

UCLA Transfer Alliance Program Guide for Prospective Students

The Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) gives students at California Community Colleges enhanced transfer opportunities to the UCLA College. This guide outlines the major steps and deadlines to navigate the TAP pathway successfully.

What Is TAP?

- TAP is a partnership between UCLA and over 50 California Community Colleges.
- TAP applicants complete the honors/scholars program at their community college and receive priority consideration for admission to the College and the following majors: public health, public affairs, and education and social transformation.
- TAP applicants who are not admitted to their first-choice major are also considered for an alternate major—a benefit non-TAP applicants do not receive.
- One-year transfer students will not be eligible for TAP certification. By the end of the Spring 2027, the student must be a college student for a minimum of two years after high school completion.
- Find out if your college is a TAP partner: [TAP College Partners](#)
- *Note: TAP is not an admission guarantee program.*

TAP MILESTONES



Enroll at a TAP-Participating Community College

- Confirm your community college is a TAP member college by [checking this list](#).
- Enroll in the honors/scholars program at your community college. Meet with an honors/scholars program counselor for questions about your college's TAP requirements.



Choose Your Major(s) Early

- Research majors within the UCLA College for priority consideration.
- Ensure your chosen major is available to TAP applicants. Majors within the UCLA College and majors including public health, public affairs, and education and social transformation participate in TAP.
- Select an alternate major within the UCLA College. The following majors are restricted and cannot be chosen as an alternate major: biology, pre-business economics, education and social transformation, global studies, human biology and society (B.A. and B.S.), mathematics/economics, mathematics, financial actuarial, political science, psychology, public health (B.A. and B.S.), sociology, and statistics and data science.
- Complete all required courses for both your primary and alternate major.
- *Note: TAP applicants may not select an alternate major in the following specialty schools: The Samueli School of Engineering, the School of Arts and Architecture, the Herb Alpert School of Music, the School of Nursing, and the School of Theater, Film and Television. These schools do not participate in TAP. The alternate major option is only available to certified TAP students.*

☐ **Complete Honors/Scholars Program Requirements**

- You must complete at least 15 UC transferable honors units by your honors/scholars program deadline. Typically the end of spring prior to your transfer.
- Each community college's honors/scholars program may have unique requirements and GPA thresholds. Confirm with your counselor.

☐ **File Your UC Application**

- Submit your UC Application for admission by the UC deadline.
- Indicate your participation in an honors program and select your alternate major.

NOTE: Ensure that both your selected primary and alternate major are TAP-eligible (as outlined in the choose your major section).

☐ **Submit the TAP Applicant Agreement Form**

- Work with your honors/scholars counselor in February to complete and submit your TAP Certification Form. Check the UCLA TAP website for the year's exact deadline.
- This form is typically due in early March. Failure to submit your UCLA TAP Applicant Agreement form will prevent your certification.

☐ **Update Your UC Application**

- In January, log into your UC application to update fall grades and planned spring coursework by January 31.

☐ **Admissions Decisions**

- UCLA generally releases transfer decisions in late April.
- TAP applicants may be admitted to their alternate major if not admitted to their first-choice major—this flexibility can be crucial!

THE BOTTOM LINE *TAP = Opportunity*

TAP applicants receive strong academic preparation and a key admissions advantage: if not admitted to their first-choice major, their application is reviewed a second time for an alternate major—without impacting their primary major review. This dual consideration, paired with guidance from honors counselors, helps students successfully navigate the transfer process and prepares them for the academic rigor at UCLA.

Additional Resources

[UCLA Transfer Alliance
Program Admissions](#)



[UCLA Transfer
Guide \(Fall 2027\)](#)



[UCLA TAP
Website](#)



[UC Application
Portal](#)

