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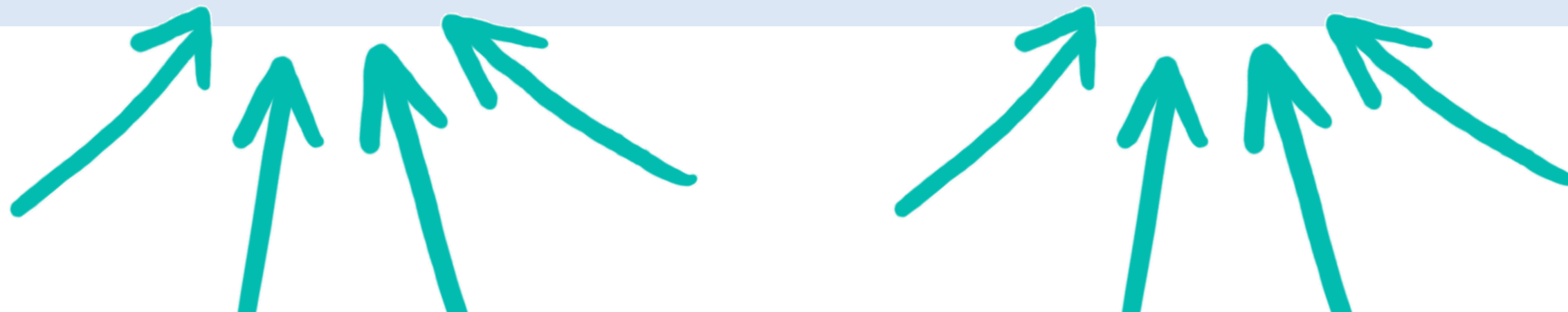
OFFICE OF
PRE-PROFESSIONAL
ADVISING

Advisor Pre-Orientation Training 2023



ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

- Honors Program
- Individualized and Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- Office of National Scholarships and Fellowships
- Office of Undergraduate Research
- University Scholar Program
- **Office of Pre-Professional Advising**
 - **Pre-Law Advising**
 - **Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Advising**



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The PPA "Core 4"



Sarah Scheidel, Ed.D., Director,
Pre-Professional Advising
Krista Rogers, MA, Assistant
Director, Pre-Professional Advising



Starting June 2nd, Pre-
Professional Advisor
Megan Baro, MS, Health
Professions Advisor



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Part-Time Faculty/Professional Advisors & Admin Support



Thomas Abbott, PhD,

Pre-Dental Advisor

Emma Belliveau, BS,

Pre-Medical Advisor

Keat Sanford, PhD,

Pre-Medical Advisor

Diane Whitney, JD

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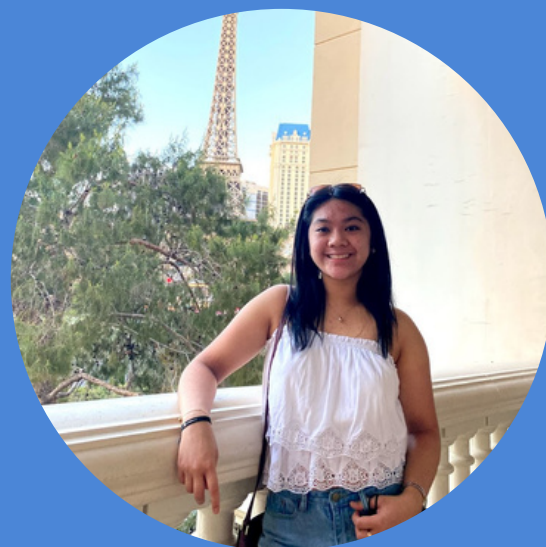
Health Professions Peer Ambassadors (HPPAs)

30-minute appointments *and* 10-minute drop-in appointments



Yulianny De Los Santos '23, PNB major, pre-medical track

Nour Al Zouabi '23, MCB + "Rights, Health, and Refugees" major, pre-medical track



Kristine Owusu '23, psychological sciences major, pre-dental track

Aesha Acevedo '23, MCB major, pre-medical track

COMING
SOON



New HPPAs for Fall 2023

How can students connect with us?

Group Advising

1:1 Advising

Drop-In Advising

Workshops/Events

Alumni Engagement

Chat w/Alumni

Interview Prep Prog.

Featured Workshops

Instagram

Newsletters



BEING PRE-LAW AT UCONN



Unlike other pre-professional programs, there is no one way to be pre-law.

