

**Department of Dance**

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Dear UCI Dance Major,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I welcome you to the Claire Trevor School of the Arts Department of Dance at the University of California, Irvine. You are now part of an exciting and challenging department that is ranked as one of the top dance programs in the United States. As a Dance major, you will have opportunities to participate in performances, create choreography for live stage or video, dedicate time to learning and attend important and exciting events on and off campus.

The Student Affairs Office will provide you with your academic counseling needs in collaboration with the Dance Department. Please make an appointment with the Student Affairs Office to specifically plan your course of study and to ensure that your class selections align with all your graduation requirements. The Welcome Week schedule has a detailed list of activities for all dance majors. New students are required to attend the auditions during Welcome Week for placement in all the dance technique classes. Classes may be added after the audition results are posted in September.

Diane Diefenderfer is the Undergraduate Advisor and an important contact for you regarding Dance Department information and policies. Please also feel free to make an appointment with any of the professors for information or advice regarding performances, choreography, dance media or course offerings. Information regarding department events can be found at <http://dance.arts.uci.edu>, or you may find us on Facebook.

The Dance Department suggests that you have a physical examination on file with UCI Student Health Services. Please contact them at (949) 824-5301 if you have any questions regarding the physical examination or any health related issues.

Please look over the enclosed Welcome Week schedule and note the meeting for new Dance majors on Monday afternoon, the placement audition times on Tuesday, and the sign-up for Drama 101 on **Friday, September 30th**. You must complete the Drama 101 requirement by the end of the 2016-17 school year or you will not be cast in any Dance Department concerts the following year. If you have any questions please call the Dance Department office at (949) 824-7283.

During the academic year, please feel free to schedule an appointment to meet with me in my office. I will make every effort to ensure that your studies here are successful. The 2016-17 school year promises to be very exciting and I look forward to meeting you during Welcome Week!

Sincerely,

Lisa Naugle, Ph.D.
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