

CHASS F1RST

First-Year Experience Programs

Highlander Orientation for Transfer - Student Booklet 2025-2026



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About CHASS F1RST

CHASS F1RST, First-Year Experience Programs, prepares students for a successful transition into a large research university environment that promotes academic and student success. CHASS F1RST provides first-year students with the tools, experiences, and opportunities to be successful at UCR and beyond. The program encourages student academic achievement, social integration, and cultivates self-development along with a strong supportive network of peers, staff, and faculty.

CHASS F1RST Goals:

1. **Achieve Academic Excellence:** Develop academic pathways and strategies to increase student success through transitioning successfully to a university setting.
2. **Foster a Sense of Community Engagement:** Become familiar with the campus culture, navigating resources, and foster positive relationships by engaging with faculty, staff and other students in a diverse college environment and beyond.
3. **Preparation for Life Possibilities:** Prepare to become self-sufficient by establishing personal goals, making productive choices, and exploring different majors, careers and life options.

Key Terms

CHASS Transfers F1RST Program

- A student-led program within the CHASS F1RST department that offers support to transfer students with majors in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.

Transfer Learning Community (TLC) & CHFY 010 Course

- All CHASS transfer students will take the Transfer Learning Community (TLC) their first quarter at UCR. The Transfer Learning Community consists of the CHFY 010 Step-By-Step to College Success Course.

Transfer Ambassadors

- Current CHASS undergraduate transfer students who facilitate the CHFY 010 Course.

Transfer Year Experience (TYE)

- CHASS transfer students can choose to continue to partner with the CHASS Transfers F1RST Program throughout the rest of their first year at UCR by submitting an application on our website for the Transfer Year Experience (TYE).

Block Registration

- All CHASS transfer students will register for a transfer learning community block (CHFY 010 Course) before they can register for other courses their first quarter at UCR.

About the Transfer Learning Community (TLC)

All CHASS transfer students will take the Transfer Learning Community (TLC) their first quarter at UCR. The Transfer Learning Community consists of the CHFY 010 Step-By-Step to College Success Course which is a 2-unit Satisfactory/No Credit Course (S/NC) online course, with support from Transfer Ambassadors. CHASS transfer students can then choose to continue to partner with the CHASS Transfers F1RST Program the rest of their first year at UCR through the Transfer Year Experience (TYE).

CHFY 010 Step-By-Step to College Success Course

- 2-units, 50 minutes/week
- Offered in Three Modalities: Synchronous, Asynchronous and In-Person
- Led by two Transfer Ambassadors
- ALL CHASS Transfer Students will take this TLC course their first quarter at UCR

The course will include:

- Peer Mentorship from Transfer Ambassadors
- Campus Resource Highlights
- Readings About Success from the book "*Be Great! Your Journey is Your Legacy*"
- Established Transfer Community

About the Transfer Year Experience (TYE)

CHASS transfer students can choose to continue to partner with the CHASS Transfers F1RST Program throughout the rest of their first year at UCR by submitting an application for the Transfer Year Experience (TYE) on our website. The TYE Canvas course will open in Fall 2025.

The 2025-2026 TYE Application will be available in Fall 2025.

The TYE will consist of:

- Peer Support - One-on-one Appointments with Transfer Ambassadors
- Community Building Activities - Socials, Mixers, Study Sessions, Networking, Celebrations, etc.
- Professional Development Workshops - Letter of Recommendations, Grad School, Internships, etc.
- Personal Development Workshops - Time Management, Academic Self-Help, Financial Aid, Self-Care etc.

CHASS transfer students will receive a Certificate of Completion at the end of the academic year if they successfully complete the following:

1. CHFY 010 (Transfer Learning Community) or UCR Honors LC Course
2. A minimum of 1 CHASS F1RST Event
3. A minimum of 1 UCR Campus Event
4. Connect with at least 1 UCR campus resource during the academic year
5. A minimum of 2 one-on-one meetings with a Transfer Ambassador
6. Meet with your academic or peer advisor at least once in the academic year
7. Meet with a professor or teaching assistant at least once during the academic year and
8. Complete End of Program Survey



All first-year transfer students in CHASS are required to participate in the TLC

All first-year transfer students in CHASS have the option to continue to partner through the TYE

Block Registration

The Transfer Learning Community (TLC) supports CHASS first-year transfer students by providing the tools and resources needed to succeed at UCR and beyond! You will register for your TLC block during your Advising Session, and you'll be prompted to do so before registering for other courses. You may be able to change your block once or twice if needed. If you encounter any issues, please let your Academic Advisor know during your session.

How do I register for my Block?

