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

Month	Activity	Notes
December	Attend a presentation regarding the overview of transition process to UK	You will be informed about the all the processes involve.
Jan/Feb	Attend a briefing regarding accommodation in the UK.	You will be informed of the deadline to submit your application online.
March/April	Visa Webinars/Skype calls with Visa Officers in UK campus.	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	You will received information about the Theme Choice, Optional Modules and Individual project.	Once you have selected your module options, you will need this information when you apply for your ATAS. (Academic Technology Approval Scheme) certificate.
April	ATAS clearance – if your programme of study requires ATAS clearance then you must obtain that before you apply for visa. Apply for ATAS clearance certificate: https://www.gov.uk/academictechnology-approval-scheme	MEng Mech/ Aero students only. ATAS applications typically take 30 working days to obtain and an ATAS certificate is only valid for 9 months before making a visa application. If you have an ATAS clearance certificate but it is older than 9 months when you make your visa application then you will **need to apply** for a new one for your visa application
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 7th October 2019.
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 10:00AM 2 May – 16:00PM 24 May 2019.
May/June	Send your approved ATAS certificate to UoSM Student Office for verification. The verification will be done by the Faculty Student Office in UK. You are required to resubmit the ATAS certificate if the If you have not received your ATAS clearance, follow this up with the	You should have received this by now so it is important to contact the Visa Team for advice if you have not received it.

	Visas Team at visa@soton.ac.uk or +44 2380 599599	
May	Attend Pre departure Briefing at USMC	You will be able to find out more details about our Student Buddies Scheme, meet and greet, life at our UK campuses and resources to help you prepare before you arrive in the UK.
June	Begin to prepare your documents for your visa application.	For more details and guidance about the documents that you will need, please check the link below: https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa additional guidance is available at: https://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentservices/visa-and-immigration/outside-the-uk/index.page
June	Meet & Greet Application Deadline for booking is Friday 30 August 2019	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. https://www.isurvey.soton.ac.uk/29944
Maximum of 6 months before arrival in the UK	Arrange to have a tuberculosis test at one of the clinics listed on: https://www.gov.uk/government/publi cations/tuberculosis-test-for-a-uk-visaclinics-in-malaysia 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 UoSM Student Office once this is requested	Guidance, and the questionnaire, can be found at: http://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentadmin/ad missions/tier_four_visas/students/ Please complete the form, and return to the UoSM Student Office promptly.
end July	Students will receive CAS. SUBMIT Visa application. This year, you should upload copies of your documents on to the commercial partner's website which is free of charge. If you take your documents to the appointment, the commercial partner can scan the	Once CAS received, final preparation and submission of UK Visa application and documents here: https://www.southampton.ac.uk/studentservices/visa-and-immigration/outside-the-uk/index.page

	documents but there is a fee for that service.	
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: http://www.vfsglobal.co.uk/malaysia/a pplicationcentre.html	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 31st July 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 your International Registration appointment
July/ Aug	Students to attend the Visa Application Centre. (Kuala Lumpur/Sabah/Sarawak) Students will be required to pay the Immigration Health Charge via online when makes the visa application.	Students will need to pay in cash for the priority visa service. 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: - 15 September (MEng Mech/Aero) - 18/19 September (MEng EEE/EFY)	We advise you to wait until you have your visa before booking your travel arrangements to the UK.
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 30 August 2019.
Throughout	Transition Team at USMC available to contact.	You can contact the team if you have any queries: Stofusmc@soton.ac.uk, 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.
15 & 18/19 September	Meet and Greet sessions	Sunday 15th Sept is for MEng Mech/Aero students at London Heathrow. Weds 18 Sept and Thurs 19 Sept are for MEng EEE & EFY students at London Heathrow or London Gatwick Airports.
16 September	Welcome activities / Visa check-in. Pay for your tuition fees and Accommodation, and collect ID card and course preparation activities (MEng Mech/Aero students only)	Programme to follow and will be published on 'Welcome Website: https://www.southampton.ac.uk/welcome/index.page
23 - 27 September	Welcome Week for all students in the UK.	Timetable of events will be published on the Welcome Website website: https://www.southampton.ac.uk/welcome/index.page
30 Sept – 04 October	First week of teaching for all students.	