

**Course Outline**  
**ESOL 087**  
**Special Topics in English for Speakers of Other Languages**  
**ESOL for Citizenship**  
**3 Billable Hours**  
**3 Lecture Hours**  
**0 Lab Hours**

**The Community College of Baltimore County**

**Description**

Special Topics in English for Speakers of Other Languages ESOL for Citizenship Presents the knowledge and language skills needed to pass the I.N.S. Citizenship Test; content tested on the Citizenship Test serves as a basis for practicing language skills.

**Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course student will be able to:

1. Pass a practice version of the Immigration and Naturalization (INS) Citizenship Test.
2. Correctly answer in both written and oral form the 100 questions used by the INS in their interviews of legalization applicants.
3. Demonstrate mastery of U.S. history as presented on the Citizenship Test in listening, reading, and writing contexts.
4. Demonstrate mastery of federal, state, and local systems of government as presented on the Citizenship Test in listening, reading, and writing contexts.
5. Demonstrate mastery of the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizens.
6. Fill out an N-400 form.
7. Demonstrate a knowledge of the steps in the process of applying for and gaining U.S. citizenship.
8. Identify and state the significance of patriotic holidays, and symbols.
9. Understand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance
10. Understand and use vocabulary relevant to the INS Citizenship Test in speaking, reading, and writing contexts.

## **Major Topics**

1. The colonization of North America
2. Colonial North America
3. The American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence
4. The U.S. Constitution
5. The U.S. Civil War
6. Key events of the twentieth century
7. The U.S. Flag, the national anthem, The Pledge of Allegiance, and patriotic holidays
8. The three branches of the federal government
9. State and local government
10. Becoming a citizen

## **Course Requirements**

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty members but will include the following:

1. Students must receive an overall average of 70% in order to receive a grade of "S" for the course.
2. Students will take a minimum of a midterm and final exam.
3. Students will complete all other work required by the instructor, such as quizzes, exercises, readings, and writing assignments.
4. Students are expected to attend all class sessions.

## **Other Course Information**

This course is an elective.