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

For Design/Production MFA Students in the Department of Theater

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
11:00 – 12:15 PM	Chair's Welcome to Theater Students *with* Jeff Burke	Freud Playhouse
1:00 – 3:00 PM	MFA Costume Design Students Costume Studio Orientation *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	MFA Lighting Design – Lighting Specifics Electric Components *with Lighting Supervisor*	Theater Courtyard
1:00 – 2:45 PM	MFA Scenic and Production Design Students *with Adam Rigg*	2310C Macgowan
1:30 – 2:30 PM	2nd & 3rd MFA Designer Orientation with the Director of Production *with Christina Vacchiano*	1330 Macgowan
2:45 – 3:00 PM	MFA Scenic, Production Design Students, and Lighting Designers Desk Assignments *with Adam Rigg*	2310C Macgowan
3:10 – 4:00 PM	MFA Scenic, Production Designers, Lighting Designers, and 1st Year MFA Costume Designers Scenic Shop, Prop Shop orientation, tour shops, and venues/facilities *with Christina Vacchiano*	Scenic Shop
4:30 – 5:30 PM	MFA Costume Studio Assignments with Chrisi Karvonides	Costume Annex Rm 2217
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Theater Graduate (PhDs and MFAs) Student and Faculty Reception	1340 Macgowan

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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
1:00 – 3:00 PM	New Theater Graduate Student Orientation *Graduate Counseling with Barrett Korerat*	2534 Melnitz
3:10 – 4:00 PM	MFA Lighting Students *with Jeff Behm*	Little Theater
4:00 – 6:00 PM	TFT Convocation	Freud Playhouse