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.

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 visit the DCISS website to create your account: www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu

Creating a DCISS Account:
1. Click “Sign In” in 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.

*Please Note: there will be a one-time non-refundable $59 fee for the iSTART program charged to your Bruin Bill Account in Fall Quarter.

**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

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

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

While it is highly recommended that you complete all sections and quizzes prior to your arrival to UCLA, all quizzes and modules MUST be completed by the end of Week 2 of your program start date or a HOLD will become effective on your student record. You can access the online orientation by logging into your DCISS Account and clicking on iSTART@UCLA.

**DCISS PROGRAMS**

[HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]

During the months of September and October, DCISS will be providing many events and social programs for new students to explore UCLA, discover Los Angeles, experience U.S. 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
- Int’l Comedy Show
- Networking Nights
- LA Sporting Events
- Trips to Museums & Theaters
- World Café

*Please see the DCISS website for complete information.

**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 3
- Friday, August 24
- Friday, September 14
- Friday, September 21
- Wednesday, September 26

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

**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 your program or a HOLD will become effective on your UCLA student record, which will restrict your ability to use any university resources (course registration, library, gym, student services, etc.)

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

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