

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## College Colors and Symbol

The College colors are green and gold. The college symbol is the Monarch Lion.

## Co-Curricular Activities

Co-curricular (extra class) activities are intended to provide students with the opportunities (1) to better prepare themselves to discharge the duties of citizenship in a democratic society, (2) to enrich their educational opportunities through extra class cultural activities, through volunteer programs related to the instructional program, and through community-related affairs. It is believed that the students, in learning to work with college groups, will develop proficiencies which will prepare them for leadership in a democratic society and for cooperative and meaningful associations in both occupational and personal pursuits.

The development and continued support of a student activity program is a vital part of the obligation of the faculty and administration to the students and the college community. At Valley, student activities are considered an integral part of the educational program of the college.

## Scholastic Honor Societies

**Tau Alpha Epsilon (TAE)** is a scholastic honor society.

To be eligible a student must have attained a 3.3 GPA in 12 units or more the previous semester or a 3.3 GPA or better in 18 or more total units at LAVC.

TAE is both a service-oriented and social organization, which provide support for such activities as the Deans Reception and tutoring.

**Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)** is an international honor society for the two-year college. Founded in 1918, PTK recognizes and encourages scholarship, development of leadership and service, fellowship, and the pursuit of academic excellence. Eligibility in Los Angeles Valley College's chapter, Beta Delta Sigma, requires maintaining an over-all GPA of 3.5 or higher and completion of 30 or more semester units of accredited college courses while enrolled at LAVC.

## Associated Student Union (ASU)

The Associated Student Union is the core of the student government and activities program at Los Angeles Valley College. In existence since 1949, the Associated Student Union (ASU) is based on a concept of student participation in shared governance and campus activities.

The Associated Student Union at Los Angeles Valley College consists of two (2) branches: Executive Council and Inter Club Council (campus clubs).

## Executive Council

The responsibility of the Executive Council is to represent the student voice in the campus shared governance structure and sponsor events that promote cultural awareness, leadership development, academic improvement, student well-being and positive community relations. The Executive Council meets weekly throughout the fall and spring semesters. Each spring, elections are held for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Commissioner of Athletics
- Commissioner of Ethnic/Cultural Affairs
- Commissioner of Fine Arts
- Commissioner of Political Affairs
- Commissioner of Public Relations
- Commissioner of Student/Social Affairs
- Commissioner of Campus/Environmental Concerns
- Commissioner of Evening Division
- Chief Justice (appointed)
- Parliamentarian (appointed)
- Inter Club Council Representative (appointed)
- Secretary (appointed)

Executive Council officers are responsible for representing the student voice by participating in the college's shared governance structure. Executive Council officers participate on the following college committees: Budget, College Council, Curriculum, Student Discipline, Instructional Programs, Master Plan, Matriculation, Space and Work, Student Services, and Technology.

In addition, the ASU coordinates and/or assists with the following events:

- Armenian Genocide Remembrance
- Black Heritage Celebration
- Club Days
- Commencement
- Dean's Reception
- Holocaust Remembrance
- Homecoming
- International Festival
- Latino Heritage Celebration
- Lion's Den
- Scholarship Awards Night

### Campus Clubs (Inter Club Council)

The other branch of the Associated Student Union is the Inter Club Council (ICC). The responsibility of the ICC is to encourage student membership, facilitate efficient coordination, and protect and maintain the integrity of campus clubs. Like the Executive Council, representatives from each of the clubs meet weekly. The Executive Council Vice President chairs the meetings and ICC Representative acts as co-chair.

Campus clubs provide students with the opportunity to interact with their peers around a common cause or topic. To form a club, students must recruit ten students, draft a club constitution and have a faculty advisor. Some clubs which have been active during the year include the following:

- Armenian Student Association
- Child Development Club
- Hillel
- MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan)
- PESSA (Pre-medical, Engineering, Science Scholarship Association)
- Psychology Club
- Tau Alpha Epsilon
- Valley Collegiate Players

### ASU Membership Fee

Each student is encouraged to become a member of the Associated Student Union by paying their \$7.00 membership fee per semester. ASU membership enables students to join clubs, admission to athletic events, and discounts at local business. Also, the membership fee funds ASU-sponsored events and the Lion's Den.

The ASU operates a student lounge, the Lion's Den, which features 16 computers in the cyber lounge and a pool table, air hockey, big screen television and comfortable couches.

In addition, the ASU provides supplemental funding to a variety of programs and departments as listed below.

