

2025 School of Theater, Film, and Television Fall Welcome Orientation Program Plan

For Design/Production MFA Students in the Department of Theater

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

8:30 – 9:20 AM	<u>Check-In and Continental Breakfast</u>	Theater Box Office Courtyard
9:30 – 10:45 AM	<u>Dean's & Chairs Welcome & Distinguished Alumni Award</u>	Freud Playhouse
11:00 – 12:15 PM	<u>Chair's Welcome to Theater Students</u> with Jeff Burke	Freud Playhouse
1:00 – 3:00 PM	<u>MFA Costume Design Students Costume Studio Orientation</u> with Rebecca Guzzi, Chrisi Karvonides, & Costume Studio Staff David C. Copley Center for the Study of Costume Design Director, Professor Deborah Landis, Research Director Natasha Rubin	Costume Studio
1:00 – 1:30 PM	<u>MFA Lighting Design – Lighting Specifics Electric Components</u> with Nikki Alday	Theater Courtyard
1:00 – 2:45 PM	<u>MFA Scenic and Production Design Students</u> with Adam Rigg	2310C Macgowan
1:30 – 2:30 PM	<u>2nd & 3rd MFA Designer Orientation with the Director of Production</u> with Christina Vacchiano	1154 Macgowan
2:45 – 3:00 PM	<u>MFA Scenic, Production Design Students, and Lighting Designers</u> Desk Assignments with Adam Rigg	2310C Macgowan
3:10 – 4:00 PM	<u>MFA Scenic, Production Designers, and Lighting Designers</u> Scenic Shop, Prop Shop orientation, tour shops, and venues/facilities with Christina Vacchiano	Scenic Shop
4:30 – 5:30 PM	<u>MFA Costume Studio Assignments</u> with Chrisi Karvonides	Costume Annex Rm 2217
5:30 – 7:00 PM	<u>Theater Graduate (PhDs and MFAs) Student and Faculty Reception</u>	1340 Macgowan

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

9:00 – 10:20 AM	<u>Important Resources for TFT students & Resource Fair</u> <i>Invited departments include TFT Student Services; Ashe Center Bruin Love Station; *Bike Shop; *Case Management Services and Economic Crisis Response Team; Career Center; CARE; Center for Accessible Education (CAE); Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS); Financial Wellness; Graduate Student Resource Center (GSRC); Graduate Writing Center (GWC); *Housing; *Ombuds; Resilience In your Student Experience (RISE); *Student Org., Leadership & Engagement (SOLE); *UCLA Financial Aid & Scholarships; *UCLA LGBTQ; UCLA Recreation FITWELL; *Undergraduate Writing Center; ((*handouts))</i>	Bridges Theater
10:30 – 11:50 AM	<u>TFT Teaching Assistant and Special Readers</u> Mandatory for all NEW Teaching Assistants for Fall 2025. <i>Open to all graduate students who will be or plan to be a Teaching Assistant in 2025-26)</i>	Bridges Theater
1:00 – 3:00 PM	<u>New Theater Graduate Student Orientation</u> <i>Graduate Counseling with Barrett Korerat</i>	2534 Melnitz
4:30 – 5:30 PM	<u>MFA Lighting Students</u> <i>with Pablo Santiago</i>	2310C Macgowan
[OPTIONAL]		
5:00 – 6:00 PM	<u>Support Black Theatre (SBT)</u> <i>hosted by Maci Dismuke UCLA '24</i> https://www.supportblacktheatre.org/ <i>Come learn about SBT's many student resources. Food, Music, Prizes</i>	1340 Macgowan