

LAVC Transfer Alliance Program (TAP/Honors) May 2022 Newsletter

To: TAP Students and Faculty

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We want to congratulate all TAP students for finishing out the 2021-2022 academic year under extremely challenging conditions, including economic and geo-political turmoil, which may have adversely impacted you, your families or communities in any way. We have always believed in you, but it is awesome to watch how you have all still maintained your incredible academic standards given these circumstances, coupled with systemic changes to the traditional modes of instruction over these last two years. No high school or college counselor could have ever prepared you for what you have been through. You are each the definition of **resilience**.

To our students who have been offered admission and will be transferring onto their 4-year institutions in Summer / Fall 2022...CONGRATULATIONS!! You did it! You are achieving another milestone in your educational journey by completing your lower division requirements with an associate degree or two! For many, this is the halfway point to realizing your next goal: earning your bachelor's degree. Thus, we want to honor you at our **TAP & Transfer Celebration on Thursday, May 19**. See message below to RSVP, if you haven't already. Even if you do not plan on attending the event, please complete the survey so we can mail your Certificate of Transfer Achievement as you declare where you plan on transferring for Fall 2022. You each have many exciting adventures ahead of you, and we are so proud of your launch from LAVC TAP! Please come back and visit us anytime to provide status updates or mentorship to our current TAP students.

For our continuing students, there is no Summer Break nor off-season for us! In fact, this is the best time to ensure your student educational plan is current and accurate, especially if you have changed your major or target campus/es for transfer. Please make an appointment with Mr. Petrini after reading the parts of newsletter with "Current Students," but especially the **Fall 2022 – TAP Counseling advisement** ahead of your Summer / Fall enrollment, 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 2022 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 May 2022 Newsletter, including the **Fall 2022 – TAP Counseling advisement**. Finally, Mr. Petrini wants to thank all the TAP students, faculty and Dr. Hu for an incredible first year as LAVC's TAP Counselor. He feels so privileged to be working with each of you and is excited to be a part of this incredible transfer program.

Dr. Hu and Mr. Petrini

I. TAP & Transfer Celebration – Thursday, May 19 – RSVP Extended!

We wanted to recognize those TAP students who have either already completed LAVC's Transfer Alliance / Program (TAP) or will be by the end of Spring 2022. Congratulations on a job well done! If you feel that your name should be on this list, please contact Mr. Petrini immediately.

TAP students and students who will be transferring in Fall 2022—are invited to the **TAP & Transfer Celebration** on **Thursday, May 19** from **5:00-7:00PM** in the **Student Services Plaza 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 provides 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 TAP Faculty before you transition to your 4-year institutions.

II. Fall 2022 ADMISSIONS NOTES

If you were admitted, waitlisted or denied to UCLA for Fall 2022, please review pertinent information below and adhere to all deadlines. Review the [New Student Checklist for Transfers](#) for actions and requisite deadlines.

TAP Scholarship – Once admitted, TAP students should receive a letter of invitation for TAP Scholarship, should include instructions and link to application. There is an essay and letter of recommendation, and it is due **June 3, 2022**. 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 **August 15**.

Official Transcripts due July 1, 2022 (all colleges, all AP scores). Electronic submission preferred.

IGETC Certification due September 1, 2022 (meaning Full IGETC posted on LACCD transcript).

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."

WAITLIST – If a student is Waitlisted, it is always for their **first-choice major**. Students must opt-in by **May 15** if they want to remain on the Waitlist (which students should really think of more as a "wait pool" because applicants are not "rank listed" on the Waitlist). In the form that opens when opting-in, it is critical to provide all recent updates for Winter and Spring 2022 courses. You can write "In Progress" or even a projected grade in the narrative, but you do not want to spend any other time trying to convince Admissions of the strength of your qualifications. Once the **June 1** deadline for SIR has passed, the university will be monitoring their numbers closely to determine where or if there is institutional need/space. Only then would Admissions go to the Waitlist. However, there is no guarantee that UCLA will even use a waitlist as in some years they have not gone to it at all. Some majors are already impacted so there is not a need to pull from a Waitlist.

