

# **Activity 1: Syllabus**

## ***English, the American Way: In and Out of the Classroom***

Meeting time and place: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
University City Public Library Auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

This is a civics class for intermediate to advanced students who want to use and practice their English as they explore American history, government, customs and culture, and develop communication skills that they can use in the community. In addition to classroom instruction, the class includes guest speakers and field trips so that students can interact with native English speakers while they learn more about St. Louis and the U.S.

- Unit 1 Introduction: “Coming to America”
- Unit 2 Public Library: “Lots More Than Books”
- Unit 3 Community: “What’s in Town?”
- Unit 4 Politics: “Parties, Candidates & Voters”
- Unit 5 American Holidays: “Commemorate and Celebrate”
- Unit 6 Consumer Education: “The Best Buy”
- Unit 7 Laws, Rights and Responsibilities: “America, Land of the Free”
- Unit 8 Religion and Culture: “Beliefs and Customs”
- Unit 9 Health Care: “To Your Health!”
- Unit 10 Education: “Live and Learn”
- Unit 11 Employment: “It’s a Job!”
- Unit 12 Giving Back to the Community: “Getting Involved!”

In addition to these units, a unit on local entertainment and activities will be ongoing throughout the year.

There is NO class on holidays observed by the school district or days that conflict with facility availability.