



Welcome to the Samueli School of Engineering

Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science





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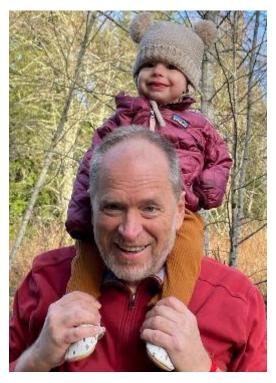






EECS Department Chair

Professor Lee Swindlehurst



and granddaughter -





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Beverly Randez, CAO







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M.S. Graduate Coordinator



- M.S. academic student concerns

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Ph.D. Graduate Coordinator



- Ph.D. academic student concerns



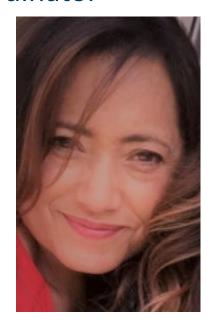


Academic Personnel and Payroll

Ashley Morales
Payroll/Personnel
Analyst



Elvia (Vivi) Salas Academic Personnel Coordinator



- Employment and Payroll Questions

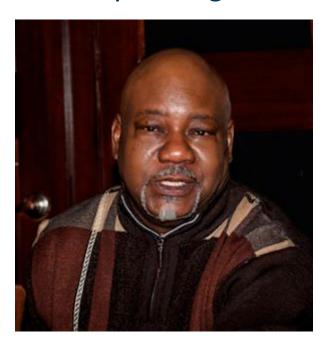
Faculty/Academic Personnel





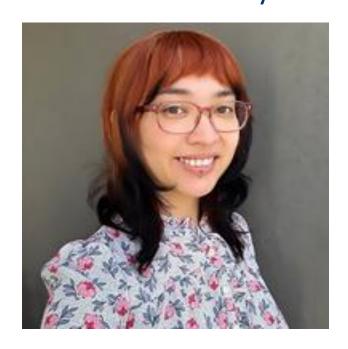
Laboratory and Office Personnel

<u>Shawn Davis</u> Laboratory Manager



- Lab Questions

<u>Fae Edano</u> Business Office Analyst



- General Office Questions





EECS Department

- Lee Swindlehurst
 Department Chair

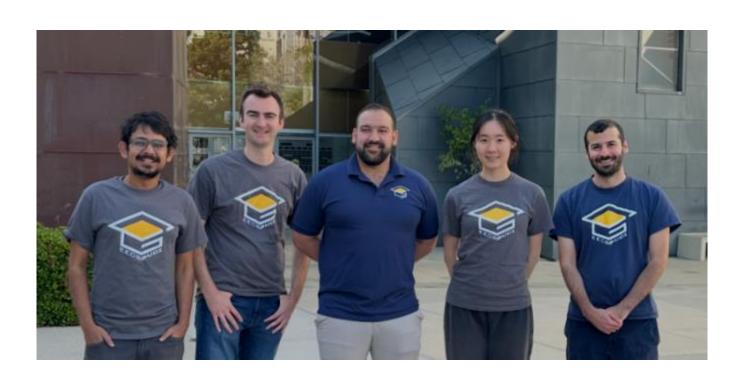
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Society of Graduate Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Students "GEECS"







Society of Women Engineers







Employment opportunity for MS students

- MS Graduate students may be employed as TAs or Readers but please note, TA appointments are mostly available to EECS PhD students.
- MS students can apply for EECS Grader appointments which are offered at 19% or less and don't pay the student fees. You will be only earning salary, based on the number of hours assigned to you (read your Grader contracts carefully).
- UAW orientation is mandatory for first time ASE (Academic Student Employee) – GSRs, Tas, and/or Readers.

Fall 2025 UAW Orientation:

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Time: 4:30 – 5:00 pm

Location: Social Science Tower – SST 120, 220A, 220B or Zoom

Fall 2025 UAW Orientation (Make Up):

Date: TBD | Location TBD





Reader Requirements

- Readers hired on a quarterly basis
- English Proficiency is **not** required.
- Minimum 3.1 GPA requirement
- Grade B or higher
- Enrollment in 8 units student status
- More information: <u>http://www.eng.uci.edu/dept/eecs/graduate/teaching-assistants-and-readers</u>





Steps to being hired

- Department will send an email for Reader hiring and if interested, you will be added to the Grader Applicants List
- You will be interviewed by teaching Professors
- If selected, Professor will contact Department to hire you
- Department will finalize your employment and will notify you that you can start working (do not start working until you are hired)
- First time readers must attend UAW orientation (Orientation is offered every quarter by Graduate Division)
- First-time ASEs: attend UAW orientation

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Steps to being hired

- You will need to submit your hours in TRS (time reporting system) or you will not be paid. Please review the contracts sent to you carefully for the number of allowed working hours
- Pay: Graders/Readers: every other Wednesday (hourly pay only)
- <u>UCPath Online</u> –**student employees** To receive payments from the Payroll system, graduate students with employment appointments must use <u>UCPath Online</u>.





