

**Dance Department**

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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 innovative department that is ranked as one of the top dance programs in the United States. As a Dance major, you will have many opportunities to explore new ideas, participate in performances, create choreography for stage and video, engage in new ways of learning and attend exciting events both on and off the campus. In collaboration with the Dance Department, the Student Affairs Office will provide you with academic counseling needs. If you need academic guidance, please feel free to make an appointment with the Student Affairs Office via email at ArtsCounselor@uci.edu after school begins. They can offer assistance in course planning to ensure that your class selections align with all your graduation requirements.

Diane Diefenderfer is the Dance Department Undergraduate Advisor and an important contact for you regarding course schedule, department information and policies. Please make an appointment with Prof. Diefenderfer and feel free to make an appointment with any of the Dance professors for information or advice. There is a student committee, Community Student Advisory Committee (CSAC), that meets with Diane and me regularly and can be useful in answering your questions and communicating concerns to us. Information regarding department events can also be found in the department website at <http://dance.arts.uci.edu>.

The Welcome Week Schedule is a detailed list of department and school activities for all dance majors. Please note the meeting for new Dance majors on Monday afternoon, the placement audition times on Tuesday, the meeting for Drama 101 on Wednesday and sign-ups on **Friday, October 4th**. You must complete the Drama 101 requirement by the end of the 2019-20 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, you are welcome to schedule an appointment to meet with me in my office. I will make every effort to ensure that your experiences at UCI are successful. The 2019-20 school year promises to be very exciting and I look forward to meeting you during Welcome Week!

Best wishes,

Molly Lynch
Chair and Professor
Department of Dance