



Dear UCLA International Students and Scholars,

We look forward to welcoming our incoming and continuing international students and scholars to campus soon. In preparation for your arrival, or if you are currently inside the United States, we want to make sure you are aware of changes in the current [Duration of Status \(D/S\)](#) admission framework for F-1 and J-1 students and scholars.

The new rule [Establishing a Fixed Time Period of Admission and an Extension of Stay Procedure for Nonimmigrant Academic Students, Exchange Visitors, and Representatives of Foreign Information Media](#), replaces [Duration of Status D/S](#) with a fixed Admit Until Date (AUD). This date is capped at four years, or the end date on the I-20/DS-2019 document, whichever is earlier, and is subject to approval by [Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\)](#) and/or [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#).

Please note that the four-year maximum period of admission does not limit students and scholars from completing programs that take longer than four years. However, students and scholars whose programs extend beyond their authorized stay will need to apply for an Extension of Stay with USCIS, or to depart from the U.S. and re-enter with a valid entry visa. The final rule is scheduled to take effect on September 15, 2026.

The Dashew Center is currently awaiting additional operational guidance from the [Student and Exchange Visitor Program \(SEVP\)](#). SEVP has not yet provided universities with the detailed guidance and system updates needed to implement the new requirements. As a result, specific processes, timelines, and procedures are not yet available. At this time, no immediate action is required. Students should continue following current F and J immigration regulations and maintain valid immigration status.

We have created a dedicated [webpage](#) with an initial summary of the new rule and preliminary guidance to help our international community understand these changes. Because implementation guidance for the new rule is still being developed, we recommend relying on future communications from the Dashew Center and official government sources for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

As more information becomes available from SEVP and other federal agencies, we will continue to update this webpage with the latest information and provide additional guidance. Future webinars regarding this new rule will be announced on the webpage and via email.

Please visit the Dashew Center webpage for updates and answers to frequently asked questions: <https://internationalcenter.ucla.edu/final-rule-duration-status-ds>

We understand that this change may raise many questions and concerns. Please submit your questions through the link below, and we will address them in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on the webpage as additional guidance becomes available.

[End of Duration of Status \(D/S\) Questions – Fill out form](#)

Please also refer to available UCLA resources and support services to international students and scholars listed below.

Immigration Information and Legal Resources:

- [Legal and Visa Related Resources](#)
- [Dashew Center Immigration Updates](#)

UCLA Support, Wellness, and Psychological Support. Actively enrolled students only:

- [Counseling and Psychological Support \(CAPS\)](#)
- [Be Well Bruin](#)
- [Case Management](#)

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this significant regulatory change together. UCLA recognizes the value of our international community, and we remain committed to supporting you during this time.

Sincerely,

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Director

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