WAITLIST: CRITICAL TO READ – Thus, counselors have been advised to share with Waitlisted students they should almost assume the Waitlist will not be used. Therefore, **it is strongly advised that students instead commit to another university which offered you Fall 2022 admission and submit your SIR by**

June 1 deadline. If students somehow come off UCLA's Waitlist, then the student has a great choice between a campus where they've submitted their SIR and a possible waitlist spot at UCLA. With this practice, the student will always have a transfer option.

APPEALS – Only Denied Students can Appeal. Waitlisted students cannot appeal because they have not been denied. Please see [Appeals to Transfer Admission Decisions](#) to Submit an Appeal by **May 15 at 5:00PM**. It is also recommended to seek guidance from LAVC's [Career & Transfer Center](#) before submitting your appeal. Please only include information in your appeal you think Admissions did not have at the time they reviewed your application, or that which provides clarity for your situation.

III. Fall 2022 HONORS SECTIONS (Current and Prospective TAP Students)

The table below lists the **All Honors** courses (courses only for TAP students) for Fall 2022. The **Fall 2022 – TAP Counseling advisement can be found in Section IX of this newsletter**, which lists all of the Fall 2022 Honors courses, plus Counseling advisement per course based on UCLA/CSUN majors, career interest or general education.

Be sure to also review the [latest IGETC sheet](#) for reference. **Before requesting an appointment with Mr. Petrini for Summer 2022-Spring 2023 educational planning, please be sure to have read through the counseling advisement in Section IX below to fully to maximize our time together.**

Please be aware that though the college (LAVC) makes every effort to offer the courses as they are initially posted, schedule adjustments do happen, which can affect our Honors classes in Fall or Spring terms. Thus, it is always advised to develop a Plan B for your Fall 2022 student educational plan.

To view the current listing of Honors courses offered this Fall, please [click here](#). Then click on **Fall 2022 – Searchable Schedule of Classes**. (LAVC does not offer Honors classes in Summer/Winter terms.) Under **Class Search Type**, select **Honors Classes**, then **Search**. Copy the 5-digit Class # and use that to find and enroll into the Honors section of any class when Adding Classes under **Manage Classes** tile on [Student Homepage](#).

Fall 2022 Class	Class #	Days	Times	Instructor	Notes
AFRO AM 020H	25454	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	LAVC Staff	IGETC Area 3B
ANTHRO 101H	25455	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	Jessica Proctor	IGETC Area 5B
ENGLISH 101H	25457	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	Alison Jeffries	IGETC Area 1A
LIB SCI 101H	10192	Asynchronous	Asynchronous	Cynthia Orozco	10/24-12/18/22
PSYCH 001H	25452	M/W	11:20AM-12:45PM	Christina Peter	IGETC Area 4

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

Many scholarship opportunities are available in spring for students transferring Fall 2022. 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 or

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.

V. SUMMER 2022 TAP OFFICE HOURS (Current and Prospective TAP Students)

Mr. Petrini will be on campus Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning in Summer 2022 and so will hold in-person office hours in **ACA 1414** on **Mondays, 11:30AM—1:30PM** and **Wednesdays, 1:00—3:00PM**. In addition, he will be hosting online office hours via Zoom/Cranium Cafe at these same times to allow for hybrid counseling access for TAP students.

VI. UCLA ADMISSIONS INFORMATION: FALL 2022 (Current and Prospective TAP Students)

Overall, transfer applications to UCLA were **down 12%** compared to Fall 2021. There were 24,908 transfer applications for Fall 2022 admission, with a 22% Admit Rate. The Top 3 Most Applied to Majors were **Business Economics, Psychology**, with **Political Science** and **Sociology** tied for third. And, a trend holding steady is that about 50% of applicants applied to one of only **eight** majors: Biology, Business Economics, Communication, Computer Science, Economics, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology.

Further, TAP Transfer applications were **down 17%** compared to Fall 2021. There were approximately 2,000 TAP Certified applicants, with a TAP Admit Rate of 76%. And, 90% of the **1,414 TAP admits** were admitted to their first-choice major. However, **450** selected [a restricted alternate major](#), while **280** applicants did not list any alternate major. This means that **730** applicants were not able to be considered for an alternate major within the [College \(of Letters and Science\) at UCLA](#). All LAVC TAP Students are encouraged to prep for and list an alternate major on their UC Application each November.

VII. WHAT IS MEANT BY “TAP CERTIFIED” AND WHEN DOES IT MATTER? (Current and Prospective TAP Students)

Most of our TAP Students have often dreamed of attending UCLA since middle school, and so 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**. They must also participate in TAP for a full calendar year (Fall/Spring or Spring/Fall) to complete.

For only those TAP students whom 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 in January). In this moment, we are “certifying” which TAP Students will be completing LAVC’s Transfer Alliance / Honors program by the end of Spring. This information is then integrated into UCLA’s Undergraduate Admission systems, and then 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 LAVC’s Transfer Alliance / Honors Program (TAP) requirements will have their transcript notated with a “**TAP Completion – Spring 2022**” Memorandum and students will be able to note this on resumes/job applications, scholarship essays, and future graduate/professional school applications.

VIII. TAU ALPHA EPSILON

Do you want to gain great leadership skills? Would you like to have a transcript notation? Would you like to graduate with honors? Join the Tau Alpha Epsilon Honors Club, the oldest Honors Club on campus! We are looking for new members and officers for the Fall of 2022. TAE requires a GPA of 3.3 or higher with either 18 completed units from an accredited college or current enrollment in at least 12 units. First semester students are encouraged to join! Please email taehonorssociety@gmail.com or follow @taehonors on Instagram for more information.

IX. LAVC TAP COURSES: Fall 2022 - Counseling Advisement

The following lists all the Honors classes being offered at LAVC in Fall 2022 (*list is as of 05/01/2022, and subject to change, so please see above directions to see most current listing via LAVC homepage). Please review the Fall 2022 – Counseling advisement to choose the Honors general education (IGETC/ CSUGE) or major preparation courses you want to enroll for Fall 2022. Most TAP students take 1-2 Honors courses per semester until their 15- or 18-unit requirement is met. First year students or those within their first year in TAP are advised to consult with a counselor if wanting to take more than that in Fall 2022. Please refer to the latest IGETC for Area references. See your counselor to create or update your Student Educational Plan (SEP), and especially if you have out of District transcripts which need to be evaluated.

Class	Course	IGETC Area	Counselor Notes with UCLA/CSUN Majors
25454	AFRO AM 020 - African American Literature I	3B	Good IGETC 3B class for all majors, but particularly for students interested or majoring in African American Studies; American Literature and Culture; Anthropology (BA); Chicana/o Studies; Child Development/Early Childhood Education; Comparative Literature; Education and Transformation Studies; English; Global Studies; History; Screenwriting for Cinema, TV or Theater; Sociology; & World Arts and Cultures.
25455	ANTHRO 101 - Human Biological Evolution	5B (no lab)	A lecture-only biological science course that covers IGETC 5B, so good general education for most majors. Lower division major prep course for Anthropology (BA/BS) and Human Biology and Society (BA/BS). Also good course for students interested in Biology/Life Science/PreMed to explore their interest in these fields. Note: All Life Science majors at UCLA, including Biology (BS), require completion of BIOLOGY 006 & 007 for major preparation, which will also satisfy IGETC 5B / 5C.

17128	ART 501 - Beginning Two- Dimensional Design	3A	Good IGETC 3A class for all majors. Lower division major preparation course for Art, Art History, Design Media Arts (BA) majors. Also good for students interested or majoring in architecture, urban design, and/or engineering. ART 501 is either a prerequisite or co-requisite to following LAVC classes: ART 202 - Drawing II; ART 213 - Color Theory; ART 604 - Graphic Design I; ART 620 - Illustration I. ART 501 is also Recommended to take prior to many more ART courses at LAVC. See Catalog for full listing.
13406	BIOLOGY 006 - General Biology I	5B & 5C	<i>Prerequisite:</i> CHEM 101 . Lower division major preparation for all biology majors, regardless of campus or system. Required for all Life Science majors; plus, Anthropology (BS); Earth and Environmental Science (BA); Nursing-Generic (UCI/UCLA only); and Psychobiology. Psychology majors could use this class for major preparation. BIOLOGY 007 can be taken before BIOLOGY 006.
13444	BIOLOGY 007 - General Biology II	5B & 5C	<i>Prerequisite:</i> Math Placement on Student Portal. Lower division major preparation for all biology majors, regardless of campus or system. Required for all Life Sciences majors; plus, Anthropology (BS); Earth and Environmental Science (BA); Nursing-Generic (UCI/UCLA only); and Psychobiology. Psychology majors DO NOT need BIOLOGY 007. BIOLOGY 007 can be taken before BIOLOGY 006.
13169	CHICANO 007 - The Mexican- American in the History of the United States I	4	Good IGETC 4 class for all majors. Also good preparation for Chicana/o Studies; Ethnomusicology; Labor Studies; Global Studies; History; Latin American Studies; Spanish-Community/Culture & Linguistics; and World Arts and Cultures majors.
16720	CINEMA 114 - Master Filmmakers	3A	Good IGETC 3A class for all majors. Particularly good for Film and Television/Cinema Arts majors, as well as Art and Music majors, and cinephiles!
25457	ENGLISH 101 - College Reading and Composition I	1A	All first year students are advised to take ENGLISH 101 their first term. If you earned a 4-5 on either AP English Lang/Comp or Lit/Comp, UCLA gives course credit . If you earned a 3 or lower , it is advised to take ENGLISH 101 for college course credit.
25050	HISTORY 001 - Introduction to Western Civilization I	4	Good IGETC 4 class for all majors. Lower division major requirement for History--which is also a good alternate major for Political Science, PreLaw, or other social science majors; also good for Study of Religion (BA) majors. "This course emphasizes the significance of this historical background to contemporary American culture" (Source: LAVC Catalog).
16721	JOURNAL 105 - Mass Communications	4	Good IGETC 4 class for all majors. Would appeal to students majoring in Communication; Comparative Literature; Journalism. "This introductory course examines the major aspects of the electronic and print media" (Source: LAVC Catalog).

10192	LIB SCI 101 - College Research Skills		Not an IGETC course, but LIB SCI 101 is a TAP requirement . Not required to be taken as Honors, but the 1-unit will count towards your 15- to 18-Honors units requirement. Pair with ENGLISH 101 . [Note: 8 Week B class : 10/24/2022 - 12/18/2022]
	MATH 259 - Precalculus with Trigonometry (# 18317 OR # 18319)	2	MATH 259 is a 6-unit course designed to prepare students for MATH 261. Without a passing AP Calculus AB exam score, MATH 259 is the best math course for incoming students majoring in STEM, or those which need MATH 261 for major preparation. Alternatively, a student can take MATH 240 - Trigonometry (3 units) first, then MATH 260 - Precalculus (5 units) in another term, as a way of learning the material in two separate courses prior to enrolling in MATH 261.
15895	MATH 261 - Calculus I	2	Lower division major preparation course for all STEM majors, and for students interested or majoring in Anthropology (BS); Business Economics (UCLA, UC Pathways); Computer Science; Data Theory; Earth and Environmental Science (BA); Economics (UCLA, UC Pathways); Financial Actuarial Mathematics; Neuroscience; Psychobiology; and Statistics (BS).
10914	MUSIC 111 - Music Appreciation I	3A	Good IGETC 3A class for all majors. Particularly good for students interested or majoring in Elementary Teacher Education; Ethnomusicology; Music; & Music Education. "This is an introductory survey course designed to develop an understanding of the literature of Western art music from the Middle Ages through the present day" (Source: LAVC Catalog).
25452	PSYCH 001 - General Psychology I	4	Good IGETC 4 class for all majors. Lower division major preparation course for Psychology majors. Also good for students interested or majoring in Communication; Child Development/Early Childhood Education; Cognitive Science; Linguistics-Applied; and Psychobiology. If you earned a 4-5 on AP Psychology exam, UCLA gives course credit . If you earned a 3 or lower , it is advised to take PSYCH 101 for college course credit. PSYCH 001 is the prerequisite for most other PSYCHOLOGY courses at LAVC, and is also a Nursing Prerequisite for most ADN/BSN programs.
	SPANISH 003, 004, 005 & 006 - or GERMAN 003, 004 & 005 - (see website for section numbers)	3B	If students earned a 4 or 5 on AP Spanish Language exam, they may enroll in SPANISH 005. If they scored a 3 on AP Spanish Language exam, they should consider enrolling in SPANISH 004 (Source: LAVC World Language FAQs). To take Spanish assessment, please contact Prof. Zamudio (zamudimg@lavc.edu). <i>Prerequisite for German courses:</i> GERMAN 002. To take a German language assessment , please contact Prof. Fusilero (fusilevm@lavc.edu).