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Dear UCI Dance Major,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I want to welcome you to the Claire Trevor School of the Arts - Department of Dance at the University of California, Irvine. Soon we will be gathering to begin our fall quarter of the 2022-23 academic year! You are part of an exciting and innovative department that is ranked as one of the top dance programs in the United States.

We realize this is a challenging time to pursue your college career but we are here to assist you. 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 online and live. In collaboration with the Dance Department, the Student Affairs Office will provide you with academic counseling. If you need academic assistance, please visit the Arts Student Affairs website for more information:

<https://www.arts.uci.edu/student-affairs-advising> . They can offer you 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 consider making an appointment with her during your first year and feel free to contact me or 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 on 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. For new incoming freshmen and transfers, please note the meeting for new Dance majors on Monday afternoon, the placement audition times on Tuesday, and the meeting for Drama 101 on Wednesday. You must complete the Drama 101 requirement by the end of the 2022-23 school year or you will not be cast in any Dance Department productions the following year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Dance Department office at (949) 824-7283 or dance@uci.edu . During the academic year, you are welcome to schedule an appointment to meet with me. I will make every effort to ensure that your experiences at UCI are successful. The 2022-23 school year promises to be very exciting and I look forward to meeting you during the fall quarter!

Best wishes,



Molly Lynch
Chair and Professor
Department of Dance