

LAVC's Transfer Alliance Program (TAP/Honors) May 2023 Newsletter

To: TAP Students and Faculty
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Congratulations to all TAP students who were accepted for Fall 2023 transfer!! On top of the rigorous academic schedules you each carried each 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 pouring over transfer information and articulation agreements ensuring you took the right courses to be well-prepared for your major. You sent messages to your instructors, counselors, undergraduate advisors and peers – clarifying and communicating your bold ideas, excellent suggestions, and critical analysis. Your late nights, group tutoring sessions, and meticulous course planning have all finally paid off. Your untiring commitment to your educational goals is truly inspiring.

Thus, we want to honor you at our **TAP/Transfer Celebration on Tuesday, May 23**. See information in Section I below to RSVP, if you haven't already. 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 encouragement to our current and future 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 that your student educational plan is current and accurate, especially if you have changed your major or 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 2023, 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!

Best,
Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini

I. TAP / Transfer Celebration – Tuesday, 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 2023. Congratulations on a job well done! These students – as well as any student who will be transferring in Fall 2023—are invited to the **TAP / Transfer Celebration on Tuesday, 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 [complete this survey](#) immediately or by **May 10**.

The survey allows you to indicate 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. Petrini, and your Honors professors before you transition to your four-year institutions!

II. UCLA Admissions Notes for Fall 2023

Please see the UCLA-specific information below:

- Review [New Student Checklist for Transfers](#) for actions and deadlines (view in [checklist format](#)).
- **UCLA College Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) Scholarship** – Once admitted to UCLA, TAP students should receive a letter of invitation for TAP Scholarship, which should include instructions and a link to application. There is an essay and letter of recommendation, and it is due **June 2, 2023**. Students must use their UCLA login to access application at ucla.academicworks.com. To find the scholarship, type “TAP” in the Search box. There will be a general information page to complete first. UCLA's Scholarship Resource Center hopes to post awards letters by mid-August.
- **Official Transcripts are due July 1, 2023** (all colleges). Electronic submission preferred.
- **AP and IB Test scores are due July 15, 2023**.
- **IGETC Certification is due September 1, 2023** (Full UC IGETC certification will be posted on your LACCD transcript by LAVC Admissions when a counselor submits a Petition to Graduate).
- [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. This information is covered in the **Admission Contract**, which you should review “Immediately.”

III. Other UC Admissions Notes for Fall 2023

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

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. A Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) for tuition determination purposes may be required.

V. TRANSFER/SCHOLARSHIP SEASON IS HERE – BE PREPARED!

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 mail.

VI. Fall 2023 Honors Courses (Current/Prospective TAP Students)

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	LAVC Staff	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	C. Peter	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.

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 2023 TAP Office Hours

Please keep an eye on the TAP website for the summer office hours.

VIII. What is meant by “TAP Certified” and why does it matter?

Many Honors students have dreamt of attending UCLA since middle school and consider it their “#1 campus.” Most take full advantage of UCLA’s [Transfer Alliance Program \(TAP\)](#). This transfer program gives students “the opportunity to enhance your ability to transfer to UCLA at the junior level” from Los Angeles Valley College. To be TAP Certified, students complete their **15- or 18-Honors units requirement, including LIB SCI 101, with at least 9 units completed by the end of Fall prior to transfer.**

Students must also participate in TAP for a full calendar year (Fall/Spring or Spring/Fall) to complete. For those TAP students who only applied to UCLA, this information is accumulated and verified by the LAVC TAP Office, and then reported to UCLA (after the Transfer Application Update deadline closes January 31). At that time, we “certify” which TAP Students are completers. This information is then reported to UCLA’s Undergraduate Admission systems, and the TAP-certified applicants receive priority consideration for admission to majors within the [College](#). However, if a TAP Certified student is not accepted to their first-choice major, UCLA Undergraduate Admissions will automatically review this student’s application for an [alternate major in the College not on the restricted list](#). Thus, students who’ve done the preparation for their first-choice AND alternate majors will have their application reviewed two times for admission.

Not every LAVC TAP student completing our program ends up applying to UCLA, though. Sometimes, it’s because UCLA does not offer a particular major like **child development, communicative disorders, criminology, or kinesiology**. Other times, students are looking to have a college experience outside of Los Angeles. Thus, if a student only applied to CSUN and UC Santa Barbara, for example, we would not “TAP Certify” this student because we only need to TAP Certify those TAP students who applied to UCLA.

However, ALL students completing TAP requirements will have their transcript notated with a “**TAP Completion – Spring 2023**” Memorandum and students will be able to note this on resumes/job applications, scholarship essays, and future graduate/professional school applications.