iSTART@UCLA: International Student Transition Program for UCLA Summer Sessions Students

Welcome to UCLA Summer Sessions! iSTART@UCLA is a program that assists international students with their transition to UCLA and the United States. iSTART@UCLA for Summer Sessions 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 start the pre-arrival online orientation, which can be completed in any order you choose.

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

CREATE DCISS ACCOUNT [START HERE]

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 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 [MANDATORY]

Complete the MANDATORY online pre-arrival orientation at www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu. The online orientation includes:

- Academic Integrity Workshop
- Cultural Adjustment
- F-1 Visa Workshop
- Getting Started in Los Angeles
- Getting Started at UCLA

All sections and quizzes MUST be completed by the Friday before the beginning of your Summer Sessions program.

VISA CHECK-IN [MANDATORY]

Once you arrive at UCLA, you must complete a MANDATORY Visa Check-In at DCISS.

**Summer Session A**
- June 28
- June 29

**Summer Session C**
- August 09
- August 10

All Visa Check-In Sessions will be held at the Ackerman Union Conference Room. You will receive further information by e-mail. Failure to complete visa check-in will result in adverse consequences to your F-1 status.

DCISS PROGRAMS [HIGHLY RECOMMEND]

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 and attendance at one or more is highly recommended! Below are a few types of programs that will be hosted by DCISS this summer:

- World Café
- TV Show Tapings
- LA Sports Events
- Cultural Festivals
- Hollywood Bowl
- Theater performances

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 the end of Week 1 of your Summer Sessions 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 records restricting you from student services, course enrollment, and obtaining academic transcripts.

For more information, please visit the DCISS website: www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu