Welcome to UCLA! iSTART@UCLA is a program that assists international students transition to their life at UCLA and in the U.S. The program is made up of six components which can be completed in any order, however, the first component you need to complete is to create a DCISS account (see first box below) – everything else can be completed in whichever order you choose.

**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” in 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
- Getting Started at Los Angeles
- Cultural Adjustment Workshop
- Getting Started at UCLA
- Visa Workshop

While it is highly recommended that you complete ALL sections and quizzes prior to your arrival to UCLA, all quizzes and sections MUST be completed by Week 2 of the Fall Quarter or a HOLD will be placed on your student record. You can access the online orientation by logging into your DCISS Account and clicking on iSTART.

**RESOURCE FAIR AND VISA CHECK-IN**

[MANDATORY]

Once you arrive at UCLA, you must complete a MANDATORY Visa Check-In at DCISS. Please come to ONE of the following Check-In Sessions:

- Friday, August 7
- Friday, August 28
- Monday, September 14
- Thursday, September 17
- Friday, September 18
- Tuesday, September 22
- Wednesday, September 23

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

**UCLA ORIENTATION**

[HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]

Register online for the UCLA New Student, Transfer Student, or Graduate Student Orientation. These orientation sessions are critical to assist you in getting to know the UCLA campus, meet your advisors, and enroll in classes.

- Undergraduate Students: New Student & Transfer Student Orientation
  www.newstudents.ucla.edu
- Graduate Students: Graduate Student Orientation
  www.gsrc.ucla.edu/orientation

*Graduate students should contact their academic department directly for information regarding additional required orientations.

**DCISS PROGRAMS**

[HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]

During the month of September, DCISS will be providing many events and social programs for new students to explore UCLA, discover LA, experience American culture, and make new friends! There will be something for everyone at these programs and attendance at one or more is highly recommended!

- Bus Tour of LA
- LA Sporting Events
- Networking Nights
- Trips to Museums & Theaters
- TV Show Tapings
- World Café

*Please see the DCISS website for complete information.

**WELCOME EVENT**

[HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]

The Dashew Center will be holding its annual International Welcome Event at the beginning of Fall Quarter. This free event is a great opportunity to meet hundreds of other international students and make new friends!

Please check the DCISS website for registration and further information about this year’s Welcome Event.

Space is limited. Please register early!
www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**ALL MANDATORY** iSTART components **MUST** be completed by the end of Week 2 of the Fall Quarter or a **HOLD** will be placed on your UCLA student record which will restrict your ability to use any university resources (library, gym, course registration, student services, etc.)