

UCI Claire Trevor | Art

School of the Arts

Welcome to the Department of Art.

The department faculty and staff join me in extending to you our warmest welcome. We are excited to have you on board and are looking forward to a rewarding experience working together toward your degree. The Department of Art houses a dynamic combination of paths for you to engage in the field of contemporary art. You will have the opportunity to work in a variety of areas, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, digital filmmaking, electronic art and design, installation and performance art, and the study of critical theory in the field.

The Art faculty and staff are comprised of a group of nationally and internationally recognized individuals who are committed to sharing their expertise with you to help you develop your own voice in your work as an artist. We believe that a vital part of your artistic development comes from regular contact with practicing art professionals. To that end, along side your access to our exceptional faculty, the department also invites visiting artists, curators, and critics to our campus to discuss their work, and to get to know our students. Please take advantage of these great opportunities.

In addition, the University Art Gallery, Contemporary Arts Center Gallery, and the Room Gallery offer professional exhibitions as well as numerous opportunities for undergraduate and graduate student presentations. Our undergraduate honors program offers select students the opportunity to excel even further in our program. In addition to the Major in Art, the department also offers a Minor in Digital Arts and a Minor in Digital Filmmaking. We encourage you all to engage in these opportunities. Our entire faculty and staff are here to support you and your work.

Please review the Welcome Week schedule. We encourage you to visit the department website at <http://studioart.arts.uci.edu>, and “Like” us on Facebook under “UC Irvine Art.” If you have questions about the department or the school, feel free to contact the department office at (949) 824-6648. We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Appel', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Kevin Appel
Professor / Department Chair
Department of Art