



Dear UCLA International students and scholars,

The Dashew Center would like to extend our heartfelt support and guidance to all international students and scholars during these challenging times. We understand that the current situation, compounded by the ongoing fires in Los Angeles County, may create concern, fear and uncertainty for many of you. Please know that we are here for you and are committed to assisting the international community as best as we can.

As of today, Saturday January 11th, UCLA has issued an update on [Campus Operations Modified, Undergraduate & Graduate Classes Remote Through Friday, Jan. 17](#). Chancellor Frenk has also [shared a message](#) to the campus community on this matter. With the modified operations of our campus, we would like to remind our international Bruins that remote instruction and/or cancelled classes will not affect your current F-1 or J-1 immigration status. Since this pertains to a temporary modification due to an emergency, you are expected to resume classes in-person once the university has returned to its normal in-person operations.

A BruinALERT: [Evacuation WARNING issued to zone adjacent to UCLA; NOT an evacuation. Stay vigilant & ready to evacuate](#) was sent on Friday, January 10. As the Palisades fire continues to spread, UCLA will continue to monitor the situation and communicate an evacuation plan if needed. UCLA has a tiered evacuation plan ranging from shelter in place, to moving to certain close but off campus locations, to moving to the Tipuana Building in Weyburn Terrace near Weyburn and Veteran, to be bussed away from campus. You can view the [Regional Evacuation Areas here](#).

The current evacuation map from LA County can be found [here](#). Please note that the area adjacent to campus is under an "Evacuation Warning" not an "Evacuation Order". We recommend Bruins to use applications similar to the [Watch Duty app](#), where you will see the different evacuation levels listed ranging from 1-Ready, 2-Set, and 3-Go. The Evacuation Warning by campus is in the 2-Set zone currently. Another helpful application to track local fires and developments is [Genasys Protect App](#).

Cal Fire has created [Tips for assembling your "go-bag"](#) and items to pack if you have some time to prepare. There are a few P's to remember: People, Pets, Paperwork, Pets, Pictures, Prescriptions. Although the UCLA campus is not in the evacuation zone yet, it is always good to be prepared with a checklist of what you would bring, should you need to evacuate. Please also review the [Student Support & Resources message](#) by Student Affairs sent out on January 9th.

We understand that some members of our community have already evacuated the campus area, and others may do so before an official evacuation order is issued. To help us stay informed and ensure the safety of everyone, Student Affairs has created a quick [Google Form](#) to track those who have departed campus. We kindly ask that you fill out [this form](#) or share it with others in your community who may have already left campus. This will allow us to document and monitor where individuals are in the event that we need to follow up or provide additional support.

Lastly, I recognize that this is a continuously changing and difficult situation and it has been extremely stressful for many of us who have been affected by the LA County fires. The Dashew Center team is available to provide support on matters such as navigating safety concerns, connecting you with resources, and answering any questions you may have related to your well-being or academic life during this period. Our in-person drop-in counseling will not be available from January 13-17, but virtual drop-in hours and counseling appointments will be available. Please see our [Contact Us](#) page for more information.

I remain hopeful that this crisis will soon pass without significant impact to any of you, your families, and the UCLA community.

Stay Safe Bruins.