Welcome to UCLA! iSTART@UCLA is a program that helps international students transition to their new life at UCLA and in the U.S. The program is made up of five components which should be completed in the recommended order. 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:

1. CREATE DCISS ACCOUNT
   [START HERE]
   The first thing you should do for iSTART is to create a DCISS (Dashew Center for International Students & Scholars) account. Please go to www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu to create your Dashew Center (DCISS) account.
   When you arrive at the DCISS website, click “Sign in” in the upper right corner of the page and you will be prompted to enter your UCLA login information. After you sign in with your UCLA login, you will be redirected to the DCISS account creation page. Please enter all of the required information until you see a page that says "Your DCISS Account has been successfully created.”

2. PRE-ARRIVAL ONLINE ORIENTATION
   [MANDATORY]
   Complete the MANDATORY online pre-arrival orientation at www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu. The orientation includes:
   - Academic Integrity Workshop
   - Cultural Adjustment
   - Getting Started at UCLA
   - Getting Started in Los Angeles
   - Visa Workshop
   While it is highly suggested that you complete ALL the modules prior to your arrival in the U.S., all quizzes and sections MUST be completed by Week 2 of the Winter Quarter or a HOLD will be placed on your record.
   You can access the Pre-Arrival Orientation by logging into your DCISS Account and clicking on iSTART@UCLA Pre-Arrival Online Orientation.

3. VISA CHECK-IN
   [MANDATORY]
   Once you arrive in the U.S. you must complete a MANDATORY Visa Check-in at DCISS. Drop into one of the following check-in sessions located in Bradley Hall Room 300.
   - Thursday, January 7th from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
   - Friday, January 8th from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
   See the reverse side of this form for further information to see which documents and copies you need to bring with you.
   *Please note that a HOLD will be placed on your UCLA student record if you fail to complete the Visa Check-In.

4. BUS TOUR OF LOS ANGELES
   [HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]
   A bus tour of Los Angeles is offered to all incoming Winter students, all you have to do is register for it! It will take place on Saturday, January 9th from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. You will see all of the major sites of L.A. like:
   - Farmer’s Market & The Grove
   - Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills
   - Grauman’s Chinese Theater
   - Hollywood Sign
   - Hollywood Walk of Fame
   - La Brea Tar pits
   - Hollywood Bowl
   - Downtown LA
   A registration link for the tour will be sent to you directly. Make sure that you check your email regularly. Space for the tour is limited, so be sure to register as soon as possible so that you don’t miss out on this great opportunity to get to know your new home city!

5. DASHEW CENTER PROGRAMS
   [HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]
   The Dashew Center has many programs going on in January and February, so right after you arrive in the US you can get involved and make new friends! Here is just a sample of some of our Winter programs that you are invited to attend:
   - American Culture & Conversation
   - People’s Choice Awards
   - Superbowl Party
   - Lakers Basketball Game
   - World Cafe
   - International Speed Dating
   - Universal Studios
   - Explore Long Beach
   You can find out more about these programs and how to register for them on the Dashew Center Website (www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu)

All mandatory components of iSTART MUST be completed by the end of the Week 2 of the Winter Quarter or a HOLD will be placed on your UCLA student record and you will be unable to use any university resources (library, gym, course registration, student services, etc.)

iSTART Related Questions? E-Mail: intlprograms@saonet.ucla.edu  |  Website: www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu
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