

**Transfer Alliance Program  
(TAP/Honors)  
September 2023 Newsletter**

Dear TAP Students and Community,

Welcome to the Fall 2023 semester! We are delighted that LAVC is “Coming Back Strong” as many in-person student services and classes are being offered all over campus! In an effort to modernize the College’s facilities, work is underway on the [Academic Complex 1 building](#) along Burbank Blvd. Space is also being made for a new Academic Building 2 with the demolition of the old Theatre Arts structure along Fulton Avenue. So, please be mindful of extra construction zones, personnel, and traffic all around campus as you are driving or walking. Hard hats not needed, but awareness is!

We’d like to welcome our newest TAP Students into the LAVC Honors ranks, and welcome back our continuing TAP students whom will mostly be applying to transfer for Fall 2024. Please see all related transfer information and related workshop opportunities below.

Our campus is also very proud to have finally published our Career and Academic Pathway (CAP) Canvas sites so students can stay more connected to their majors with videos interviewing our dedicated faculty about career paths, exploration and majors, related workshops and campus engagements, faculty contacts, and career information. Please [click here to join your CAP](#). If you’re in the wrong major (Academic Plan), please see Mr. Petrini for consultation or to change it.

Finally, to keep up with events on campus, please read the [Valley Weekly](#) as it is emailed out each Monday. Have a fantastic Fall 2023!

Best,

Dr. Yih-mei Hu, TAP Director

Mr. Christopher Petrini, TAP Counselor

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### **OFFICE HOURS – FALL 2023**

Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini will hold office hours in ACA 1414. Please stop by in person or click on the respective office link on the [TAP/Honors website](#) to enter their virtual offices.

**Dr. Yih-Mei Hu, TAP Director:**

Mondays, 1:00-4:00pm, ACA 1414 (no Zoom)

Thursdays, 9:00am-12:00pm, ACA 1414/Zoom

Thursdays, 1:30-3:00pm, Zoom only

Fridays, by appointment

**Mr. Chris Petrini, TAP Counselor:**

Mondays, 11:30am-1:30pm, ACA 1414/Zoom

Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30pm, ACA 1414/Zoom

## I. Honors Courses – Fall 2023

The table below lists the **All Honors** courses for Fall 2023, which are only available for TAP students. As a reminder, if you are unable to enroll into one of these classes (with specific 5-digit Class #), you may not contract the course. Hence, we encourage you to enroll as soon as possible.

Class	Class #	Modality	Instructor*	IGETC Area
ANTHRO 101H	25074	Asynchronous	R. Frank	5B
CINEMA 105H	25076	Asynchronous	J. Trudgeon	3A
COMM 105H	25077	Asynchronous	J. Faina	1B
ENGLISH 101H	25078	Asynchronous	A. Jeffries	1A
LIB SCI 101H	25081	Asynchronous	C. Orozco	Not Applicable
PSYCH 001H	25079	Asynchronous	N. Bajwa	4
SOC 003H	25181	Asynchronous	J. Valadez	4

\*subject to change

To view the full list of LAVC Honors Courses offered in Fall 2023, please click **Class Search** at the top of [LAVC's website](#), or [click here](#). Ensure that **Fall 2023** 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 (see Section III below).

## II. Policy Update on Honors Units

In the past, the number of minimum Honors units a student needed to complete LAVC's Transfer Alliance/Honors (TAP) Program was either **15 or 18 units and LIB SCI 101**. If you entered the program with no college credits, and was a History major, for example, you were required to complete 18 Honors units. If you were a returning college student applying to TAP for the first time, or were a STEM or high-unit major, you were required to do 15 Honors units to complete the program.

As a way to make the requirements most equitable, **all LAVC TAP students will now be required to complete at least 15 Honors units and LIB SCI 101**. This applies to all current (continuing) TAP students, so you will only be required to complete 15 Honors units for Fall 2024 TAP certification and transfer. However, please be advised that completing additional Honors units may boost your transfer application.

## III. TAP Contracts

In addition to the All Honors and Mixed Sections offered each Fall and Spring semesters, TAP students may also earn Honors units for any course listed under [Current TAP Approved Courses](#) by requesting an Honors Contract from the instructor of a regular class. Details are posted on the [TAP Curriculum website](#) under "Contracts." **Be sure to review all steps and ask for clarification to ensure a smooth approval process. Facilitating a TAP contract successfully is the student's responsibility.** Faculty are **not required** to contract or submit the form. Faculty may find contract information on the [TAP SharePoint](#).

#### IV. UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) – Due September 30, 2023

Six participating University of California campuses (not UCLA, UC Berkeley or UC San Diego) offer **guaranteed admission** to transfer students in certain majors as seen on the [2024-2025 TAG Matrix](#) or explained on the [TAG Website](#).

