehension, and mock interview practice

## **Instruction Type(s)**

Lecture, Online Education Lecture