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Dear International Students,

On December 21, taking into consideration the nuances of COVID-19 variant (Omicron), and the health & safety of our campus, the <u>UCLA COVID-19 Response and Recovery</u> <u>Task Force</u> has announced that classes will be held remotely for the first two weeks of the winter quarter.

- Classes will begin as scheduled, on January 3 but remotely, for the first two weeks. In-person instruction is intended to resume on January 18 (subject to change). For more information, please <u>read the full message from</u> <u>UCLA</u> regarding winter quarter plans. <u>Read the FAQ</u> for further clarification and details.
- International students arriving from overseas are highly encouraged to arrive as planned, avoiding any delays. This will allow adequate time for students to comply with new testing requirements and to receive vaccinations by the listed deadlines.
- All students should plan to be back on campus no later than January 9 in order to participate on COVID-19 testing, as well as to receive all required vaccinations/boosters to comply with <u>UC's vaccine Policy</u>.

Find more UCLA campus resources and visa information below:

- COVID-19 campus resources and guidelines, please see the <u>UCLA COVID</u> protocols.
- UCLA health center for support & resources, visit The Ashe Center.
- On-campus housing for winter 2022, please visit the Housing information page.
- U.S. Department of State Visa News
- <u>Visa Appointment Wait Times</u>

In addition to our modified virtual lobby hours that will start on January 3, we are planning to resume our in-person lobby hours on January 18 (subject to change). For more ways to contact the Dashew Center, please see our <u>Contact</u> page. Please visit the <u>Dashew Center website</u> for further assistance and the <u>COVID-19 Updates page</u> for more information.

The Dashew Center continues to support our international community on campus and we are closely monitoring any further updates regarding this temporary remote transition for the 2022 winter quarter. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding and look forward to continuing to serve you during these challenging times.

UCLA Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars.