

**Transition to the UK: Student Activities for University of Southampton Malaysia Campus Students**

<http://www.southampton.ac.uk/my/students/transition/index.page?>

Dates 2018	Preparation Activity	Notes
Feb/March	Attend a presentation regarding accommodation in the UK	You will be informed of the deadline to submit your application online.
March/April	Attend a Student Transition Guidance Briefing (includes a visa presentation) at the University of Southampton Malaysia Campus.	We will provide you with guidance on all the activities you need to prepare before travelling to the UK and the ATAS and visa processes. This will help in your preparation of your visa application and inform you of any changes to the visa process.
March/April	You should receive your accommodation offer during this period, which will confirm your allocated hall site.	You will need to accept your accommodation offer online to confirm your place. First instalment of fees is due by the 8 <sup>th</sup> October.
April	You will receive information about your modules for Years III and IV.	<b>MEng Mech/Aero Students only.</b> Once you have selected your module options, you will need this information when you apply for your ATAS (Academic Technology Approval Scheme) certificate.
April	Select your Part III Online Option Modules <b>MEng Mech/Aero students only</b> Select theme – complete theme selection form and return to USMC Student Office by 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>MEng Mech/Aero students only</b> Please select your modules via paper forms that will be supplied to you by the USMC student office. You should return your completed form to the student office by the deadline.
	<b>MEng Mech/Aero students only.</b> Apply for your ATAS clearance certificate: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme">https://www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme</a>  Also see: <a href="https://www.southampton.ac.uk/student-services/visa-and-immigration/outside-the-uk/usmc-dalian.page">https://www.southampton.ac.uk/student-services/visa-and-immigration/outside-the-uk/usmc-dalian.page</a>	You cannot apply more than 6 months in advance of the date you travel to the UK.  Follow the instructions which will be provided by the USMC Student Office. You should select all available options for your programme, so that if you decide to make a change mid-course, you won't have to apply for another ATAS Certificate.  It is recommended that you complete this at the same time as selecting your options.

April	Visa Webinars/skype calls 16 – 27 April (tbc)	These arrangements will help in your preparation of your visa application and inform you of any changes to the visa process. The skype calls are an opportunity for you to ask any questions about any part of your own visa application.
April/May	Select your Individual Project Choices	Programme staff will inform you of the correct method to select your Individual Project. You will be able to do this between 27 April – 25 May
April/May	You will receive your formal University accommodation offer	You will need to accept your accommodation offer online to confirm your place. You will need to make a prepayment of £150. The rest of your first instalment of hall fees are due 8 <sup>th</sup> October.
May/June	If you have not received your ATAS clearance, follow this up with the Visas Team at <a href="mailto:visa@soton.ac.uk">visa@soton.ac.uk</a> or +44 2380 599599	You should have received this by now so it is important to contact the Visa Team for advice if you have not received it.
June	Attend a Student Experience Briefing at USMC	You will be able to find out more details about our Student Buddies Scheme, life at our UK campuses and resources to help you prepare before you arrive in the UK. Students are recommended to familiarise yourself with the Prepare for Success website: <a href="http://www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk">www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk</a>
June	Begin to prepare your documents and photos for your visa application.	For more details and guidance about the documents that you will need, please check the link below: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa">https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa</a> additional guidance is available at: <a href="https://www.southampton.ac.uk/student-services/visa-and-immigration/outside-the-uk/index.page">https://www.southampton.ac.uk/student-services/visa-and-immigration/outside-the-uk/index.page</a>
June	Meet & Greet Application  Deadline for booking is Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	If you have already made your travel arrangements to the UK, you can now book your Meet & Greet on arrival to the UK, via the transition website.
Maximum of 6 months before arrival in the UK	Arrange to have a tuberculosis test at one of the clinics listed on: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-test-for-a-uk-visa-clinics-in-malaysia">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-test-for-a-uk-visa-clinics-in-malaysia</a>  You will need the certificate for your visa application	Results usually take 24 hours – take this into account when booking a visa appointment  Certificate is valid for 6 months
June	Completion of the Pre-CAS questionnaire. Please return it promptly to the USMC student office once this is requested.	Guidance, and the questionnaire, can be found at: <a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/student-admin/and-missions/tier-four-visas/students/">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/student-admin/and-missions/tier-four-visas/students/</a>  Please complete the form, and return to the USMC student office promptly.

By end June	Students will receive CAS.  SUBMIT Visa application	Once CAS received, final preparation and submission of UK Visa application, documents and visa photographs – new link - <a href="https://www.southampton.ac.uk/student-services/visa-and-immigration/outside-the-uk/index.page">https://www.southampton.ac.uk/student-services/visa-and-immigration/outside-the-uk/index.page</a>
Minimum of 6 weeks before arrival in the UK	Book an appointment with the Visa Application Centre in KL, Sabah or Sarawak. Minimum of 6 weeks before arrival in the UK: <a href="http://www.vfsglobal.co.uk/malaysia/applicationcentre.html">http://www.vfsglobal.co.uk/malaysia/applicationcentre.html</a>	Every Malaysian national student must attend the application centre in to submit biometric data.  You must complete and submit the online visa application before you are able to book your appointment
July	Apply for your UK ID Card:  Once you have enrolled, you will be able to order your new ID card online. Do NOT apply before the 28 <sup>th</sup> June or you will be charged.	Remember to keep your existing student ID card with you when travelling to the UK as additional proof of your student status.  You will be able to collect your new ID card at the International check-in on 17 <sup>th</sup> September
July	Students to attend the Visa Application Centre  Take the TB test at an approved clinic  Students will be required to pay the Immigration Health Charge, (£300 to be paid covering 2 years of study).	Students will need to pay in cash. The priority visa service is recommended which should take 3-5 working days (approximately RM 1000).  This will allow access to the NHS whilst in the UK.
When you receive your visa	Book travel to the UK to arrive at Heathrow Airport. Planned dates for arrival: - 16 September (MEng Mech/Aero) - 19/20 September (MEng EEE)	We advise you to wait until you have your visa before booking your travel arrangements to the UK. You can then proceed, as directed by the USMC Student Office.
August	Book your place on Meet and Greet (which will include booking early accommodation)	The full details of Meet and Greet will be published on the Transition Webpage. Deadline for booking is Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Throughout	Transition Team at USMC available to contact.	You can contact the team if you have any queries: <a href="mailto:Stofusmc@soton.ac.uk">Stofusmc@soton.ac.uk</a> , or +607 560 2468/2402/2403
September	Complete your online induction for UoS Halls of Residence	You will be sent an email with a link to the online induction when it opens in September
September	Support will be available if you encounter problems whilst travelling:	If still in Malaysia, call: +607 560 2468/2402/2403  You will be contacted before your arrival in the UK with UK contact telephone number, and details of where to meet at the airport.

16 & 19/20 September	Meet and Greet at London Heathrow Airport, UK.	Sunday 16th Sept is for MEng Mech/Aero students Weds 19/Thurs 20 Sept is for MEng EEE students
17 September	Welcome activities / Visa check-in Pay for your tuition fees and Accommodation, and collect ID card Course preparation activities ( <b>MEng Mech/Aero students only</b> )	Programme to follow and will be published on 'Are You Ready' website: <a href="http://www.soton.ac.uk/areyouready">www.soton.ac.uk/areyouready</a> .
24 - 28 September	Welcome Week for all students in the UK.	Timetable of events will be published on the 'Are You Ready' website: <a href="http://www.soton.ac.uk/areyouready">www.soton.ac.uk/areyouready</a> .
01 – 05 October	First week of teaching for all students.	