Direct Deposit – Payment

https://fs.uci.edu/student-billing/direct-deposit-deft.php

Grader / Readers

<u>UCPath Online</u> – **Student Employees**

To receive payments from the Payroll system, graduate students with employment appointments must use UCPath Online.

Salary is paid Biweekly Fall Quarter 2025:

October 8th

October 22rd

November 5th

November 19th

December 3th

December 17th





UCI Time Report System (TRS)

Readers

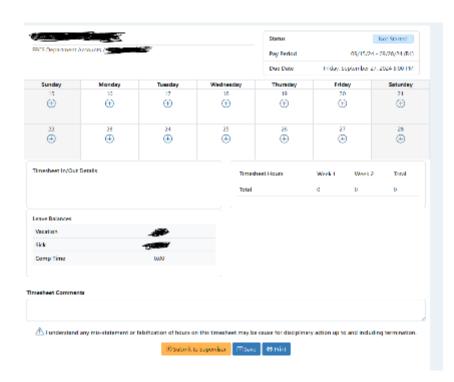
- You will report only hours worked on your timesheet. You will be submitting your timesheet every two weeks.
- If you do not submit your timesheet, you will not be paid. If it is late, it may cause late payment.



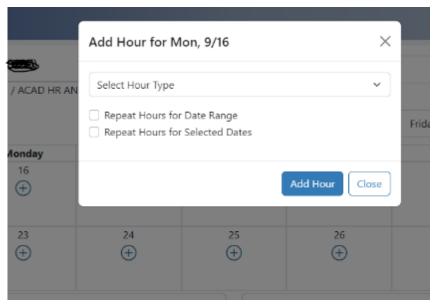


TRS Continued

Example of TRS timesheet



When you click on a plus sign







Glacier, SSN, ITIN

- ➤ Glacier is a nonresident tax compliance system that allows UCI to properly determine the appropriate withholding on income paid to non-residents and comply with tax laws. https://accounting.uci.edu/tax/non-resident/index.html
- A Social Security Number (SSN) is requested by your employer if you are authorized to engage in employment. If you do not already have an SSN, you will need to apply for one. https://ic.uci.edu/resource-pages/social-security.php
- An Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN) is for individuals who are required to have a taxpayer identification number for tax purposes, but who do not have and are not eligible to obtain an SSN from the Social Security Administration. https://ic.uci.edu/resource-pages/individual-taxpayer-identification-number.php





Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

Curricular based off-campus internship/work permission for F-1 international students

Eligibility

- F-1 Student enrolled for at least one (consecutive) academic year before you are eligible to apply for CPT
- Job offer must be related to your field of study
- You must obtain CPT authorization PRIOR to beginning your internship
- Must be registered for ENGR 291
- Must be enrolled and <u>cannot</u> be used if you are on "filing fee status"

Other key points:

- Can only intern/work part time, up to 20 hours a week during the academic year
- Can intern/work full time, up to 40 hours a week during the summer





CPT Academic Requirement

Preparing your CPT Application and Enrolling in ENGR 291 Internship

- Review <u>International Center's CPT Online Tutorial</u>
- Independent Study form (only if seeking CPT during summer terms)

ENGR 291 Internship Course Requirements

- A 2-page summary report describing the company and its products or services, the technical aspects of the position, courses that you took that helped you prepare for this role, and your professional goals as they relate to your graduate degree at UCI.
- A rating from your internship supervisor as either good/fair/poor and/or an overall assessment of your work emailed to gradengr@uci.edu.

For any questions about CPT application, ENGR 291 Internship enrollment, or grading, please contact gradengr@uci.edu.





Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is work authorization available to international students who have been in valid F-1 status for one academic year and who plan to seek employment in the U.S. in their field of study.

