

LAVC's Transfer Alliance Program
(TAP/Honors)
Newsletter

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To: TAP Students and Faculty

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Dear TAP Students and Community,

The transfer application season continues for upper-division or junior-level transfer applicants for admission to Fall 2024. Please visit our [Career/Transfer Center](#) for support and sign up for their [workshops and events](#). Also, please review the [October TAP Newsletter](#) for all transfer resources as you complete your applications by deadline.

If you will be applying to UCLA, UC Irvine or any of our [HTCC partner campuses](#), **IT IS CRITICAL YOU COMPLETE** the [HTCC Intent to Transfer in Fall 2024](#) form **by DECEMBER 1, 2023** to initiate the information flow between those campuses and our LAVC TAP Office as we prepare for TAP Certification over the Winter. Please see relevant sections of this newsletter for details.

Finally, the Winter and Spring 2024 schedules along with your registration dates have been released. If you do not have a Comprehensive Student Education Plan, please [schedule a TAP Appointment](#) with Mr. Petrini immediately to map out your coursework, as careful planning is key to gaining admission to competitive universities and majors.

Happy Fall!

Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini

I. Spring 2024 Honors Courses & Contracts

Please remember that LAVC's Transfer Alliance/Honors Program (TAP) offers Honors classes in Fall and Spring terms, only. If you are hoping to get Honors credit for a regular class (not Honors) you are taking in Winter or Spring, please verify that it is an eligible class at bottom of [TAP Curriculum page](#) along with the Contracts section, which has the [Honors Contract Form](#). If you have any questions about the process, please email Dr. Hu. If you cannot find an instructor's email, please use the [LAVC Directory](#).

To view LAVC's Spring 2024 Honors classes:

- Click on Class Search at the top of LAVC.EDU and select **Term: Spring 2024** or [click here](#)
- Make sure **Campus: Los Angeles Valley College** is selected
- Select **Class Search Type: 12 Honors** and click **Search** button at bottom
- There should be an alphabetized list of 23 Honors Class sections/courses to choose from

As every Honors section has a unique Class Number associated with it, you will need to copy the 5-digit Class Number from this [Spring 2024 Honors Class Search page](#) and enter it into your **Add Classes** search field from **Manage Classes** tile in order to enroll into the specific Honors class(es) of your choosing. If you have questions, please work with the [Welcome Center](#) for enrollment support.

We are offering several **in-person Honors classes** this Spring including BIOLOGY 006 (#13043/13045; L. Zung); ECON 001 (#24474; T. Prante); MATH 259 (#16162; B. Carthew); PHILOS 001 (##24508; N. Placencia); and POL SCI 001 (#20178; J. Sperber). It's a great way to meet your Honors peers and engage with our dedicated Honors faculty! See our [updated campus map](#) to see where these classes meet.

If you are unclear on which classes to enroll, please refer to your student educational plan (SEP). To access your SEP, go to your [Student Portal](#), click on **Manage Classes** tile, scroll down and click on **Student Educational Plan**, bottom left tab. On the next screen, click on **Current Counselor SEP on File**. A 2-page pdf of your entire plan should pop up with notes per Class and counselor comments with pertinent information at bottom. If it does not, adjust your browser settings to allow for pop-ups, or switch browsers. **IF you do not have a current or updated SEP, please [make an appointment with Mr. Petrini](#), immediately!**

II. UCLA Primary & Alternate Majors and Library Privileges

Students should apply to their [primary major at UCLA](#) as you have been preparing for. There are no restrictions to the primary major you choose. However, TAP students need to be well-educated about [UCLA's TAP Alternate Major Review Policy](#), as the UC Application does not incorporate these limits automatically. Thus, the following majors ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION AS AN ALTERNATE MAJOR:

- Biology
- Pre-Business Economics
- Communication
- Pre-Economics
- Education and Social Transformation
- English
- Global Studies
- Human Biology and Society (B.A. and B.S.)
- International Development Studies
- Mathematics/Economics
- Mathematics, Financial Actuarial
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Statistics and Data Science

Also, please be aware that BA and BS Public Health are both now available as either primary or alternate majors. However, you may not list both options as your primary and alternate major, so please make your major selections wisely. BA Public Affairs is eligible as a primary or alternate major.

