

## Transfer Alliance Program (TAP/Honors) Newsletter

### September 2021

To: TAP Students and Faculty  
From: TAP Director, Dr. Yih-Mei Hu, Music Department  
TAP Counselor, Chris Petrini, Counseling Department

Dear TAP Students and Community,

We want to welcome each of you to the Fall 2021 semester for either your first term at LAVC, or back to our Valley Glen campus, as we remain in a historical epoch in our world history. We hope your Fall schedule is all set, and you are ready for a new hybrid experience where our classes, services and programs are either online, on-campus, or both. LAVC's TAP/Honors Program also entered into a transition this Summer as Dr. Michael Gold, whom was the TAP Counselor for the past 20 years, retired at the end of Spring 2021. Taking over as TAP Counselor is Mr. Petrini, whom was a TAP student himself at LA Pierce and transferred to UCLA to earn a BA in Political Science – a UCLA TAP major!

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide updates to LAVC's TAP/Honors Program and offer resources specific to TAP students that are relevant and timely regarding transfer, career, and opportunities.

If you have not already read the [Fall 2021 Semester FAQs](#), please do so for the latest campus safety protocols and other critical [COVID-19 information](#), as well as to receive information on academic and student support services.

Finally, to keep up with events on campus, please read the [Valley Weekly](#) as it is published each Monday.

Have a fantastic Fall 2021!

Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini

### I. HONORS PROGRAM OFFICE HOURS – FALL 2021

This Fall semester, Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini will hold online and on campus office hours; please use the **office links** under their photos on the [TAP/Honors website](#) to enter their virtual offices during days/times posted. Mr. Petrini will also have in-person office hours on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30pm in ACA 1414.

**Dr. Yih-Mei Hu, TAP Director: Thursdays, 10:30am-12:00pm, via Zoom**

**Mr. Chris Petrini, TAP Counselor: Mondays, 11:30am-1:30pm via Zoom**

**Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30pm in ACA 1414 or via Zoom**

## II. HONORS SECTIONS FOR FALL 2021

Six ALL-Honors Course Sections are open to TAP/Honors students only (or with professor permission). **Note: Use the [Searchable Schedule of Classes](#) to find Honors sections. Select HONORS CLASSES under CLASS SEARCH TYPE and then click SEARCH.**

Class	Class #	Days	Times	Instructor	Notes
AFRO AM 005H	25576	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	K. Morris	
ART 101H	25580	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	D. Hight	
ENGLISH 101H	14626	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	A. Jeffries	
Lib Sci 101H	10218	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	C. Orozco	Required for TAP
PSYCH 001H	25600	M/W	11:35a-1:00p	C. Peter	
MATH 227H	25597/25598	T – LAB (via Zoom)	11:35a-12:45p	A. Trujillo	Lecture component (4 Hours) is conducted asynchronously

Plus, mixed Honors/non-Honors courses offered Fall 2021:

Art 501	Journal 105
Biology 006 & 007	Math 259
Chicano Studies 007	Math 260
Cinema 114	Math 261
English 103	Music 111
German 003, 004, 005	Spanish 003, 004, 005, 006

## III. PLAN AHEAD WITH THE TWO-YEAR TAP SCHEDULE

Below is the 2-year calendar of “All Honors” course offerings\* to help you plan your IGETC and TAP requirements for transfer. Taught by TAP/Honors Faculty in a challenging environment, these classes offer an opportunity to directly engage with your TAP peers. **Contracts are not permitted for a course that is offered as an all-Honors section in the same term.**

<b>Fall 2021</b> Area 1A – ENGLISH 101H Area 2 – MATH 227H Area 3A – ART 101H Area 4 – AFRO AM 005H Area 4 – PSYCH 001H LIB SCI 101H	<b>Spring 2022</b> Area 1B – ENGLISH 102H Area 3A – MUSIC 101H Area 3B – ANTHRO 121H Area 4 – HISTORY 011H Area 5B – PSYCH 002H
<b>Fall 2022</b> Area 1B – ENGLISH 103H Area 3B – AFRO AM 020H Area 4 – PSYCH 001H Area 5B – ANTHRO 101H LIB SCI 101H	<b>Spring 2023</b> Area 1B – COMM 105H Area 2 – STAT 101H Area 3A – CINEMA 105H Area 4 – ECON 001H Area 5A – ENV SCI 001H

\*Subject to change in Schedule of Classes.

## IV. TAP CONTRACTS – PROCESS AND POLICIES EXPLAINED

In addition to the All-Honors and Mixed-Sections courses offered each Fall and Spring semesters, TAP students may also earn Honors credit for any course listed under [Current TAP Approved Courses](#) through a contract.

### PROCESS

Contact the LAVC instructor to see if they would approve of your doing their regular class for Honors credit. If so, then the instructor and you will complete **Page 1** of the [TAP/HONORS Contract](#) together, listing the additional material/projects to complete for Honors credit. The instructor will then send it to Dr. Hu for approval **by the end of the fifth week (October 1, 2021 for Fall 2021)** for Fall and Spring terms. If the class is offered in the Summer, Winter, or is an 8-Week class, then the signed and approved contract must be submitted to Dr. Hu **by the end of the first week. No exceptions will be made to these deadlines.**

Once the class is completed, the instructor will complete **Page 2** of the contract with final grade, and send that to Dr. Hu. Once reviewed and recorded, the grade information is sent to Admissions and Records, and the class will be noted on your transcript as “Honors section.” Please allow 4-6 weeks for transcript notation, as it is done by a specialist and not the TAP Director/Counselor.

