Welcome to the UCLA CDS-BEP Summer Program! iSTART@UCLA is a program that assists international students with their transition to UCLA and the United States. iSTART@UCLA for CDS-BEP Summer students is made up of four components. The first component requires you to create a DCISS account (see first box below). Once you have an account, you can complete the other components in any order you choose.

iSTART@UCLA is an International Student Transition Program that includes the components below:

**CREATE DCISS ACCOUNT**

To begin iSTART, you first must create a DCISS (Dashew Center for international Students and Scholars) account. Please go to www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu to create your DCISS account.

Creating a DCISS Account:
1. Click “Sign In” at the upper right corner of the DCISS website.
2. Enter your UCLA logon information. Once you have signed in, you will be redirected to the DCISS account creation page.
3. Enter all of the required information until you see a page that says, “Your DCISS Account has been successfully created.”

**PRE-ARRIVAL ONLINE ORIENTATION**

Complete the MANDATORY online pre-arrival orientation at www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu. The online orientation includes:
- Academic Integrity Workshop
- F-1 Visa Workshop
- Cultural Adjustment
- Getting Started in Los Angeles

All sections and quizzes **MUST** be completed by the Friday prior to the beginning of your CDS-BEP Summer program.

**VISA CHECK-IN**

Once you arrive at UCLA, you must complete the **MANDATORY** Visa Check-In at DCISS. Drop-in during the following check-in session:

- **Friday, July 13, 2018 from 3pm-4:30pm (Cohort 1)**
- **Friday, August 10, 2018 from 3pm-4pm (Cohort 2)**

The Visa Check-In Session will be held at the Bradley International Hall Courtyard. Please see the attached Check-In Instructions Form for further information. Failure to complete your visa check-in will result in adverse consequences to your visa status.

**DCISS PROGRAMS**

DCISS has many programs going on in the Summer so you can get involved and make new friends! There will be something for everyone at these programs. Below are a few types of programs that will be hosted by DCISS this summer:
- Cultural Festivals
- Hollywood Bowl
- LA Sports Events
- Theater Performances
- TV Show Tapings
- And More!

For complete information and registration, please go to the DCISS website: www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Mandatory Visa Check-In requirements **MUST** be completed by Week 1 of your CDS-BEP Summer program. Failure to complete mandatory visa check-in requirements will result in adverse consequences to your F-1 status. A HOLD will also be placed on your UCLA student record restricting you from student services, course enrollment, and obtaining academic transcripts.