The American Bar Association has prepared some general pre-law advice.

- Law schools don't have any expectations for majors or specific courses.
- Many students take time off between college and law school.
- Advising is available to help all current students and alumni with creating the pre-law checklist that fits their individual circumstances and needs.



COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS

The classes in **BOLD Italics** are strongly recommended. They teach fundamental skills that are necessary for success in law school. Classes with an * should be taken before the LSATs, if possible.

- **Mathematics/Statistics**

- ***MATH 1020Q: Problem Solving****
- MATH 1070Q: Math for Business and Economics
- STAT 1000Q: Introduction to Stats **OR** STAT 1100Q: Elementary Concepts in Stats

- **Philosophy/Sociology**

- ***PHIL 1102: Philosophy and Logic****
- PHIL 2211Q: Symbolic Logic
- PHIL 2215: Ethics
- PHIL 2217: Social and Political Philosophy
- SOCI 3823: The Sociology of Law—Global and Comparative Perspectives

- **English**

- ***ENGL 3601: The English Language***
- ENGL 3633W: The Rhetoric of Political Discourse in Literature and Society
- Any writing courses

- **Economics**

- ***ECON: 1201 and 1202: Micro and Macro Economics***
 - ECON 1200 is also acceptable
- ECON 1108: Game Theory

- **Communication**

- COMM 1100: Public Speaking

- **Any law-related courses from HIST, POLS, SOCI, or ANTH Departments**



BEING PRE-MED OR PRE-DENT AT UCONN



Course Requirements

Biology: BIOL 1107 + 1108

Chemistry: CHEM 1124 + 1125 +1126 OR CHEM 1127 +1128

Organic Chemistry: CHEM 2443 + 2444 + 2445

Biochemistry: MCB 2000

- Depends for dental schools

Physics: 1201 + 1202 OR 1401 + 1402 [OR 1501 + 1502]

English: One year (two semesters) of English classes

Math/Statistics: vary by school

- Most medical schools recommend 1-2 semesters of college-level mathematics, such as one semester of Statistics and/or one semester of Calculus
- Some dental schools require Statistics or Calculus; the DAT includes basic Algebra



Breadth

- ✦ Typically refers to pursuing upper-level courses in the arts, humanities and social sciences

Depth

- ✦ Typically refers to pursuing upper-level courses within your major or an area of interest

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- ✦ Typically refers to pursuing upper-level courses that necessitate a certain level of academic dedication

Suggested Courseload

- ✦ Our general rule of thumb is to have a student begin with **two math/science** selections per semester and then move to three math/science selections once the student has established a strong performance record.
 - Exceptionally strong students can proceed with the traditional three math/science selections in the first year (Calculus, General Chemistry, and Principles of Biology) if their record clearly suggests they will be able to manage this load.



SAMPLE Course Plan

| Sample Course Timeline | Fall | Spring |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| <p>First Year</p> | <p> BIOL 1107 CHEM 1127Q ENGL 1010 Elective/Gen. Ed. UNIV </p> | <p> BIOL 1108 CHEM 1128Q Elective/Gen. Ed. Elective (e.g., SOCI 2250) </p> |
| <p>Second Year</p> | <p> CHEM 2443 MCB 2400 MATH 1131Q Elective (e.g., ANTH 3202W) </p> | <p> CHEM 2444 (CHEM 2445) MCB 2210 MATH 1132Q or STAT 1000Q or STAT 1100Q Elective (e.g., GEOG 3240) </p> |
| <p>Third Year</p> | <p> (CHEM 2445) MCB 2000 PHYS 1201 or 1401 PSYC 1100 PNB 2264 or PNB 2274 </p> | <p> PHYS 1201 or 1402 PSYC 1101 PNB 2265 or PNB 2275 English (e.g., ENGL 2407) </p> |
| <p>Fourth Year</p> | <p> Upper-level STEM course Upper-level STEM course Independent Study (research) Elective/major course </p> | <p> Upper-level STEM course Upper-level STEM course Independent Study (research) Elective/major course </p> |

NOTE: courses highlighted in yellow are prerequisites and should be taken before sitting for the MCAT/DAT

AP Credit Policies

- ✦ The majority of health professions schools will accept AP credit **if it is supplemented by upper-level coursework** in that discipline.
 - Most schools require one year of collegiate-level Biology, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, and Physics *with* a laboratory component
- ✦ **UConn SOM does not accept AP credit** for any prerequisite course requirements
- ✦ Early College Experience courses are collegiate-level coursework and will count to fulfill prerequisite requirements.



