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 six 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 logon information. After you sign in with your UCLA logon, 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
   - Cultural Adjustment
   - 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 Fall 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 the MANDATORY Visa Check-in at DCISS. Drop-in between 10 AM - 2 PM to ONE of the following Check-in Sessions.
   - Tuesday, August 8
   - Thursday, August 21
   - Friday, September 5
   - Thursday, September 11
   - Friday, September 19
   - Wednesday, September 24
   - Wednesday, October 1
   
   All Visa Check-In Sessions will be held at the Bradley Int’l Hall Courtyard. Failure to complete a visa check-in will result in adverse consequences to your F-1 status.

4. 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.psrc.ucla.edu/orientation
   
   *Graduate students should contact their academic department directly for information regarding additional required orientations.

5. 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 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
   - California Coast Roadtrip
   - TV Show Tapings
   - LA Sports Events
   - World Cafe
   - Graduate Student Panels
   - Undergrad Student Panels
   - Trips to Museums & Theaters
   - Tour of Santa Monica Pier
   - Networking Nights
   
   See the DCISS website for more events and information.

6. WELCOME EVENT
   [HIGHLY RECOMMENDED]
   The Dashew Center will be holding its annual International Welcome Event on Sunday, October 5, 2014! This free event is a great opportunity to meet hundreds of other international students and make 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

All mandatory components of iSTART 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.)