

Frequently Asked Questions: Overseas Campus Transfers to London

I have been approved for a Campus Transfer, what happens next?

-Campus transfers are normally conditional on you passing the modules on your current year of study, having no holds on your myUniHub account and being able to satisfy the immigration requirements of the UK. Some students that require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK will be contacted shortly after approval to arrange a credibility interview in preparation for their transfer. You will be notified if this applies to you.

If you would like to stay in the University halls of residence, you may also like to look into booking your accommodation now (see below). Otherwise, once your results are published in June, we will contact you to confirm the final arrangements of your transfer. We have put together an approximate schedule of the campus transfer process which we suggest you look at to give a better indication of the timings involved.

I need some advice about how to apply for a UK student visa. Where can I find this information?

-There is plenty of information about the UK visa requirements on our website. Please look at our <u>Visa and Immigration</u> webpage which will provide you with some valuable guidance. Details of how to contact the team who can assist you are included on this webpage. The London team will also be arranging Webinar sessions to provide students with more information on the Immigration process. Your student office will let you know when these sessions will take place.

When will I receive the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number for my Tier 4 Visa Application?

CAS numbers can only be issued within 3 months of the start of the programme. Therefore these cannot be issued before July. If you satisfy all transfer requirements, the CAS will be emailed to you sometime between July and September via the **personal email address** we hold for you on myUniHub. Please ensure the personal email address we have for you is updated and correct. You must carefully check the information on the CAS is correct once you receive this and before it is used as part of your visa application.

We will also require you to provide the bank statement/s you will use for your visa application before the CAS is issued. We will be in touch after your results are published in June to confirm what you need to provide.

How do I pay my Tuition fees?

-Details of how to pay your tuition fee can be found on our 'fees and payment' page on UniHub. You will only be able to pay your tuition fee via myUniHub once you have been updated to the London campus on myUniHub. If you need to pay your fees via a Bank Transfer, then you will need to do this via the local Middlesex Regional Office, who will advise you of the process.

Am I entitled to any Scholarships or funding?

-Unfortunately, any scholarships you have been awarded at your current campus will not be valid on the London campus. Please see our <u>scholarships and bursaries</u> webpage for those that we offer and to see if you may qualify for any of these.

Do I need to purchase Insurance?

-We advise you to take out Travel Insurance and Contents Insurance before you arrive in the UK. We recommend taking out insurance specifically aimed at students such as Endsleigh-www.endsleigh.co.uk/student.

The National Health Service (NHS) is the UK's state health service which provides treatment for UK residents for a range of health care services. Students from the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland receive free medical care from the NHS. Students from outside of this area will also be entitled to medical care, but most will need to pay a one-off 'immigration health surcharge' to access NHS services which you will have to pay before you arrive in the UK. Find out more at www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application/overview.

When am I expected to arrive and is there an airport pick up service?

-We expect everyone to arrive in time for the <u>International Orientation programme</u>. There is an airport pick up service as part of this programme, please see the orientation webpage for further details of this. You can register for this International Orientation programme on our website during August. This programme is essential in order to answer all your questions about living in the UK.

What documents do I need to bring with me when I arrive at the University?

-Your Passport and a copy of your UK Visa (if applicable). All students studying in London are required to have an identity check.

How do I choose the optional modules that I wish to take?

- You should have selected the optional module/s you wish to study in London when you completed your Overseas Campus Transfer Form. Once it is confirmed that you have passed your modules and are able to transfer, these will be registered for you on myUniHub. If there are any issues with the availability of your chosen module/s, the Academic Partnerships team in London will contact you. If you have any queries regarding your optional modules, please email campustransfer@mdx.ac.uk.

When will I receive my class timetable?

- You will receive your class timetable online via myUniHub when you arrive. This will be during your Orientation week.

Where can I find the Middlesex University Calendar?

-The University <u>Calendar</u> can be located on our student website; UniHub. This shows all the key dates for the academic year.

What type of accommodation is available?

- You can apply to stay in one of the <u>University's halls of residence</u>. The halls all have private rooms and you may or may not receive an en-suite room (private bathroom). There are also several <u>private rented accommodation</u> options available to students.

If you would like to stay in halls and arrange your accommodation before the results are published and before you have been transferred over to the London programme/campus on myUniHub, you will need to email Kerry Wroe (K.Wroe@mdx.ac.uk) in the accommodation team to do this. The halls closest to campus can fill up quickly. Please explain that you are a campus transfer student and are waiting for your account to be updated. Once your myUniHub account shows you are studying on the London campus, you can apply for accommodation online.

If you wish to stay in private rented accommodation, it is recommended that you wait until your results are published or until you know if you are definitely transferring before making arrangements, to avoid losing any deposits.

Can my family/friends stay in a hall/my room when they come and visit me?

-Your family and friends can't have a room allocated to them to stay with you in halls. However, you are allowed to have a guest stay one night in the week and one night on the weekend in your room in halls. If you would like a guest to stay longer, you must go to your Hall Office to fill out an extended stay form. Please remember, you are responsible for your guests and must be with them at all times.

Can I choose my room in halls? Can I be allocated the same halls of residence as my friend?

-You can specify that you would like a particular room or type of location (for example, non-smoking, not on ground floor or single gender flat) or even if you would like to be with a particular person. We will do our best to meet your request but cannot make any guarantees.

Do you provide meals in halls of residence?

-No, all halls are self-catering. You will be able to find lots of places to buy food on campus, plus supermarkets and shops in your local area.

Can I open a UK student bank account?

-Yes, if you wish to open a bank account while in London, you can find details of the documents you will need on our 'Opening a bank account' web page.

What is the cost of living in London?

-The UK border agency suggest you should budget for a minimum of £1,265 a month living in London. This list is a rough guide to some of the main monthly expenses you will need to pay. You may also like to budget for other one-off costs such as flights, holidays and luxury items:

- Accommodation, bills and Insurance
- Food/Household items
- Local Travel
- Leisure/Sports /Entertainment
- Clothing etc
- Books and study resources
- Mobile phone

Can I get paid work while I'm studying in the UK?

-The rules surrounding working in the UK while you are studying are complicated and will depend upon several conditions attached to your stay in the UK. Students on a Tier 4 visa should consult our 'Working in the UK during your studies' web page, while students from the EEA and Switzerland should consult our Student Advice Guide for EEA Migrant Workers and Student Funding.

Am I entitled to student discounts?

- Once you have enrolled, you will be able to apply for an NUS Extra card from the Students' Union (MDXSU). This gives you hundreds of exclusive discounts and offers from numerous brands and retailers. Your student ID card will also grant you access to student discounts in a large number of retail outlets and other offers.

You can also apply for the 18+ student oyster card to get a 30% discount on travel. Student ambassadors are available to help you apply for this during orientation week.

You will also be able to take advantage of the student rate of membership for the Fitness Pod (the University gym) on campus.

Do I need to do anything before I arrive?

-Please look at our <u>Getting Started</u> and <u>Life at Middlesex</u> pages for information that is aimed at new students. Although you are already a Middlesex Student, there may be some useful information on here, as you will be new to the London campus.

How can I find out more about the London Campus?

-We would encourage all students to spend time exploring both our <u>main website</u> and our student website, <u>UniHub</u>. There is a large amount of information about us on these websites, which can give you a great overview of the campus and the support services we provide in London. Most of the answers to any question you may have will be provided on these web pages.

Who do I contact if I have any further queries?

-If you have any questions that our websites cannot answer, please email campustransfer@mdx.ac.uk.