

Dear International Bruins,

UCLA campus leadership and the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force continue to diligently work with recently updated public health protocols that will guide spring quarter 2021 activities. Many restrictions remain in place. As the start of spring instruction is nearly upon us and students have already made class enrollment and personal plans, the campus will maintain the current level of remote instruction and offer a minimal expansion of in-person offerings.

As explained in [my message to students on February 10, 2021](#), enrollment in a course included in the [list of approved on-site courses](#) will fulfill the in-person course enrollment requirement to validate your F-1 or J-1 visa status in the United States. A limited number of on-site or hybrid independent research courses may be added to the list by academic departments and they will be open to both international and domestic UCLA students. Students interested in enrolling in an in-person course should contact their academic department advisors to determine if opportunities are available.

If you have enrolled in an approved on-site or hybrid course and are planning to enter the U.S. in F-1/J-1 status for spring quarter, you must request an amended Form I-20 or DS-2019 Form from the Dashew Center to enter the U.S. in F/J status.

- To request an amended I-20 Form: please email UCLAi20@saonet.ucla.edu with proof of full-time enrollment (e.g. copy of your spring quarter study list), including enrollment in an approved on-site course for spring 2021
- To request an amended DS-2019 Form: please email dcissj1unit@saonet.ucla.edu with proof of full-time enrollment (e.g. copy of your spring quarter study list), including enrollment in an approved on-site course for spring 2021

Students must remain enrolled and receive a grade for an approved on-site or hybrid course to maintain their valid F-1/J-1 visa status for the spring quarter. In addition, students will be responsible to retain documentary evidence that demonstrates participation in on-site or hybrid spring 2021 courses. Such documents include but are not limited to: course syllabus, independent research contracts, letters from departments, etc. International students will not be required to submit those documents to the Dashew Center at this time.

F-1/J-1 students with an amended UCLA I-20/DS-2019 Form for spring quarter in ‘Initial Attendance’ status must arrive in the U.S. by April 12, 2021. There will be no exceptions made for late arrivals. For those who can secure travel to the U.S., there is still spring quarter housing available. Housing beyond the spring quarter is subject to availability and not guaranteed. Students who arrive by April 12, 2021 may apply for spring quarter housing [here](#).

If you are unable to arrive in the U.S. by April 12, 2021, due to travel and quarantine requirements, visa processing times, or potential housing challenges, we highly recommend arranging travel plans to establish your F-1/J-1 status in the U.S. at a later term (e.g. fall quarter 2021).

After arriving in the U.S., students must complete the F-1/J-1 Visa Check-In requirement and the required

components of [iSTART](#) to validate their visa status in the U.S. Students will be emailed instructions on how to complete the F-1/J-1 Check-In requirement and access iSTART after their arrival in the U.S.

Please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) if you have any additional questions regarding spring quarter enrollment for your planned arrival to the U.S.

Sincerely,

Sam Nahidi
Director