- Students who have met campus-specific requirements must complete the [online TAG application](#) and **submit it between September 1-30, 2023 for Fall 2024 admission**.
- TAG students must also submit a [UC application for transfer](#) between October 1--November 30, 2023 to that campus, as submitting the TAG alone is not enough.
- Note #1: Transfer students do not have to participate in TAG to be considered for admission. In fact, approximately two-thirds of transfer students admitted to UC do not have a TAG. Non-TAG students simply apply for regular UC admission during the appropriate application filing period.
- Note #2: A TAG can be done at any one of the six UC's in addition to completing TAP/Honors at LAVC. TAG is separate from the priority consideration students receive at UCLA when they are TAP Certified and have completed our program.
- Be on the lookout for [TAG Workshops at LAVC's Career & Transfer Center](#) in September.

#### V. UC Application for Transfer

Please browse the [Applying as a transfer](#) page on the UC Admissions website to begin working on your [UC Application](#), which may be submitted **between October 1—November 30, 2023**, for Fall 2024 admission. See [additional information](#) from UCLA Undergraduate Admission for Transfer Applicants.

The UC application for Fall 2024 opened on August 1. UC encourages students to spend ample time on their application, developing each section to reflect the accomplishments, challenges, opportunities and talents of each student within their own family, school and community context.

The [UC Application](#) provides built-in help and support throughout each section of the application. Applicants can view answers to their commonly asked questions by clicking 'Help' on the top navigation bar. Students can contact the UC Application Center via phone, Monday-Friday, 10AM—6PM (PT), or by email.

- (800) 207-1710 (within the US)
- [UCINFO@APPLYUCSUPPORT.NET](mailto:UCINFO@APPLYUCSUPPORT.NET) (email)
- Enroll into a [UC Application Workshop at LAVC's Career & Transfer Center](#)
- [PIQ Guide for Transfer Applicants](#)
- [Fall 2024 UC Application Overview by UCSB Admissions - YouTube](#)

#### VI. What Does TAP Certified Mean?

Most of our students have joined TAP because attending UCLA has always been their dream, and the TAP Certified student is given priority consideration at this campus through [UCLA's Transfer Alliance Program](#). **To be TAP Certified for Fall 2024**, students must complete at least **9 Honors units by the end of Fall 2023**. **Students must complete all 15 Honors units and LIB SCI 101**, by the end of Spring 2024.

In January 2024, the LAVC TAP Office will receive a list of all students who applied to UCLA for Fall 2024. We will only be able to "TAP Certify" students who have met or are planning on meeting the above

milestones. This information is returned to UCLA Undergraduate Admissions as they begin to make their admissions decisions beginning in March, and offering admission at the end of April, each year.

If a TAP Certified student is denied admission to their first-choice major at UCLA, their application is retained for a comprehensive review of their alternate major listed on their original UC application. It must be a [major from within the College](#), is not a restricted alternate major (see list below), and minimum major preparation must be completed for it.

We do not need to “TAP Certify” students applying to UC Berkeley, UCSD, CSUN, USC or any other university, as this is a process strictly for UCLA Undergraduate Admissions. However, ALL students completing LAVC’s Transfer Alliance/Honors Program (TAP) requirements will receive the “TAP Completion” notation on the LACCD transcript - thus, all TAP students benefit by completing the TAP/Honors program. You may write about how the academic rigors of TAP prepare you for your future four-year institution, regardless of where you’re applying.

## VII. UCLA Policy for Alternate Majors

TAP Certified students are given priority consideration for admission to majors in the [College \(of Letters and Science\)](#) If you are not selected for admission to your [first-choice major](#), your application will be reviewed for an alternate major. Your alternate major must be within the College, and **cannot be one of the following restricted alternate majors**:

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

**Note:** Majors in the Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science (HSEAS), the School of Arts and Architecture (SOAA), the Herb Alpert School of Music, the School of Nursing, and the School of Theater, Film and Television (TFT) **are not acceptable for alternate major review**.

## VIII. Internship/Volunteer/PreMed Mentorship Opportunities

- Pathways and Career Explorations (PaCES) Program is a 3-year grant funded by the National Science Foundation to increase the retention and success of incoming STEM students, or those preparing to transfer. For more program information, including a link to the 2023-24 PaCES Application, please [see PaCES](#).
- UCLA’s **Care Extender Program** allows volunteers to gain clinical experience and interact with patients, providing an understanding of the role of healthcare providers. A Fall Recruitment Cycle begins the Week of October 2. Please [review their website](#) for Orientation Sign Up and other program information.
- Are you a Pre-Medical student attending LAVC? [PreMedCC](#) can connect you with experts in medicine who started at a community college like you. [Attend a live talk](#) or watch a recording.