

Welcome to the UCI CTSA Department of Drama!

We are delighted that you are joining our vibrant community: all are welcome here; you belong here! Our distinguished faculty, exceptional staff, and student body, along with me, look forward to meeting you in person and collaborating with you to achieve your goals. Our first meeting together as a whole will be our **Department of Drama Town Hall (Mandatory for all Undergrads, Graduates, Faculty, and Staff)** on **Monday, September 22, 2025, at 1:30 pm** in the [Claire Trevor Theatre](#).

You are joining a 60-year tradition of artists and scholars sparking curiosity, creativity, and connection at UC Irvine and beyond, where we unite the rigorous, hands-on training of a conservatory with the expansive intellectual and imaginative opportunities of a world-class research university. The outcome: our alumni thrive on the global stage, leaving an indelible impact on Broadway, national and international tours, regional theatres, film, television, new media, themed entertainment, and numerous creative endeavors. They have built careers as performers, designers, directors, producers, entertainment managers, musical theatre makers, and explorers of dramatic literature, theory, and criticism. Most importantly, they embody the spirit of our department as being bold, innovative, and entrepreneurial artists and leaders. This is the community that you are entering. We are thrilled you are here.

Be sure to check out the Welcome Week schedule formats and attend exciting opportunities created just for you! If you want to get ahead on your journey, join us on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 1:00 pm for **Demystifying Welcome Week (Optional/Open to all New Undergrads/Grads)** in [Studio Four, Rm. 209](#). If you are a performer, sign up and attend [Mega Auditions](#), where we will cast our entire **Main Stage Season** (4 productions) on the evenings of Monday, September 22, through Wednesday, September 24, with Callbacks on Saturday, September 27, and Sunday, September 28. Beyond our Main Stage, there's a world of possibilities waiting for you including our **Emergent Series** and **Off the Grid (OTG)** projects, which featuring the work of our faculty, guest artists, and your fellow students, including various drama student organizations and affinity groups, like Black Door Theatre Company, Brick Theatre Company, Brown Bag Theatre Company, and Underground AZN Players.

To stay connected and informed about all the exciting happenings in the Drama Department, be sure to check our Drama Callboard (across from [The Green Room Cafe](#)), our [Digital Callboard](#), and our [UCI Drama website](#). Also, hot tip: check your UCI email at least twice a day. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to visit the Drama Department Office (located up the stairway behind the Drama Callboard) or reach out by phone or email (below) at any time. We are here to support you.

Your time here will be a powerful journey of growth and discovery, surrounded by a community that uplifts, challenges, and inspires. We are in this together. Now dive in, explore every opportunity, and create an experience as unique and dynamic as you are.

Best wishes,



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