ECE and More to Consider



General rule of thumb

Bring in ECE work if the student has an **A-** or better grade.

- For students clearly headed toward allopathic medical school (MD) programs, the median college GPA for students matriculating to allopathic medical school programs now sits at a 3.7+, so students need to recognize that if they bring in a B+ (3.3 GPA) they will already have to make up some GPA ground on other applicants to medical school programs.

Community College and Summer Coursework: Some professional schools do not accept community college credits, and some caution against pursuing the course prerequisites as summer courses. Refer to specific schools' websites for more information.



Co-Curricular Engagement

- Clinical experience
 - Shadowing
 - Direct patient care
- Service
- Research, independent scholarship
- Extracurriculars for fun and interest!

APPLY NOW FOR SUMMER 2022
DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2022



HEALTH RESEARCH PROGRAM
UGRADRESEARCH.UCONN.EDU/HRP

JOIN STUDENT GROUPS!

Explore what UConn has to offer here



Uconn Health Leaders Program

Apply for Fall 2021
by Friday, July 2nd
at 11:59PM!



The Core Competencies

“Successful medical school applicants are able to demonstrate skills, knowledge, and abilities in these areas. *One experience can illustrate proficiency across multiple competencies.*” (AAMC)

- *Reflect regularly on your level of mastery of each of the core competencies
- *Make plans to develop those competency areas where you have less experience
- *Document examples of how you have demonstrated those competencies with which you have significant familiarity

[Self-Assessment Guide](#)

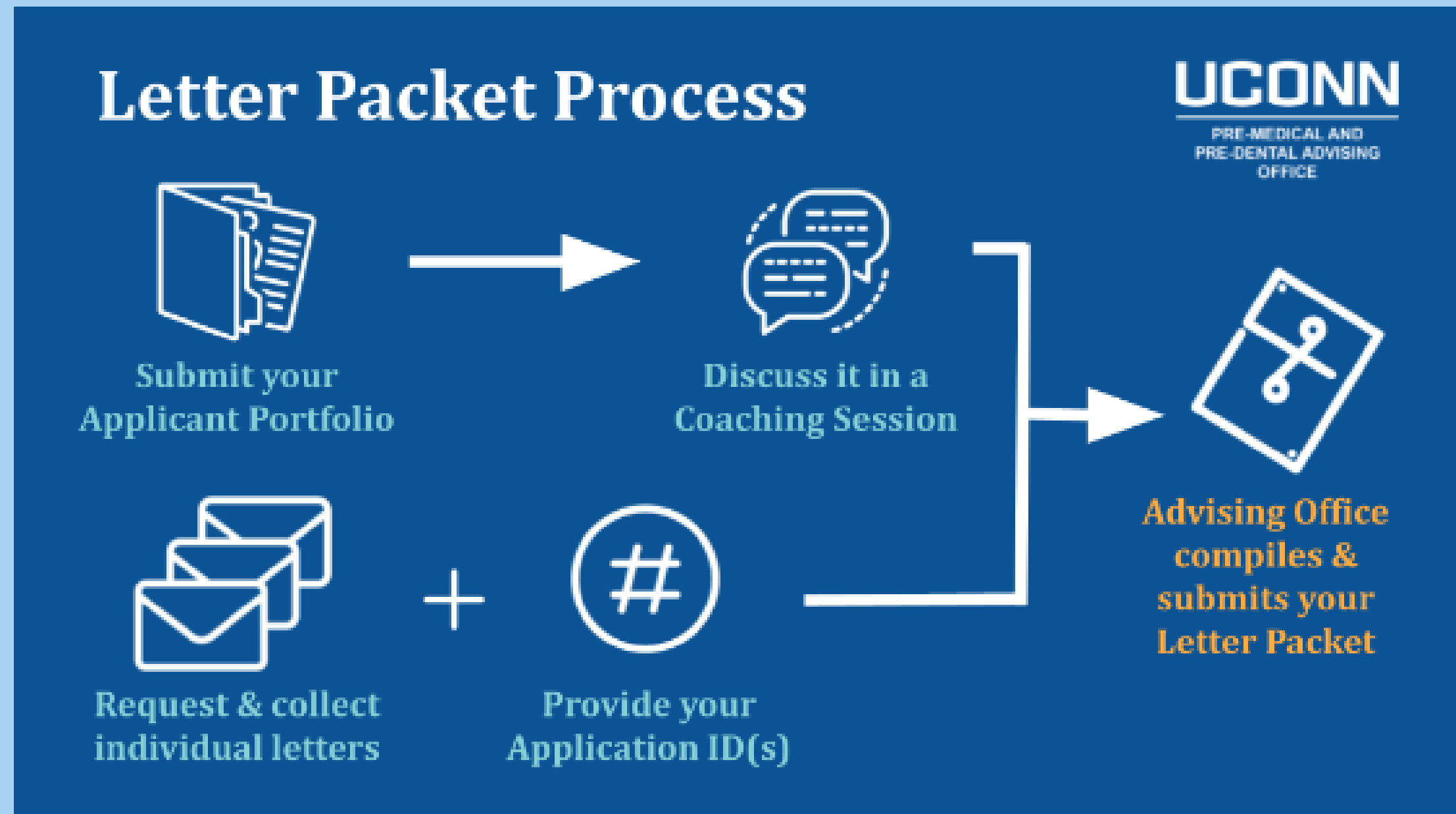
[Real Stories](#)

