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).

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

### CREATE DCISS ACCOUNT
**[START HERE]**

To begin iSTART, you must create a DCISS (Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars) account. Please go to [www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu](http://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 your UCLA logon information. Once you have signed in, you will be redirected to the DCISS account creation page.

*Please note that there will be a $59 iSTART Fee charged to your Bruin Bill Account in Fall Semester.*

### ARCHITECTURE & URBAN DESIGN ORIENTATION
**[MANDATORY]**

The UCLA Architecture and Urban Design (A.UD) will have an orientation session prior to the start of your academic program. This orientation session is critical to assist you in getting to know the UCLA campus, meet your fellow classmates, and better adjust to the UCLA community.

For further information please contact Architecture and Urban Design (A.UD):
[www.aud.ucla.edu](http://www.aud.ucla.edu)

### DCISS PRE-ARRIVAL ONLINE ORIENTATION
**[MANDATORY]**

Complete the MANDATORY online pre-arrival orientation at [www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu](http://www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu). The online orientation includes:

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

While it is highly recommended that you complete the entire pre-arrival orientation prior to coming to UCLA, all quizzes and sections MUST be completed by the end of Week 2 of your program 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.

### 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
- LA Sporting Events
- Networking Nights
- 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. Architecture and Urban Design students must drop-in between 12PM - 4PM to the following check-in session:

- **Friday, August 24**

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

### DCISS 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](http://www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu)

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**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 university resources (course registration, library, gym, student services, etc.)