

# LAVC Transfer Alliance Program (TAP/Honors) May 2024 Newsletter

To: TAP Students and Faculty  
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Congratulations to all LAVC TAP students admitted for Fall 2024 to the colleges and universities you applied! On top of the rigorous academic schedules you each carried per term, many of you found the time to participate on campus and in your communities in meaningful ways. You also balanced employment to support yourself and family, applied to programs, scholarships or internships, and sought career-exploration opportunities, all while maintaining competitive GPAs. Incredible! You spent hours poring over transfer information and articulation agreements ensuring you took the right courses to be well-prepared for your major. You sent endless emails, Canvas or text messages to your instructors, counselors, undergraduate advisors and peers, clarifying and communicating your bold ideas, excellent questions and critical analysis. Your late nights, group tutoring sessions, and meticulous course planning have all finally paid off. Your unwavering commitment to your educational goals is truly inspiring.

Thus, we want to honor our TAP Completers—no matter where you are headed in Fall 2024—at our **TAP and Transfer Celebration on Thursday, May 23**. You each have many exciting adventures ahead of you, and we are so proud of your launch from Los Angeles Valley College! Please come back and visit us anytime to provide status updates or mentorship to our current TAP students.

For our continuing TAP students, there is no Summer Break nor off-season for us! In fact, this is the best time to ensure your student educational plan is current and accurate, especially if you have changed your major or primary transfer institutions. Please [make an appointment](#) with Mr. Petrini so we can be sure your plan includes your remaining Honors units, plus the correct major and alternate major preparation coursework.

If you are a prospective student reading this—a high school graduate as of Spring 2024, or a continuing or returning college student wanting to apply to LAVC's Transfer Alliance / Honors program—please visit the [TAP website for application](#) and instructions. In addition, please read all “Prospective Student” sections in this newsletter.

Have a terrific Summer!

Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini

## I. TAP and Transfer Celebration – Thursday, May 23

We are delighted to recognize those TAP students who have either already completed LAVC's Transfer Alliance / Honors Program (TAP) or will be by the end of Spring 2024. Congratulations on your work! These students – as well as any student who will be transferring —are invited to the **TAP and Transfer Celebration on Thursday, May 23** from **5:00-7:00PM** in **Monarch Hall** for **themselves and two guests**. Certificates of Transfer Achievement signed by the College President will be awarded during a short program, with food to follow. If you would like to participate, please [RSVP by May 17](#).

The survey provides food preferences for the event, collects important transfer institution data, and allows for your photo and brief message to be posted to our TAP Website. Come say hello to Dr. Hu, Mr. Petriani and TAP Faculty before you transition to your four-year institutions.

## II. Fall 2024 Admission Notes for UCLA

Please see the UCLA-specific information below.

- Review [New Student Checklist for Transfers](#) for actions and deadlines
- **UCLA College Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) Scholarship** – Once admitted to UCLA, TAP students should receive a letter of invitation for TAP Scholarship, which will include instructions and a link to application. There is an essay and letter of recommendation, and it is due **May 9, 2024**.
- Official Transcripts are due July 1, 2024 with coursework through Spring 2024.
- AP and IB Test scores are due July 15, 2024.
- IGETC Certification is due September 1, 2024 (Full UC IGETC certification will be posted on your LACCD transcript by the LAVC Graduation Office if a Graduation Petition was submitted).
- [Reporting Academic Changes as an Admitted UCLA Transfer Student](#) should be done immediately if you find you will not be able to meet any provision in your Admission Contract.
- **ADMITS TO ALTERNATE MAJOR** – If you were not admitted to your first-choice major, but were admitted to your alternate major, this is unlikely to change. Admissions decisions are based on space.

## III. Fall 2024 Admission Notes for Other UC Campuses

Please review the two resources below for more information on the enrollment process for transfers, including campus-specific information.

