

**LAVC's Transfer Alliance Program
(TAP/Honors)
Newsletter and Fall 2025 Transfer Information**

December 2024

To: TAP Students and Faculty
From: TAP Director, Dr. Yih-Mei Hu, Music Department
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Dear TAP Students and Community,

The transfer application season is almost complete for upper-division or junior-level transfer applicants for admission in Fall 2025 to a UC or CSU campus. Please visit our Career/Transfer Center for support and sign up for their workshops and events, as it's crunch time!

If you will be applying to UCLA, UC Irvine, or any of our HTCC partner campuses, it is critical to complete the Honors Transfer Council of California ([HTCC Intent to Transfer in Fall 2025 form](#)) by December 10, 2024 to initiate the information flow between those campuses and our LAVC TAP Office as we prepare for TAP Certification.

Thus, please be on the lookout for our TAP Certification & Completion Exit Survey sent out via email in Winter 2025 and due by February 14, 2025. This will start your TAP Certification process, culminating with TAP Completion being notated on your transcript.

In addition, this newsletter contains information on Spring 2025 Honors offerings and we encourage you to enroll now in order to ensure your seat in Honors sections.

Finally, 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. We applaud you for your hard work this semester and wish you the best in your transfer applications!

Best,
Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini

I. UC Applications – Final Reminders & How to Indicate TAP Involvement

We know that most of you have nearly completed or already submitted your UC applications, but as a gentle reminder, this year's deadline to submit for Fall 2025 admission is **Monday, December 2**. [Presenting Yourself on the UC Application \(Transfer\)](#) is a great resource to review before applying. Please also review [applying as a transfer](#) on the UC Admissions website to begin working on your [UC Transfer Application](#) and [additional information](#) from UCLA Undergraduate Admission for Transfer Applicants.

When completing the **Activities & Awards** section on the UC Application, one of the listed categories is **educational preparation programs**. **PLEASE SCROLL TO THE BOTTOM** of this list until you find "University of California, Los Angeles Transfer Alliance Program (TAP)" and select it. This indication is important and corroborates the alliance LAVC TAP/Honors has with UCLA. We also encourage you to reference TAP/Honors in terms of the academic rigor it provided in your studies at community college throughout the application and PIQs.

The following additional resources are recommended to support your completion of the UC application:

- [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 section of the 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](#)

II. Update to UCLA's TAP Alternate Major Policy – Effective Fall 2025

As of October 1, 2024, UCLA's Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) made TWO significant changes to their Alternate Major Policy, effective for Fall 2025 applicants. **Public Health BA and BS** have been **removed as possible alternate majors**, thus they are now restricted. This means if Public Health is listed as an alternate major and you are not selected to your first-choice major, you will not be considered for Public Health, and you will not be accepted to UCLA for either of your majors!

However, TAP Certified students are still given priority consideration for admission to Public Health (BA or BS) as a first-choice major. Please indicate this on your UC application if that's the best option for you, and complete LAVC's Honors Program to become TAP Certified.

The other change is **BA English** has been REMOVED from the Restricted Alternate Major List, so it now may be listed as an alternate major for Fall 2025 applicants, or as your first-choice major. Please remember that simply completing foreign language requirements in high school does not meet the departmental major requirement as part of the preparation for English majors at UCLA.

TAP students should apply to their [first-choice major at UCLA](#) as discussed with Mr. Petrini in counseling appointments, regardless of which specialty school their major resides.

In order to be considered for an alternate major, it must be specified on your original UC application, with the minimum major preparation completed by the end of Spring 2025. TAP students need to be well-educated about [UCLA's TAP Alternate Major Review Policy](#), as the UC Application does not restrict major choice selections.

Finally, the following majors ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION AS AN ALTERNATE MAJOR at UCLA:

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

III. HTCC Intent to Transfer in Fall 2025 Form – Due December 10, 2024!

The Honors Transfer Council of California ([HTCC](#)) [Intent to Transfer in Fall 2025](#) is an online form that allows you to share your transfer plans with LAVC's TAP. If you have applied/will apply to UC Irvine for their Honors to Honors (H2H), or to any of the [HTCC partner institutions](#) including Chapman, Gonzaga, LMU, Mount Saint Mary's, Pitzer, Pomona, or Scripps, your completion of this form allows us to send your Honors information to these campuses, verifying you will be Completing LAVC's TAP/Honors. 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.

HTCC Intent to Transfer in Fall 2025 – Notes for students:

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 LAVC is a TAP partner."
- LAVC's TAP is a Program Member of UCLA's Transfer Alliance Program (TAP). Thus, please indicate your primary and alternate majors, per the [alternate major guidelines](#) as explained above.

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 **December 2, 2024**.

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.