Complete the following steps to register for your block:

Step 1- Go to the "Registration" Portal on your R'Web

Step 2- Click "Register for Classes"

Step 3- Click on the "Blocks" tab

Step 4- Select a Transfer Learning Community block by clicking the bubble

Step 5- Save your chosen Transfer Learning Community block by clicking "Submit"

Step 6- Proceed to searching for other courses to register for

** Block Registration information is subject to change and limits will decrease through the summer*

Fall 2025

Block	Limit	CRN	SUBJ	CRS	SECT	Day	Time	Modality
Track A Block 1	25	39268	CHFY	010	001	M	6-6:50p	In-Person
Track A Block 2	151	39269	CHFY	010	002	T	1-1:50p	ONLN
Track A Block 3	151	39270	CHFY	010	003	W	3-3:50p	ONLN
Track A Block 4	151	39271	CHFY	010	004	R	10-10:50a	ONLN
Track A Block 5	151	39272	CHFY	010	005	F	12-12:50p	ONLN
Track A Block 6	30	39273	CHFY	010	006	ONLN	ONLN	ONLN

University Honors Students

All University Honors students are encouraged to join their college's Learning Community so that they may take advantage of the early access to Learning Community (LC) blocks. University Honors students will take both the University Honors and the CHASS Learning Communities. If a conflict arises between University Honors and the CHASS Learning Community, please reach out to your CHASS Academic Advisor to see if the conflict can be resolved. If the conflict cannot be resolved, students will need to choose whether to remain in University Honors or the CHASS Learning Community.

UCR Campus Resources

[Academic Resource Center \(ARC\)](#)

[ARC Transfer Success Program](#)

[Career Center](#)

[Center for Undergraduate Research and Engaged Learning \(CUREL\)](#)

[CHASS Peer Advisors](#)

[CHASS Virtual Resource Guide](#)

[Ethnic & Gender Centers](#)

- African Student Programs (ASP)
- Asian Pacific Student Programs (APSP)
- Chicano Student Programs (CSP)
- Foster Youth Support Services (FYSS)
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center (LGBTRC)
- Middle Eastern Student Center (MESC)
- Native American Student Programs (NASP)
- Undocumented Student Programs (USP)
- Women's Resource Center (WRC)

[Financial Wellness Program](#)

[Graduate Division](#)

[Health, Wellbeing, & Safety \(HWS\)](#)

- Basic Needs
- Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education (CARE)
- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Healthy Campus
- Case Management
- Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC)
- Student Health Services (SHS)
- Police & Campus Safety

- **The Well**

Highlander One Stop Shop (HOSS)

- **Undergraduate Admissions**
- **Financial Aid**
- **Office of the Registrar**
- **Summer Sessions**
- **Transfer Credit & Articulation Services**
- **Student Business Services**

Pre-Professional Advising Center (PPAC)

Transportation & Parking Services (TAPS)

UCR Housing

UCR International Affairs

UCR Library

UCR Power of the Peers Network (POP)

UCR Student Life

UCR Student Recreation Center (SRC)

UCR Trio Scholars

UCR Underground Scholars

University Honors

Veterans Resource Center

Tips for Success

Tips for a Successful Academic Transition

- Know Important Dates Using the [UCR Academic Calendar](#)
- Go to Office Hours- even if it is just to say hello
- Attend and be Present for Class
- Read the Syllabus
- Take Notes (e.g... Cornell Method, Mind Mapping)
- Take Time to Study- 2 Hours of Study Time for Every 1 Hour of Class
- Self Care- Take a Break Studying as Needed to Avoid Burnout!
- Form a Study Group
- Ask for Help- there is no stupid or dumb question!
- Use Time Management Methods and Techniques (e.g... Planners, Canvas Calendar, Google Calendar, Pomodoro Method, Eisenhower Method)

Tips for a Successful Social Transition

- Get involved (e.g... [Highlander Link](#), [Career Center](#), [Undergraduate Research](#), [CHASS Research](#), [Honors](#))
- Explore the Campus- use the [Campus Map](#) as a Guide
- Build Relationships with Faculty, Staff, Academic Advisor, and your Peers!
- Find networking opportunities
- Keep in Touch with Family & Friends
- Practice self-care in all areas of your life
- Try Something New- Learn & Grow

Be Patient!

Trust the Process!

When in Doubt, Reach Out!

Contact Us

First Day of Fall 2025 Quarter: September 22, 2025

First Day of Instruction: September 25, 2025

All CHFY 010 Workshops Start Week 1 - Week of September 29th

Students will have the opportunity to enroll in the learning community block during Highlander Orientation Advising Sessions.

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