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 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.
3. Enter all of the required information until you see a page that says, “Your DCISS Account has been successfully created.”

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

The UCLA Architecture and Urban Design (A.UD) will have a 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:

- Getting Started in Los Angeles
- Getting Started at UCLA
- Cultural Adjustment
- Visa Workshop
- Academic Integrity 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 your program start date 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@UCLA.

**DCISS PROGRAMS** [HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]

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.*

**RESOURSE FAIR AND VISA CHECK-IN** [MANDATORY]

Once you arrive at UCLA, you must complete a MANDATORY Visa Check-In at DCISS. Architecture M.Arch.II students must drop-in between 12PM - 4PM to the following check-in session:

- **Friday, August 12**

The Visa Check-In Session will be held at the Bradley Int’l Hall Courtyard. Please see the attached Check-In Instructions Form for further information. Failure to complete 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)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**ALL MANDATORY** iSTART components **MUST** be completed by the **end of Week 2** of your program start date 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.).