### 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. You may not ask a Pierce College instructor if they would do a contract with you.
3. Contracts are not permitted for a course that is offered as an all-Honors section in the same term.
4. Number of contracts allowed: Students required to complete **18 Honors units** for TAP Certification are allowed to use up to **three (3) Honors contracts** to fulfill this. Students required to complete **15 Honors units** for TAP Certification may only use **two (2) Honors contracts** towards fulfilling this.

## V. \$1000 EMERGENCY FEDERAL STIMULUS AWARDS

Every LA Valley College student enrolled for Fall 2021 who qualifies for financial aid is eligible to receive a [\\$1000 federal stimulus award](#). To receive the award, you must:

- Have LAVC as your home campus
- Be enrolled at Valley College for Fall 2021, AND
- Be eligible for the California College Promise Grant or CA Dream Act, or demonstrate economic hardship resulting from COVID-19

If you haven't applied for financial aid, complete your [Free Application for Federal Student \(FAFSA\) application](#) (LAVC code is 001228) or complete the [California College Promise Grant Application](#).

## VI. UC TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG) – DUE SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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 **2022-2023 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, 2021 for Fall 2022 admission.**
- TAG students must submit a [UC application for transfer](#) between November 1-30, 2021; submitting the TAG application 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 UC admission during the appropriate application filing period.
- Note #2: A TAG can be done at one of the six UC's in addition to completing TAP/Honors at LAVC. TAG is separate from the priority consideration students receive when they are TAP/Honors CERTIFIED for transfer to one of the TAP/Honors colleges/universities with which we have admissions agreements.
- Be on the lookout for [TAG Workshops at LAVC's Career & Transfer Center](#) in September

## VII. TAP TRANSFERS FALL 2022 – COMPLETE TAP REQUIREMENTS NOW

LAVC TAP/Honors students applying for transfer in November 2021 for Fall 2022 admission are required to complete a personalized **TAP COMPLETION PLAN** with Mr. Petrini. **Being certified is what gives you priority consideration when applying for transfer.** The plan must include **at least three Honors courses (minimum 9 units)** completed by the end of Fall 2021. Any remaining Honors units, LIB SCI 101 and any proposed courses needed to fulfill the rest of your transfer requirements with completion by the end of Spring 2022.

**To complete TAP requirements: Freshman admits must complete 18 Honors units and LIB SCI 101. Continuing Student admits must complete 15 Honors units and LIB SCI 101. LIBRARY SCIENCE 101 does NOT need to be Honors, but if taken as Honors, the section will count towards your 15-18 units.**

*The official **TAP CERTIFICATION** done with TAP transfers in an appointment with Mr. Petrini but he does not provide you with anything for your transfer application(s). They are separate processes; further details will be published in the October and November newsletters.*

## VIII. UCLA TAP TRANSFERS FALL 2022 – 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	Pre-International Development Studies
Pre-Business Economics	Pre-Mathematics/Economics
Communication	Pre-Mathematics, Financial Actuarial
Pre-Economics	Pre-Political Science
English	Pre-Psychology
Pre-Global Studies	Pre-Sociology
Pre-Human Biology & Society (B.A. & B.S.)	Pre-Statistics

Your alternate major must also have been listed on your original UC Application and match what is written on the TAP Certification form you complete with Mr. Petrini. Requests to add or change the alternate major after submission of your UC application will not be considered by UCLA.

**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.** Additionally, the pre-Public Affairs major is not an available alternate major option as it is in the Luskin School of Public Affairs. Likewise, the Education and Social Transformation major in the Graduate School of Education & Information Studies is not available.

## IX. STEM / PASO | Nursing

### A. STEM/PASO

- The Promoting Awareness of STEM Opportunities (PASO) Program is an LAVC college effort geared towards providing academic, mentoring, advising and support services to all STEM students. Contact the [PASO Program](#).

### B. Nursing Resources

- UCLA's **Care Extender Internship Program** [Note: this program is currently on pause due to COVID-19, but you can be placed on an email list to be notified when Orientation Sign Ups will be posted on the [Care Extender website](#).
- As a volunteer in the **Care Extender Internship Program**, you are placed behind-the-scenes of the Ronald Reagan Medical Center and/or the Santa Monica Hospital, in which you have the opportunity to shadow nurses, care partners, and medical personnel. As a Care Extender, you have the choice of working in various departments and floors across the hospital, such as Oncology, the ER, Labor & Delivery, Pediatrics, and much more. The Care Extender Program provides opportunities for volunteers to experience health care from a clinical perspective through patient contact and volunteer involvement. Care Extenders are trained to assist Medical Center staff, whom, in turn, are able to share their personal experiences with their volunteers. Time spent in the program proves invaluable because it provides each Care Extender with "in-the-trenches" experience in a real hospital setting. Care Extenders are respected as professional members of a patient care team. As a result, they gain an insiders' understanding of the operations of the hospital- an experience that helps them determine their specific course for future studies.

To qualify, you must be 18 years or older, currently attend college or already have a degree.

Upon acceptance into the program (requires one year commitment), you must attend a mandatory training session. You will also need to get CPR certified by the American Heart Association, complete a 2-step TB test, and have proof of MMR vaccination and Varicella vaccination (or proof of history of chicken pox). Please visit [uclahealth.org/careextender](https://uclahealth.org/careextender) for more information.

## X. UPDATING OUR RECORDS

If you are receiving this newsletter and have already transferred or are no longer an active TAP/Honors student please send an email to [petrinca@lavc.edu](mailto:petrinca@lavc.edu) to update us on your status. Please include the email address you would like us to remove. Let us know if you have "transferred to \_\_\_\_\_" or "no longer participating in TAP due to \_\_\_\_\_." Thanks very much and best of luck in the future.