UCLA TAP Library Privileges Benefit

An additional benefit to LAVC TAP students is using UCLA Libraries. You will need to request the **Powell Library TAP Program-Student Form** from Mr. Petrini via email, office hours, or during an appointment, and then **students must go to Powell Library** (on UCLA's campus) to receive their library card. Students will be able to check out up to a maximum of 10 items from 8 of UCLA's libraries: Arts, Music, Powell, Young Research Library (YRL), Management, Biomedical, Science and Engineering (Boelter), and Geology.

*Please note that while our LAVC librarians can support your research requests, they are not able to verify your participation in TAP nor provide it to you.

III. UCLA Life Sciences: The Transfer Experience

A panel to provide valuable insights and guidance to prospective transfer students will be held on November 15th at 6:00pm via [Zoom](https://ucla.zoom.us/j/7860929031#success) (<https://ucla.zoom.us/j/7860929031#success>). The panel will feature UCLA students, professors, and counselors who have diverse experiences with the transfer process. They will share advice on various aspects of the transfer experience, including academic challenges, research opportunities, and the social aspects of life at UCLA.

IV. HTCC Intent to Transfer in Fall 2024 Form – Due December 1, 2023

The primary purpose of [this form](#) is to indicate which campuses you will be applying to, including UCLA and UC Irvine, as well as any of our HTCC Partners. In addition, it will release the information back to LAVC's TAP so that we may nominate you for UCI's H2H program, if eligible, as well as help manage the transfer process for our students. Please open the form which has **4 sections**, and follow the below guidelines. You will not receive a personal confirmation email upon completing the form, but Dr. Hu will. We advise you wait until you have finalized your transfer applications before submitting this form, but IF anything changes, you are able to resubmit the form, and LAVC TAP will be notified.

Part 1

- HONORS DIRECTOR'S EMAIL (Dr. Hu's email): HUY2@LAVC.EDU

Part 2

- Indicate if you submitted a TAG to any UC campus (deadline was September 30).
- Part 2 clarifies, "UCLA is not an **HTCC Partner**, but your college (LAVC) may be a TAP partner." As we've discussed, LAVC's TAP program is a partner to UCLA's Transfer Alliance Program (TAP). Thus, please indicate your primary and alternate majors, per the [alternate major guidelines](#) (see above for reference)

Part 3

- Indicate whether you are applying to UC Irvine or not. If so, you will need to provide your UC Application ID after you submit your UC Application by November 30, 2023.

Part 4

- Select any and all other schools to which you will be applying. Even if you do not plan on applying to any on this list, you must click "SUBMIT" at bottom so the form is accurately saved.

V. UC Irvine's Campus-wide Honors Collegium (CHC)

As a part of UCI's admissions process, eligible TAP students are invited into their [Campuswide Honors Collegium](#) through the [Honors to Honors \(H2H\)](#) program. Students must have a **3.7 GPA in UC-transferable** courses by the end of **Fall 2023** and complete LAVC's TAP requirements by the end of **Spring 2024**. Honors to Honors students admitted to CHC take an honors seminar during their first year, and engage in mentored research culminating in a senior honors thesis. Unfortunately, Nursing and majors that require an audition do not participate in the H2H partnership. **IF YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE COMPLETE THE [HTCC INTENT TO TRANSFER IN FALL 2024](#)**. See below for completion information.

VI. Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

The 2024 Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship application opened October 5 and will close on January 11, 2024. Eligible students are those transferring to begin studies in Fall 2024, and those not already enrolled in a four-year institution. The maximum amount of the Cooke Foundation's scholarship is \$55,000 per year for up to three years.

The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship application is submitted using the [Common App for Transfer](#). Email scholarships@jkcf.org with questions or visit the [Jack Cooke Kent scholarship website](#) for further details.

We have had several LAVC TAP students receive this scholarship in the past, so please apply!