Key points:

- Submit your OPT I-20 request form to Graduate Coordinator complete "Completion Verification" section
- The earliest you can apply for OPT is 90 days before your program end date
- The latest date the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will accept your application is 60 days after your program end date
- Total of 12 months





CASA

(Office of Curriculum, Analytical Studies, and Accreditation)

Multipurpose Science and Technology Building 286 casa@eng.uci.edu

- David Vazquez, Curriculum Accreditation Supervisor
- Jennie Vargas, Sr. Analyst/Course Management Specialist
- Ann Clark, Analyst/Curriculum Management Specialist
- Gabriella Pelletier, Contract/Curriculum Management Specialist





Teaching Plan

2025-2026 Henry Samueli School of Engineering Teaching Plan







CASA

ENROLLING IN UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Graduate students are restricted from enrolling in undergraduate courses using WebReg.

To enroll in an Engineering undergraduate course:

- 1. Contact the professor via email for enrollment permission.
- 2. Forward the email to CASA.
- 3. CASA will authorize you to enroll.

REGISTRAR

https://www.reg.uci.edu/registrar/soc/webreg.html





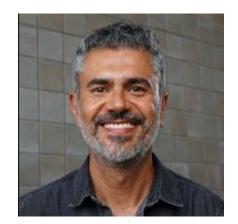
CASA

Other Questions

- What should I do if the course I want is Full?
 - Email instructor to see if seats can be added
 - Email CASA to see if seats can be added
- What should I do if there are conflicting class times?
 - Email CASA: casa@eng.uci.edu
- Why is there a course restriction for the course that I am interested in?
 - Email CASA : <u>casa@eng.uci.edu</u>

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Ali Mohraz Associate Dean



Enmanuel Gallardo Jr. Student Services Advisor

Graduate Student Affairs



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9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm
Remote on Fridays



Majde Al Salibi Graduate Programs Director



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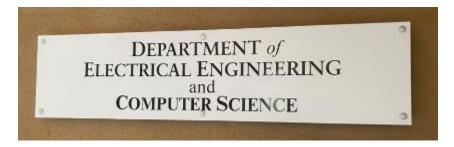
Degrees and Concentrations

Concentrations:

- Electrical Engineering
 - Systems
 - Circuits and Devices
- Computer Engineering

M.S. Degree Two Options

- Plan I: Thesis Option
- Plan II: Comprehensive Exam Option







M.S. Degree Requirements

Electrical Engineering

Thesis Option

- 12 Courses total(4 units each)
- 7 Concentration Courses
- 5 Elective course
 - No more than 4 courses (4 units/quarter) of EECS 296 (Thesis Research)
 - No more than 1 course of EECS 299 (Individual Study)
 - No more than 1 undergraduate elective course.

Comprehensive Exam Option

- 12 Courses total (4 units each)
- 4 Core Courses
 - Choose 4 of the 6 in your field
- 5 Concentration Courses
- 3 Elective Course
 - No more than 1 course of EECS 299 (Individual Study)
 - No more than 2 undergraduate elective courses
- 1 Seminar Course (EECS 294)
 - Cannot be used toward the 12 courses





M.S. Degree Requirements

Computer Engineering

Thesis Option

- 12 Courses total(4 units each)
- 3 Core Course
- 4 Concentration Courses
- 5 Elective course
 - No more than 4 courses (4 units/quarter) of EECS 296 (Thesis Research)
 - No more than 1 course of EECS 299 (Individual Study)
 - No more than 1 undergraduate elective course.

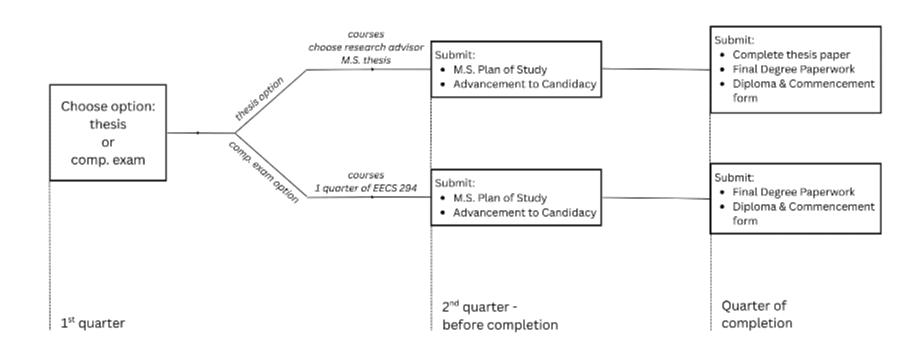
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Roadmap to MS Degree







Steps to conferring your degree

The Advancement to Candidacy Form:

Students must submit forms to the Graduate Coordinator (Stephany) during the quarter before you expect to finish your degree. Deadlines are set for each quarter

Conferral forms:

Department will submit conferral paperwork for Comprehensive track. Students on Thesis track must submit his/her MS Thesis to confer degree.

