2026 School of Theater, Film and Television Fall Welcome Orientation Program Plan

For Graduate Students in the Department of Film, Television, and Digital Media

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

8:30 – 9:20 AM	Check-In and Continental Breakfast	Theater Box Office Courtyard
9:30 – 10:45 AM	Dean's & Chairs Welcome & Distinguished Alumni Award	Freud Playhouse
1:00 – 1:50 PM	Department of FTVDM Assembly: Professor Fabian Wagmister, Chair Professor Kristy Guevara-Flanagan, Vice Chair of Undergraduate Studies Associate Professor Shelleen Greene, Vice Chair, Cinema & Media Studies Professor Juan Pablo González, Vice Chair, Production Professor George Huang, Screenwriting Professor Chuck Sheetz, Area Head, Animation Professor Teri Schwartz, Area Head, Producers Program	Bridges Theater
1:50 – 1:55 PM	*Maya Montañez Smukler, Archive Research and Study Center*	
2:00 – 2:45 PM	MFA First Year Production/Directing, Producers and Animation Student Meeting *with Laura Campbell, Academic Advisor*	Bridges Theater
2:00 – 2:45 PM	FTVDM MA and PhD Programs Meeting *with Allison Taka Academic Advisor*	Darren Star
2:45 – 4:15 PM	First Year CMS MA and PhD Program Meeting *with Associate Professor Shelleen Greene and CMS Faculty*	Darren Star
3:00 – 5:00 PM	First Year MFA Animation Students Meeting *with Professors Chuck Sheetz, Amy Winfrey, and Lecturers Josh Morgan, Daniel Olivas, and Andrea Davis Program Manager*	2487 Melnitz
3:00 – 5:00 PM	First Year MFA Production Students Meeting *with Professor Juan Pablo* González*, and Sylvia Terry Program Manager*	Sound Stage 2
3:00 – 5:00 PM	First Year MFA Screenwriting Students Meeting *with Professors Phyllis Nagy, George Huang, and Lecturer Jill Goldsmith, Allison Taka Academic Advisor, and Andrea Davis Program Manager*	Bridges Theater
3:00 – 5:00 PM	MFA Producers Program Students Meeting and Campus Tour *with Professor Teri Schwartz, Lianne Halfon, and Lecturer Tom Nunan and Program Manager Lisa Reeve*	2534 Melnitz

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

9:00 – 10:20 AM	Important Resources for TFT Students & Resource Fair Join us for our Campus Resource Fair! Meet campus partners, learn about resources and services available to help you get connected, supported, and settled into life in the UCLA TFT community. *Invited departments include: TFT Student Services; Ashe Center Bruin Love Station; Career Center; Case Management Services and Economic Crisis Response Team; CARE; Center for Accessible Education (CAE); Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS); Financial Wellness; Graduate Student Resource Center (GSRC); Graduate Writing Center (GWC); Ombuds; Resilience In your Student Experience (RISE); UCLA LGBTQ; UCLA Recreation FITWELL*	Bridges Theater
10:30 – 11:50 AM	TFT Teaching Assistant and Special Readers **Mandatory for all NEW Teaching Assistants for Fall 2026.** *Open to all graduate students who will be or plan to be a Teaching Assistant in 2026-27)*	Bridges Theater
2:00 – 3:30 PM	FTVDM All MFA Cinematography and MFA Directing Students Introduction, Planned Equipment Workshop *with Bill McDonald and Thientam Nguyen*	Sound Stage 3
3:00 – 3:45 PM	2nd Year MFA Producers Program Students Meeting *with Professor Lianne Halfon and Program Manager Lisa Reeve*	2586B Melnitz
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Funding for PhD Students *with the Division of Graduate Education*	2534 Melnitz
4:00 – 6:00 PM	TFT Convocation	Freud Playhouse