

Transfer Alliance Program (TAP/Honors) September 2024 Newsletter

Dear TAP Students and Community,

We hope your Fall 2024 semester has gotten off smoothly! We'd like to welcome our newest TAP students into our program, and welcome back our continuing TAP students, many of whom will be applying to transfer for Fall 2025. Regardless of your transfer timeline, please consider attending any of the [transfer-related workshops our Career/Transfer Center](#) is offering this Fall, including ones on completing UC TAG, insight on UC PIQs, and completing your UC, CSU or Common Applications for transfer. See all sections of newsletter on transferring for multiple resources to start your preparation!

Aside from taking **15 Honors units** to complete the program, our TAP students are involved on campus in varied opportunities, including holding leadership roles as [ASU Officers or Commissioners](#), or [ASU Club Presidents or Commissioners](#), and even starting new clubs. TAP students also compete for our [Men's and Women's Athletic teams](#) or on LAVC's [Speech and Debate Team](#). Our students are involved in campus [productions in creative arts](#), work as tutors in ARC or embedded in classes, and can be seen in the Welcome Center or doing outreach across the campus assisting incoming and continuing students. Our TAP students are also supported by multiple campus programs, including [EOPS](#), [Umoja](#), [Puente](#), [SSD](#), and receive services from [Mosaic Village](#), or [Financial Aid](#), while taking advantage of benefits via [LA College Promise](#). As seen, there are many ways TAP students contribute to the vibrancy of our campus culture and community, and numerous programs that support them. Thus, we encourage all students to become involved with LAVC at whatever level they feel comfortable. In deciding, we might suggest shifting the perspective from "Which extracurricular activities will look best on my transfer applications?" to "What lasting impact or legacy do I want to leave on Los Angeles Valley College?" Your voice, your ideas and your contributions all matter. Become involved if you can.

To stay more connected to academic opportunities, please [join your relevant CAP Canvas site](#) which has taped interviews with our dedicated faculty about career paths, offers major exploration and career information, and informs about when CAP Events, related workshops and campus engagements are happening this Fall.

Finally, to keep up with all events on campus, please read the [Valley Weekly](#) as it is emailed out each Monday. In addition, stay connected by using the [Campus Directory](#) to find emails of faculty and staff.

Have a fantastic Fall 2024!

Best,

Dr. Yih-mei Hu, TAP Director

Mr. Christopher Petrini, TAP Counselor

I. Office Hours – Fall 2024

Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini hold weekly 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.

Mr. Chris Petrini, TAP Counselor:

Mondays, 11:30am-1:30pm, ACA 1414/Zoom
Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30pm, ACA 1414/Zoom

Dr. Yih-mei Hu, TAP Director:

Mondays, 1:30-3:30pm, ACA 1414 (no Zoom)
Wednesdays, 10:00am-1:00pm, ACA 1414/Zoom

II. Honors Courses – Fall 2024

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.

Course	Class Number(s)	Instructor	Term	Day*	Time*
ENGLISH 101H	21193	Jeffries, A.	Regular	TBA	3Hr 10Min/
COMM 101H	25186	Faina, J.	Regular	TBA	3Hr 10Min/Wk
ART 101H	25178	Hight, D.	Regular	TBA	3H 10Min/Wk
ANTHRO 121H	28269	Stein, R.	8WeekB	TBA	3Hr 10Min/Wk
PSYCH 001H	25191	Peter, C.	Regular	TBA	3Hr 10Min/Wk
CHICANO 008H	25184	Arrieta, J.	Regular	TBA	3Hr 10Min/Wk
LIB SCI 101H	26293 and 26296	Llinas, M.	8WeekA	TBA	2Hr 5Min/Wk

*TBA means the class is asynchronous (online, no LIVE meetings) and assignments on syllabus will have individual deadlines. Expect to commit 6-9 hours per week for a 3-unit TBA class, just as you would a 3-unit class you attend in a physical classroom.

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).

III. Policy Update on Honors Units

In the past (and still mentioned on our application), the number of Honors units a student previously needed to complete **Los Angeles Valley College's Transfer Alliance/Honors (TAP) Program** was either 15 or 18 units, based on different factors. LAVC TAP changed the policy to make it more equitable.

Thus, as of Summer 2023, **all LAVC TAP students are required to complete at least 15 Honors units, including LIB SCI 101**, for TAP Completion. If your SEP still says you need to complete 18 Honors units, you will only be required to complete **15 Honors units** to be TAP Certified to UCLA for Fall 2025 or Fall 2026. Mr. Petrini will adjust your SEP in your next counseling appointment, if applicable.

IV. 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 for any term. Please be sure to review all steps in

the [Contracts](#) section of TAP website, review the [step-by-step guide](#) and ask for clarification from Dr. Hu 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](#).