If you completed and submitted an MS Plan of Study, you will receive a reminder email with instructions and deadline dates for submitting advancement and conferral paperwork.

Note: Graduate Division has strict deadlines. Make sure you notify me to prepare your forms at least 2 weeks before Graduate Divisions deadlines.

Deadlines: https://graduate.eng.uci.edu/academics/deadlines/





Using DocuSign Form Links

- All forms must be submitted by using Graduate Division DocuSign form links
- Forms will be prepared by the EECS Graduate Coordinator and sent by Graduate Division via DocuSign for signatures.
- **Please notify M.S. Graduate Coordinator when you are ready to submit a form **





Graduate Standards for Grading

- For a graduate student, only the grades A+, A, A -, B+, B, and S represent satisfactory scholarship, and only course work in which these grades are received may be applied toward degree requirements.
- Students must receive a B or higher in a course for it to count toward their degree requirements.
- Graduate students may not apply courses graded Pass/Not Pass(P/NP) toward any degree or satisfactory progress requirements.
- A grade point average below the B level (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) is not satisfactory, and a student whose grade point average is below that level is subject to academic conditional status and potential academic disqualification.
- Courses in which a grade below a B, or a grade of U, was received may be repeated only once.
 - Only the most recently earned grades will be used in computing the student's grade point average for the first eight (8) units of repeated graduate course work. Thereafter, both the earlier and later grades are averaged





EECS Seminar Series

EECS 294- Colloquium

- Offered every Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarter
- 1 unit course
- Graded as S/U
- Seminars are held at least 5 times per quarter set dates
- Required to attend 4 out of the 5 seminars
- Short exam after each seminar (must pass 4 of the 5 quizzes)
- M.S. Comprehensive track: Required to complete 1 quarter





MS Comprehensive Exam Preparation EECS 292

- Students can choose between 1-8 variable units.
- This is a filler course used to assist MS students in maintaining the 12 unit per quarter minimum.
- 8 units is the maximum number you can use as "filler" for the entirety of your graduate career.
- Your other units are expected to be normal courses, seminars, research units, etc.





Courses that are not acceptable towards MS Degree Requirements

https://engineering.uci.edu/files/courses-that-are-not-acceptable-in-eecs-ms.pdf

- EECS 111 System Software
- **EECS 112** Organization of Digital Computers
- **EECS 112L** Organization of Digital Computers Laboratory
- EECS 113 Processor Hardware/Software
- EECS 114 Engineering Data Structures and Algorithms
- **EECS 118** Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- EECS 119 VLSI
- **EECS 145** Electrical Engineering Analysis
- EECS 148 Computer Networks
- EECS 150 Continuous -Time Signals and Systems

- EECS 159A&B Senior Design Project I & II
- EECS 160A Introduction to Control Systems
- **EECS 160LA** Control Systems I Laboratory
- EECS 170A Electronics I
- **EECS 170LA** Electronics I Laboratory
- EECS 170B Electronics II
- EECS 170 LB Electronics II Laboratory
- EECS 170C Electronics III
- EECS 170LC Electronics III Laboratory
- EECS 180A Engineering Electromagnetic I





Part-time Student Status

Part-Time Study

- Part-time enrollment at the graduate level during the academic year is 1-8 units, including enrollment in Academic English classes.
- If you wish to go part-time, you must fill out the Part-time Petition, located in your Student Access. Please note although you may have indicated on your graduate admission application that you plan to enroll part-time, you will not be considered for part-time status unless this form is submitted.

Deadlines: https://graduate.eng.uci.edu/academics/deadlines/





Filing Fee Student Status

Filing-Fee

- Filing fees applies to students who have completed all requirements for a terminal Master's degree and are ready for the formal submission of their thesis, or the formal examination. The filing fee status can be used for **one quarter only** during the student's entire graduate training. Students applying for Filing Fee status must have been registered in the preceding academic session. A filing fee will not be accepted immediately following an academic leave of absence.
- You must fill out the Filing Fee Petition, located at Graduate Division Forms, and turn it into your Graduate Coordinator (Stephany). Filing Fee students may not be enrolled in units. You will not be considered for Filing Fee status unless this form is submitted.
- International students can only apply for Part-time or Filing Fee status in the quarter your degree is being conferred. Additional forms are required for the International Center
- Deadlines: https://graduate.eng.uci.edu/academics/deadlines/