- Astronomy Department
- Music Department
- Supplemental Instruction
- Transfer Alliance Program
- Transfer/Career Center
- Writing Center

### A.S.U. Membership Fee Refund

Students who withdraw from the college early in the semester will, on application to the college Business Office, receive refunds according to the following schedule:

Withdrawal from college during first week of instruction - Refund 75%.

Withdrawal from college during second week of instruction - Refund 50%.

Withdrawal from college during third week of instruction or later - No Refund.

First Week	Second Week
\$5.25	\$3.50

### Student Representation Fee

Los Angeles Valley College has a mandatory Student Representation Fee of \$1.00. The money collected through this fee is used exclusively to cover the costs of students who may be sharing the student body viewpoint before city, country and district government, and before offices and agencies of the state and federal government as well as legislative training. You may petition to be exempt from paying this fee based on religious, political, moral or financial reasons. To petition for this exemption, you must go to the Business Office and do so in writing.

## Qualification for ASU Officers

(Administrative Regulation E-22)

Administrative Regulation E-22 pertains to elected Associated Student Union (ASU) officers, officers appointed to elected positions and heads of ASU Standing Committees.

Administrative Regulation E-22 does not apply to clubs, club representatives, ASU special committees and all college committees.

1. The following standards governing candidate and officer (as defined by the ASO constitution and by-laws) eligibility for appointed and elected Associated Student Organization officers (ASO), must be met:
  - A. The candidate or officer must be a currently paid member of the ASO, at the college where the election is being held and have successfully completed no more than 80 degree-applicable units in the District.
  - B. The candidate may seek only one campus office within the District.
  - C. The candidate or officer must have and maintain a cumulative and current GPA of at least 2.0 in units completed at all the colleges in the District during the semesters in which the student government office is applied for and held. Current means the most recently completed semester or session.
  - D. The candidate or officer must not be on academic or progress probation. Progress probation is defined as having recorded grade entries of "W" (withdrawal), "I" (Incomplete), "NC" (No Credit) for fifty percent or more of all units in which a student has enrolled. Academic probation results when a student fails to maintain an accumulated grade point average of 2.0.
  - E. At the time of election, or appointment, and throughout the term of office, the candidate or officer must be actively enrolled in, and must successfully complete a minimum of five (5) units per semester. Students falling below this requirement will automatically forfeit their office. Candidates may be enrolled in more than one college in the District, but the candidate must be currently enrolled in a minimum of five (5) units at the college where the candidate is seeking office. Officers must maintain that enrollment at the college where the office is held.
  - F. Exceptions on the maximum units requirement in Section 1a of this regulation may be made for students enrolled in a college degree, certificate or transfer program where the combination of program requirements and prerequisites may result in the student exceeding the 80 degree-applicable unit limit.

Exceptions will be decided by the College President based upon recommendations made by the Chief Student Services Officer.

In order to be considered for an exemption, a student, who exceeds the requisite 80 degree- applicable unit maximum, must satisfy at least one of the following conditions:

1. The requirements of the student's declared associate degree major, certificate and/or transfer objective, as specified in the college catalog, caused the student to enroll in courses that exceeded the 80 degree-applicable unit maximum.
2. Program prerequisites, as specified in the college catalog, caused the student to exceed the 80 degree-applicable unit maximum.
2. A candidate or officer is ineligible for ASO office:
  - A. If he/she has served more than four (4) semesters in any one (1) or more student government elected or appointed offices in the District.
  - B. If a candidate or officer, who exceeded the unit maximum in Section 1a of this regulation and was granted an exception, fails to be enrolled in courses that are specifically required for his or her declared associate degree, certificate or transfer objective requirements, as specified in the college catalog.
3. An officer may serve a fifth semester if eligible at the time of assuming office with the approval of the college president or designee (e.g., has served three semesters and is a candidate for an office with a one-year term).
4. The Chief Student Services Officer and/or designee will verify a candidate or officer's eligibility. If the student should disagree with the findings of the Chief Student Services Officer and/or designee, he/she can appeal the decision through the student grievance procedures contained in LACCD Administrative Regulation E-55. Officers not adhering to the standards for office will be required to forfeit their positions.
5. Candidates or officers must comply with the minimum standards of the District Code of Conduct. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of the position (Board Rule, Article VIII, Sections 9801-9806).
6. Any candidate or officer with a disability may request an accommodation for the requirements of Section 1e:
  - A. The approval of the accommodation for candidates with a disability will be made in individual instances on a case-by-case basis by the Chief Student Services Officer in consultation with the college Compliance Officer and/or the Director of the Disabled Student Program and Service (DSP&S) in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities, as appropriate.