- [Next Steps from Admission to Enrollment](#)
- [Transfer Waitlist and Appeals Fact Sheet](#)

## IV. Accepting a UC Offer of Admission

As a reminder, the transfer SIR deadline of **June 1** remains the same. Students can accept an admission offer by agreeing to the provisions/conditions outlined in the offer and submitting their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) with the SIR deposit to reserve their space at a campus. The SIR deposit is \$250. Some important things to keep in mind about accepting a UC admission offer:

- 1) Students can accept only one admission offer from one UC campus.
- 2) The SIR deposit is applied to the student's first enrollment term tuition.
- 3) Students that qualified for the UC application fee waiver may also qualify to defer their SIR deposit until financial aid is disbursed.
- 4) The SIR deposit is nonrefundable and nontransferable.
- 5) Further documentation regarding residency status for tuition determination purposes may be required and specifics can be [reviewed here](#).

## V. Transfer/Scholarship Season is Here!

Many scholarship opportunities are available in spring for students transferring Fall 2023. Now is the time to ask professors for **letters of recommendation** to include with your transfer/scholarship applications. Letters of recommendation from professors most familiar with your academic abilities and potential for university-level work carry the most weight. As a secondary reference, an employer who knows your skills/talents can be a great person to ask for a letter of recommendation, especially if you are working in a field related to your educational/career goals. It is also helpful if your reference knows a few things about you. You may want to provide them with bullet points or a brief bio about yourself and your goals so they have an idea of what to include in their letter. Make sure to give professors/employers plenty of advanced notice with all the details they need, including the names of the organization/school, addresses, and particulars of each scholarship. You may find providing pre-addressed, stamped envelopes makes their task easier, if something needs to be sent via U.S. mail.

## VI. Fall 2024 All-Honors Courses (Current/Prospective TAP Students)

The following table details the dedicated Honors sections scheduled for Fall 2024 (subject to change if enrollment is not sufficient). These courses are ineligible for contract.

Course	Class Number	Days/Times	Instructor	IGETC Area
ANTHRO 121	25177	Asynchronous	Stein, R	3B
ART 101	25178	Asynchronous	Hight, D	3A
CHICANO 008	25184	Asynchronous	Arrieta, J	4
COMM 101	25186	Asynchronous	Faina, J	1C
ENGLISH 101	21193	Asynchronous	Jeffries, A	1A
LIB SCI 101*	21196	Asynchronous	Llinas, M	---
PSYCH 001	25191	Asynchronous	Peter, C	4

\*8WeekA (Short-term class)

To view the full list of LAVC Honors Courses offered in Fall 2024, please click **Class Search** at the top of [LAVC's website](#). Be sure that **Fall 2024** is the selected **Term**, LAVC is the **Campus**, and under **Class Search Type**, choose **Honors** ("12 Honors") then click **Search** at the bottom. Copy the 5-digit Class # of the Honors course you want to take and enter it in **Add Classes** field under **Manage Classes** tile on [Student Homepage](#). This is the same process for Spring terms. LAVC does not offer dedicated Honors courses in Winter/Summer, but TAP students may take advantage of an Honors Contract in those terms. Please be aware that although LAVC makes every effort to offer the courses as they are initially posted, schedule adjustments or instructor switches do happen which can affect Honors classes. In addition, as only a small number of Honors seats are reserved in some classes (BIOLOGY 006 & 007, for example), there may no longer be Honors seats available when you are eligible to enroll. Thus, it is always advised to select backup options/schedules from the one in your student education plan, or the one you have mapped out.

## VII. Summer 2024 TAP Office Hours

Mr. Petrini's Office Hours will remain the same in the Summer as throughout the year:

Mondays: 11:30AM—1:30PM, ACA 1414 or via Zoom

Wednesdays: 1:30—3:30PM, ACA 1414 or via Zoom

Dr. Hu's Office Hours will be Thursdays, 10:30am-12:30pm in ACA 1414 and by Zoom.