

Transfer Alliance Program/Honors (TAP)
Los Angeles Valley College

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To: TAP Faculty

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Subject: TAP/Honors Assignments/Projects

I. Choice of additional assignments for TAP/Honors credit. The extraordinary success of TAP at LAVC is due to the commitment of the TAP faculty to the program and to students' successful transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The greater the rigor of the TAP/Honors assignments, the better prepared our students will be when they transfer.

The TAP/Honors assignments have typically included one or more of the following criteria but academic freedom allows for your creativity and personal judgment:

**A. GREATER DEPTH AND BREADTH OF TOPIC
COVERAGE BY**

1. In-depth Class Discussion
2. Research Project
3. Advanced Laboratory Studies
4. Additional Topics
5. Use of primary and supplementary source materials
6. Other _____

**B. ACTIVITIES TO ENRICH TOPICS IN THE DISCIPLINE
INCLUDE**

1. Outside Lectures or Guest Lectures
2. Plays, Concerts, and/or Conferences
3. Tours of Facilities, Field Trips
4. Community Work
5. Other _____

**C. WRITING IN THE CONTENT AREA WILL BE
EMPHASIZED BY**

1. Essay Question on Exams
2. Short Papers, Reviews of Books/Articles
3. Term Papers
4. Written Laboratory Reports
5. Journals
6. Other _____

**D. STUDENTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THE
INITIATIVE, DEVELOP SELF-DIRECTION AND
LEADERSHIP SKILLS BY**

1. Preparation for class by reading in advance
2. Regular Participation in Class Discussion
3. Peer Teaching Activities
4. Independent Studies/Research
5. Other _____

II. TAP Option/Honors contracts are available to TAP students only. Courses must be transferable and minimum of 3 units. The deadline for students to establish TAP Option/Honors contracts is by the end of the fifth week for semester courses and by the end of the second week for summer or winter inter-sessions.

III. Section transfers for students transferring to the TAP or non-TAP section corresponds to the deadline to drop a class with a "W" each semester.