[The 15 Competencies](#)



Applicant Support Process

Health Professions
Applicant Portfolio
+
45-minute Applicant
Coaching Session
+
Health Professions
Letter Packet
=
Letter Packet



By the numbers...

- ✦ Our office has collected data on growth years for the two most recent application cycles (2022 and 2023); **80% of applicants** in the 2022 Cycle and **77% of applicants** in the 2023 Cycle took **at least one growth year**, with the **average number of years being slightly above two for each cycle**.
- ✦ Of applicants that matriculated to medical school in the 2022 Cycle, about 80% of them had taken at least one growth year; 62% of dental matriculants had taken at least one growth year.



By the numbers...2022 Cycle

- ✦ **36.7%** MD acceptance rate nationwide
- ✦ **55.5%** UConn applicant acceptance rate to medical school
- ✦ **87.5%** UConn applicant acceptance rate to dental school

UConn acceptance/matriculation data:
premed.uconn.edu/data

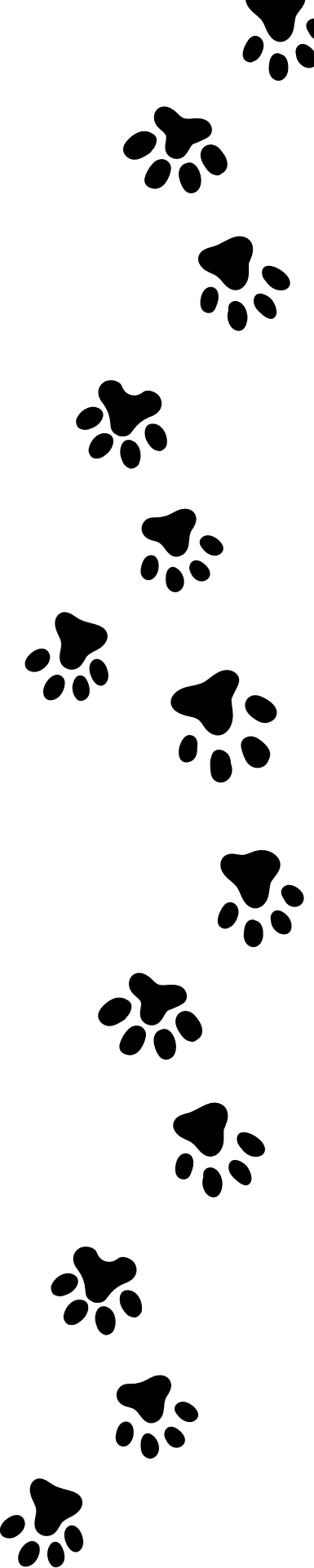


MAIN TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ Our team is here to provide **holistic and inclusive support** to all UConn students and alumni interested in pursuing postgraduate study to enter the **health and legal** professions.
EVERY CAMPUS too!

We support all applicants regardless what obstacles they've experienced and had to overcome (e.g. GPAs, lack of experience in an area, etc...)

- ✓ Message us on Teams if you have an in-the-moment question while working with a student (especially related to AP/ECE)



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