IV. TAP Certification Process, Exit Survey, and Honors Contract Credit

We do not "TAP Certify" students applying to UC Berkeley, UCSD, CSUN, or USC, for example, as this is a process strictly for UCLA Undergraduate Admissions in order for TAP students to be given priority consideration to those eligible majors. To be TAP Certified to UCLA for Fall 2025, students must complete at least **9 Honors units by the end of Fall 2024**, and **have all 15 Honors units, including LIB SCI 101, completed by the end of Spring 2025**.

However, regardless of where students apply, ALL students completing LAVC's Transfer Alliance/Honors Program (TAP) requirements will have their LACCD transcript notated with "**TAP Completion – Spring 2025**" Memorandum at the bottom.

In January 2025, the LAVC TAP Office will receive a list of all LAVC students who applied to UCLA for Fall 2025. We will "TAP Certify" each student who has met or will meet program requirements. We then

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 this information.

Please be on the lookout for our **TAP Certification & Completion Exit Survey** which will be emailed to you in Winter 2025 and will be due by **February 14, 2025**. You will indicate which Honors Courses you completed with your grade, units, instructor, and whether it was an Honors Contract or not. Your verification and signature acknowledges you've fulfilled the expectations to be TAP Certified and complete the program.

If you were approved for an Honors Contract by Dr. Hu, and you completed the assignments for Honors Credit, please review your unofficial transcript under Academic Records menu via Student Portal and click Submit. If beneath the class you took as an Honors Contract a memo states "Transcript Note: Honors Section," you've received Honors credit for this class!

However, if you don't see this notation on the LACCD transcript under a course you completed as an Honors Contract, check with Dr. Hu to see if your professor has [submitted Page 2 of Honors Contract](#) with their evaluation. If not, please ask your professor to complete the above form and email it to Dr. Hu for the Honors transcript notation. The absence of this form will delay us from TAP Certifying you.

V. Spring 2025 Honors Courses

Honors sections for Spring 2025 are open for enrollment! The following courses are not available for contract next semester. Please enroll early to ensure a seat in Honors sections.

Class Number	Class Title	Days/Times	Instructor	IGETC Area
24330	Anthro 101	Asynchronous	R. Frank	5B
24350	Chicano 007	Asynchronous	J. Arietta	4
20896	Cinema 105	Asynchronous	A. Rodriguez	3A
24332	English 102	Asynchronous	A. Jeffries	1B
15698/24803	Lib Sci 101	Asynchronous	D. Abels-Sullivan	N/A
24432	Philos 012	Asynchronous	N. Placencia	3B

Mixed Honors courses may be found by using the [Searchable Schedule](#) and selecting "12 Honors" under the "Class Search Type" dropdown menu.

VI. UCLA Prospective Student Scholarship Application for 2025-26

For those TAP Students who are applying to UCLA, please review their [Prospective Student Scholarship Application](#). You would fully complete the Prospective Student Scholarship, applying to any of the almost 45 scholarships listed which you have interest and qualify for. Do not begin the New or Continuing Student application, as you are not attending UCLA, yet, thus you are a Prospective Student for now. TAP students accepted to UCLA will be invited in the Spring to apply for the TAP Scholarship. Please pay special attention to the [UCLA College Transfer Alliance Program \(TAP\) Scholarship](#), which is due May 8, 2025.

In reviewing the Supplemental Questions, #10 states: "LETTER OF REFERENCE: Please provide a letter of support from an Honors/Scholars Program faculty member at your community college. Be sure to obtain permission from your recommender before submitting their name and email address. Your recommender will automatically receive a link prompting them to upload the recommendation via the UCLA Scholarship Portal. Letters from an Honors/Scholars Program Director, Coordinator, or Counselor will also be accepted."

Students should request the recommendation from an Honors faculty member, as the time in class allows the instructor to fully gauge your abilities and standard of work. As the TAP counselor or director, we do get to know some of your personal stories a little bit, but have no basis to judge your academic achievements and excellence other than looking at your transcript! **Please be sure to obtain permission from your recommender before submitting their name and email address.**

VII. Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

This highly selective scholarship has been awarded to Los Angeles Valley students—including a TAP student!—in the past. The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship goes to the nation’s top community college students seeking to complete their bachelor’s degrees at four-year colleges or universities. The award can provide as much as \$55,000 per year for the two to three years it takes to complete your degree.

Their website states that 79% of awardees participated in an Honors Program (such as LAVC’s TAP), had an average 3.94 GPA in community college, and 78% held leadership roles on campus. The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship application will open on October 3, 2024, on the Common App for transfer, and the deadline is January 9, 2025.

For campus support and more information, please see Vice President – Student Services Office, Dr. Hu, or Mr. Petrini.

VIII. 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 2024** and complete LAVC’s TAP requirements by the end of **Spring 2025**. 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 2025](#).**

IX. 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 you with a UCLA Library Card.