Change of Major

You cannot change your major

Your degree will read:

"MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering"





Individual Research & MS Thesis Research EECS 299 & EECS 296

- Students can choose between 1-16 variable units.
- Students should sign up for these units if they are conducting individual research under a faculty instructor.
- Contact Faculty before enrolling
- Only one (4 units) course of EECS 299 can be used towards elective requirement for comprehensive or thesis track
- EECS 296 can only be used in the Thesis route





EECS Faculty Research

Professor Jean-Luc Gaudiot







Changing Degree Level MS to PhD

- Internal process
- Complete Change of degree form
- 2 letters of recommendation from UCI faculty
- Statement of purpose
- Faculty advisor form
- Nomination form
- *International student:
 - Student Visa Document Request Form
 - Change of Degree form





Important URLs

EECS Website:

https://engineering.uci.edu/dept/eecs/academics/graduate Everything you need to know about EECS: Information about degree requirements, degree progression, policies and procedures.

School of Engineering Graduate Website:

https://graduate.eng.uci.edu/

Engineering Student Handbook, Deadlines, forms, Policy procedures and Resources

Graduate Division Website:

https://grad.uci.edu/

Funding, Academics, Student Handbook, Deadlines, forms, Policy procedures and Resources

International Center Website:

https://ic.uci.edu/

OPT/CPT, Forms and immigration policies.

Registrar Website:

http://www.reg.uci.edu/

How to register, enrollment issues, tuition and fees, and other account information.

Graduate InterConnect Program:

https://grad.uci.edu/inclusion/gic/

This program offers opportunities to network with others, practice English, and learn about American life and culture to ease the transition to UC Irvine





Important Resources

- Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct
- UCI Libraries
- Associated Graduate Students
- UCI Academic Counselors
- Counseling Center
- UCI CARE Office
- Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships
- UCI Division of Career Pathways
- Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation
- Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity
- Student Health Center
- Beall Applied Innovation
- Basic Needs Center

- Office of Campus Social Work
- Center for Excellence in Writing and Communication
- ANTrepreneur Center
- Transportation and Distribution Services
- Campus Recreation (ARC)
- Family Resource Center
- Sustainability Resource Center
- Disability Services Center
- Graduate and Family Housing
- Off-Campus Housing
- Cross-Cultural Center
- Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan
- Student Health Psychiatry & Mental Health Services
- Graduate & Postdoctoral Resource Center





Resource Fair

- Graduate Division's In-Person Resource Fair on September 30th from 11:00-1:00 pm
- Registration Link for Campus Fair





Library Resources

Getting Started

- UCI Libraries home page
- <u>UC Library search</u> search anything at UCI and other UC campuses
- Connect from off campus using the VPN
- Suggest a title
- Interlibrary Loan Service (ILL)

Resources to check out

- EECS Research Guide
- Overleaf LaTeX editor
- <u>Data, Publishing, and Digital</u>
 <u>Scholarship Dept</u> support for data, software, and publishing
- Free resources
 - Newspaper subscriptions NYT, WAPO, WSJ, and more
 - eBooks
 - Films & other streaming media

Questions? Email Wasila Dahdul (interim Engineering contact), wdahdul@uci.edu or Submit a question form

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https://www.reg.uci.edu/calendars/quarterly/2025-2026/quarterly25-26.html			
	Fall 2025	Winter 2026	Spring 2026
Quarter begins	Sep 22	Jan 2	Mar 25
Instruction begins	Sep 25	Jan 5	Mar 30
Waitlists deactivated. (5:00 p.m.)	Oct 10	Jan 16	Apr 10
Last day to:			
Add a course without dean's approval. (5:00 p.m.)	Oct 10	Jan 16	Apr 10
Drop a course without dean's approval. (5:00 p.m.)	Oct 10	Jan 16	Apr 10
Change the grading option or variable units of a course without dean's approval. (5:00 p.m.)	Oct 10	Jan 16	Apr 10
Submit part-time study petition to Graduate Division for graduate students. (12:00 noon)	Oct 15	Jan 21	Apr 15
Pay tuition and fees late and/or enroll late. (4:00 p.m.)	Oct 17	Jan 23	Apr 17
Submit part-time study petition to Registrar for undergraduate students. (5:00 p.m.)	Oct 17	Jan 23	Apr 17
Drop a course without receiving a W grade; dean's approval required. (5:00 p.m.)	Nov 7	Feb 13	May 8
Change variable units of a course; dean's approval required. (5:00 p.m.)	Nov 7	Feb 13	May 8
Change the grading option of a course; dean's approval required. (5:00 p.m.)	Dec 5	Mar 13	Jun 5
Withdraw from a course; W grade assigned; dean's approval required. (5:00 p.m.)	Dec 5	Mar 13	Jun 5
Withdraw from the term. Readmission to the University required for future term. (5:00 p.m.)	Dec 5	Mar 13	Jun 5
Instruction ends	Dec 5	Mar 13	Jun 5
Final examinations*	Dec 6–12	Mar 14–20	Jun 6–11
Quarter Ends	Dec 12	Mar 20	Jun 12
Deadline to submit final grades (5:00 p.m.)	Dec 18	Mar 26	Jun 18
Grades available in StudentAccess (10:00 p.m.)	Dec 18	Mar 26	Jun 18
Official transcripts available	Dec 22	Mar 30	Jun 22
Degrees post to transcripts **	Feb 6, 2026	May 1, 2026	Jul 24, 2026