PROCESS

1. Student checks if course of interest is an eligible Honors course.
2. Student [contacts the LAVC instructor](#) to ask if they would be willing to do an Honors Contract for the course.
3. If so, the student should complete the biodemographic and course information on **Page 1** of the [TAP/HONORS Contract](#), and then email it to the instructor.
4. The instructor will complete Honors assignment/project section of Contract.
5. The instructor will send signed Contract to Dr. Hu for approval **by the end of the fifth week for full-term classes (September 27, 2024 for Fall 2024, for example)**. If the class is offered in the Summer, Winter, or is an 8-Week class, then the Contract must be submitted to Dr. Hu **by the end of the first week. No exceptions will be made to these deadlines.**
6. If approved by Dr. Hu, she will confirm with student via email that it's been approved. If not approved, she will work with the faculty for clarification.
7. Once the class ends, the instructor will complete [Page 2 of the Contract](#) with a final grade and evaluation sent to Dr. Hu. Once reviewed and recorded, a request will be sent to Admissions and Records to note the class on student's transcript as "Honors section."

POLICIES

1. The Honors Director reserves the right for final approval of any Contract.
2. Contracts may only be used for courses **offered at LAVC**. For example, you may not ask a Pierce College instructor if they would approve an Honors Contract with you.
3. Students may only use **two (2) Honors contracts** towards their required **15 Honors units** to complete the program for TAP Certification. The other coursework must come from Honors classes offered at LAVC.

V. UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) – Due September 30, 2024

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 [2025-2026 TAG Matrix](#) or explained on the [UC TAG site](#).

- TAG students must also submit a [UC application for transfer](#) between October 1—December 2, 2024, 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 to a UC. 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: LAVC students do not need to be a part of TAP (Transfer Alliance/Honors) in order to participate in TAG.
- Note #3: While a student may submit only one TAG to an eligible UC campus, **they are not obligated to attend this campus if admitted** and may apply to other campuses.
- Attend a [TAG Workshop at LAVC's Career & Transfer Center](#) throughout September.

VI. UC Application for Transfer – Due December 2, 2024

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—December 2, 2024**, for Fall 2025 admission. See [additional information](#) from UCLA Undergraduate Admission for Transfer Applicants.

As your UC Transfer application needs to be approached much differently than the Freshman application, we **STRONGLY ADVISE** all students review the UC’s PowerPoint, “[Presenting Yourself on the UC Application \(Transfer\)](#),” before applying. 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.

These additional resources are also recommended to support your completion of the UC application:

- [Fall 2025 UC Application Overview by UCSB Admissions - YouTube](#)
- [PIQ worksheet \(English\)](#)
- [PIQ worksheet \(Spanish\)](#)
- [International applicants](#) – Reminder: students with post-secondary attendance (anything after high school diploma/degree) at an international institution must declare it in Academic history of UC Application, as well as submit the official academic record (transcript) directly from the international institution(s) issued in English or with an official English translation.
- [UCLA Supplemental Applications](#) - see specific Application Deadlines for UCLA programs in Architectural Studies, Art, Design & Media Arts, Film & TV, Music majors, Nursing and Theater.
- [Contact UC Application Help Desk](#)
- Enroll into a [UC Application Workshop at LAVC’s Career & Transfer Center](#)

VII. What Does TAP Certified Mean?

A TAP Certified student is given priority consideration to UCLA through [UCLA’s Transfer Alliance Program](#). **To be TAP Certified for Fall 2025**, students must complete at least **9 Honors units by the end of Fall 2024, and complete all 15 Honors units**, including **LIB SCI 101**, by the end of Spring 2025.

In January 2025, the LAVC TAP Office will receive a list of LAVC students who applied to UCLA for Fall 2025. We are only able to “TAP Certify” students who have met or will meet the above milestones. We provide UCLA a list of TAP Certified students by the end of February, and UCLA Undergraduate Admissions sends out Admissions letters in late April, using TAP Certification for priority consideration.

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 for UCLA. Your Alternate major must be selected [from within the College](#), is not a restricted Alternate major ([scroll to bottom of this page](#), or see Sect. VII, above), and the minimum major preparation must be completed by end of Spring 2025 in order to be considered for admission.

We do not “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 have their LACCD transcript notated with a **“TAP Completion – Spring 2025”** Memorandum. Thus, all TAP students benefit by completing our Honors program, and should write in their transfer application about how the academic rigors of TAP prepared them for university, regardless of where they are applying, throughout the application.

VIII. UCLA Policy for Alternate Majors

TAP Certified students are given priority consideration for admission to majors in the [College \(of Letters and Science\)](#) at UCLA. If you are not selected for admission to your [first-choice major](#) at UCLA, your application will be retained and reviewed for your 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 and Data Science
Human Biology & Society (B.A. & B.S.)	

Note: Majors in the Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science (HSSEAS), 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**. Use eligible alternate.

IX. 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 Fall 2024 PaCES Application, please visit [PaCES](#) or contact one of the faculty advisors listed.
- UCLA's [Care Extender Program](#) allows volunteers to gain clinical experience and interact with patients, understanding the role of healthcare providers. A Fall Recruitment Cycle begins the Week of September 30, 2024. 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.