- B. Qualification for an accommodation will be based on the impact of the disability on the candidate's/officer's ability to take 5 units. However, a candidate or officer must be enrolled in a minimum of five units throughout his/her term in accordance with Education Code section 76071.
- C. Procedures for requesting an accommodation under E-22:
1. Candidates/officers must complete a written request form for accommodation available in the college's Student Services Office, and return it to the Chief Student Services Officer.
  2. Each candidate or officer must present written documentation verifying the disability. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to, written notice from the college DSP&S office or a certified or licensed professional, such as a doctor, psychologist, rehabilitation counselor, occupational or physical therapist.
7. Students enrolled in college credit and/or non-credit courses are eligible to vote at the college of attendance. Enrollment in Community Services classes does not meet this requirement.

### Student Trustee Election Procedure

The Los Angeles Community College District conducts an election annually whereby each student in the District has an opportunity to be involved in the process of selecting a student representative to the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees.

The process contained in Board Rule 21001 provides for a thorough evaluation of the candidates qualifications and insures an equal opportunity for any individual from any District college seek the position of student representative to the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees.

In accordance with the existing Board Rule 21001, candidates for Student Trustee must:

1. Be currently enrolled and in good standing (i.e., not on academic or progress probation) at one or more colleges in the District.
2. Be currently enrolled in 5 units.
3. Have completed a minimum of 12 units in the Los Angeles Community College District and a maximum of 80 transferable units of college work within the Los Angeles Community College District. Exceptions on the maximum unit requirement may be considered according to Board Rule 21001.

For more information, contact the Associated Student Union Office in Campus Center 102.

## Intercollegiate Athletics and Eligibility

### Athletic Program

Valley College is a member of the Western State Conference (WSC) for men's and women's athletics (except football).

Member colleges include:

- Allen Hancock College
- Bakersfield College
- College of the Canyons
- Citrus College
- Cuesta College
- Glendale College
- Los Angeles Pierce College
- Los Angeles Valley College
- Moorpark College
- Oxnard College
- Santa Barbara City College
- Santa Monica City College
- Ventura College
- West Los Angeles College

A full program of intercollegiate athletics is offered, including football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's track, baseball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's swimming, men's and women's water polo, softball, and women's soccer.

Valley College is a member of the Southern California Football Association (SCFA).

### Athletic Eligibility

COA and WSC conference eligibility rules and Valley College regulations provide that to participate in intercollegiate sports during the first semester of competition the student must:

- have begun regular attendance not later than four weeks after the first day of instruction during his/her season of competition
- be enrolled in a minimum of 12 units, during competition in a sport (see Commission on Athletics, COA Constitution, Bylaw 1)\*.

\* Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to the Athletic Director or to the Office of Administrative Services.

## Alumni and Friends Association

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All former Valley College students are eligible and encouraged to become members of the Valley College Alumni Association. Benefits come with membership. Application forms are available at the LAVC Foundation Office (Admin. Bldg., Rm. 100), or you may download online at: [www.lavcfoundation.org](http://www.lavcfoundation.org). For information, please call (818) 947-2700.

### Journalism Alumni Association

The Valley College Journalism Alumni Association is open to former journalism students. It was founded in 1956 and has as its aims to foster professional standards and interests among its members. Membership consists of alumni, most of whom are now working journalists or are continuing their education at a university. Group projects include financial aid to deserving students and recognition of outstanding journalistic work done by alumni in the field and by high school students through their publications.

## Theater Arts Alumni Association

The Theater Arts Alumni Association is open to former Valley College students who either have been enrolled in the Theater and Cinema Arts curriculum or have worked in a Theater or Cinema Arts production of the department and pay such annual dues as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Governors of the alumni. The purpose of the association is the following: (1) To advance the study and enjoyment of the performing arts at Valley College; (2) To establish and maintain a scholarship fund for students of the Theater and Cinema Arts Department; (3) To contribute good fellowship to its members; and, (4) In all of its activities to support the goals of the department and of the college.

## Bequests

A bequest is a gift made through your Will or Living Trust. You can create a scholarship or assist a specific college program through a bequest. Bequests are easy to create. For information and guidelines, please call (818) 947-2619, or write:

The Los Angeles Valley College Foundation  
5800 Fulton Avenue  
Valley Glen, CA 91401-4096



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