Office Hours

Stephany Monterroso MS Graduate Coordinator

EH 2203

Business hours: M-F 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Office hours: Thursday: 1:30PM - 2:30PM (In-person)

Zoom link: By appointment Email: <u>s.monterroso@uci.edu</u> EECS Email: eecsinfo@uci.edu

Fadi Kurdahi

MS Graduate Advisor

EH 3207

Meeting: By appointment Email: kurdahi@uci.edu

Dion Khodagholy

PhD Graduate Advisor

EH 4432

Meeting: By appointment Email: <u>dkhodagh@uci.edu</u>

Marisa Mendoza
PhD Graduate Coordinator

EH 2201

Business hours: M-F 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Office hours: M & F: 10:00-11:00AM (In-person)

2:00-3:00PM (In-person)

Zoom link: By Appointment Email: *marisbm1* @uci.edu

Majde Al Salibi

Graduate Programs Director

Graduate and Professional Studies, School of Engineering

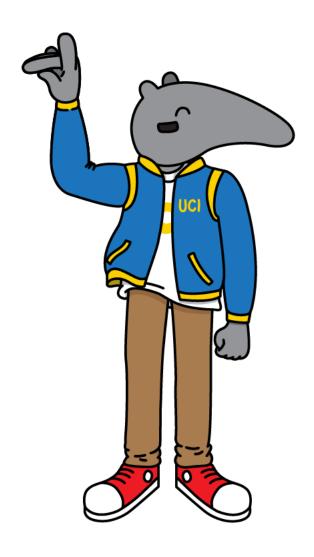
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malsalib@uci.edu

Email for appointment: gradengr@uci.edu







Q & A





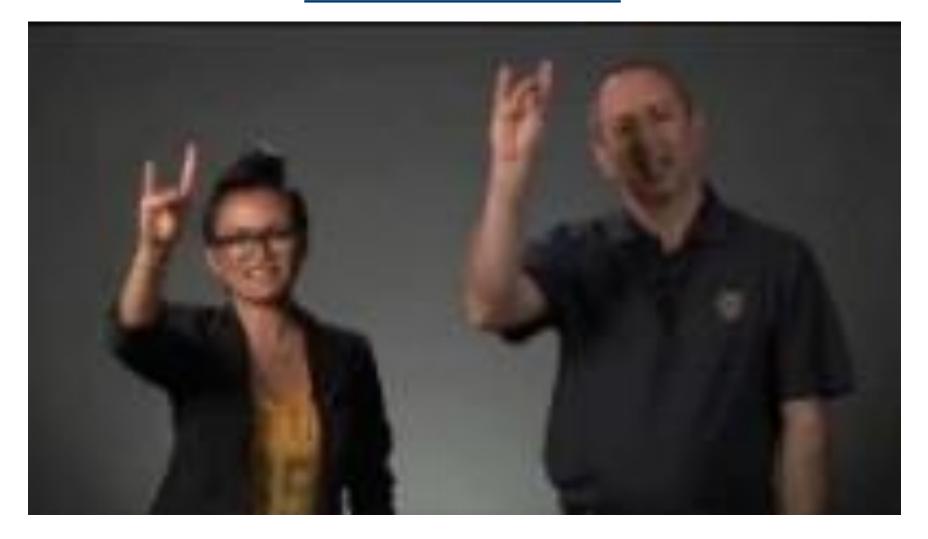
Raffle Time!







How to Zot - UC Irvine







Thank you!

