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Taytayan Learning Community

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In the Taytayan Learning Community you will be in a cohort of up to 25 students, taking classes together, taught through the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) lens.

"Taytayan" comes from Tagalog and means "bridge.". Through this community, we are aiming to bridge experiences of the API community with the greater SBVC community. The courses will be taught with culturally inclusive materials, spanning a wide range of API experiences. **Students from all backgrounds are encouraged to join!**

Fall 2025 Courses	Spring 2026 Courses
	MATH 151 Professor Bethany Tasaka or STAT-C-1000 Professor Amanda Qader
COMM 1000 Section 20 Dr. Susan Mattson	ENGL-C-1001 Dr. Rangel Zarate
SDEV 102 Section 21 Professor Ula Matavao	SDEV 103 Professor Ula Matavao

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Our Mission: Taytayan is a learning community that centers the scholarship, cultures, stories, and voices of Asian and Pacific Islander communities. Our mission is to build a bridge for students seeking to explore and connect with Asian and Pacific Islander cultural identities. We strive to foster meaningful relationships and cultivate a strong sense of belonging, so that every student in Taytayan feels seen, supported, and empowered to thrive.

Join the Taytayan Learning Community!

- ☑ **Courses will center around Asian American and Pacific Islander cultures and experiences**
- ☑ **Cohort will include exciting projects, mentorships, fieldtrips, and events!**
- ☑ **Every student will be paired with a mentor who works at SBVC or CHC**

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If interested, email Ula Matavao: umatavao@valleycollege.edu

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