



Casting Policy

1. The Department is committed to educating Berkeley students in the artistic range of performance. For this reason, it is our policy to restrict casting to UCB students. Directors and Choreographers must receive **prior** approval from the Department Chair in order to cast from outside of the UC Berkeley student pool. To ensure fairness across the season, this request **must** be made as part of the initial proposal to the Department's Production Committee, and must be made for all theater and dance productions. In rare instances an emergency (illness, death in the family, injury) might result in the loss of a cast member, and the substitution of a non-student performer; in such cases, appropriate measures will be taken through consultation between the responsible Director/Choreographer, the Production Manager, the Chair of the Production Committee, and the Department Chair.
2. All cast members are required to enroll in at least one unit of corresponding course for the production; when necessary, credits may be undertaken through Extension. Professional guest artists (for example, faculty acting in the production, etc.) are not required to enroll. The maximum number of units available to participants will be determined by the department, based on the production and level of participation.
3. Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies majors may have a casting advantage because of familiarity with previous experience and training, but it should be understood that it is a competitive audition process, open to all UC students.
4. UC Berkeley has cross-registration programs with the following schools:
Cal State University, East Bay; Mills College; San Francisco State University; Sonoma State University; Holy Names University; John F Kennedy University; and Dominican University of California.
For the purposes of our casting policy, students from these programs are considered UC Berkeley students.
5. While UC extension students are able to enroll in TDPS courses associated with performance, UC Extension Fall Program for Freshmen does NOT allow students to enroll in "elective" courses, and are therefore students of the program are ineligible for participation in production.