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	<b>UAlberta</b>	<b>Hokkaido University (HUSTEP &amp; JLSCP programs)</b>
<b>Full-time course load for exchange students per term/semester?</b>	Full-time course load for exchange students to be at least 3 courses (worth 3 credits each) per term at the undergraduate level and 3 courses (worth 3 credits each) at the graduate level.	The concept of a full-time course load has no meaning at Hokkaido. It is instead a visa consideration and exchange students are required to take 7 courses or 10 hours of lecture per week.
<b>Maximum number of courses that exchange students can take per term/semester?</b>	Undergraduate exchange students may take a maximum of 5 courses (worth 3 credits each) per term. Graduate exchange students may take a maximum of 3 courses (worth 3 credits each) per term.	There is no maximum.
<b>Minimum number of courses that exchange students must take per term/semester?</b>	Incoming exchange students must take at least 1 course (worth 3 credits) per term.	For JLSCP a student must take at least 10 credits from elective compulsory subjects throughout the year and must take at least 20 credits in total.  For HUSTEP all students must take at least 10 hours of classes per week. Full-year students are required to obtain at least 20 credits during their year in the program. Students are required to obtain at least 10 credits in each semester and at least 8 of these credits should be from HUSTEP courses (independent study not included).
<b>How is credit determined?</b>	Most term/semester-long courses have a weight of 3 credits each. The 3 credits are equivalent to 3 hours of lecture per week for a 13 week period and thus equate to 39 total hours of lecture.  Please note that UAlberta credits only take into account instructional time.	The credit determination system at Hokkaido is complex and can differ by course, department, school or faculty. For example, some semester-long courses with 15 lectures (each lecture lasting for 1.5 hours) can be worth 2 credits while the same number of lecture hours for a different course can be worth only 1 credit.

		<p>Basic guidelines are as follows:</p> <p>1) The number of credits shall be determined based on the idea that one-credit course subject required 45 hours of study, and calculated in accordance with the teaching method and the following criteria by considering the educational benefit and the amount of time necessary for study outside the class.</p> <p>2) A lecture or seminar with the number of hours specified by each undergraduate school between 15 and 30 hours shall be equivalent to one credit.</p> <p>3) An experiment, practical training and practical skills training with the number of hours specified by each undergraduate school between 30 and 45 hours shall be equivalent to one credit.</p> <p>Following examples are the most typical models:  One-semester(16 weeks) course offers 2 credits.  One-term course, two lectures per week also offers 2 credits.  One-term course, one lecture per week offers 1 credits.  But there are exceptional or irregular cases, for example, One-term course of two lectures/week only offers one credits.</p> <p>Credits offered are settled by each lecture and it can be found in course explanation linked from <a href="#">the syllabus search</a>.</p>
<p><b>What grading scale is used?</b></p>	<p><a href="#">UAlberta Grading System Explained</a></p>	<p>A+ 95-100  A 90-94  A- 85-89  B+ 80-84  B 75-79  B- 70-74  C+ 65-69  C 60-64  D 50-59  D- 0-49 (Credit not given)  F Unrated (Credit not given)</p>

**How are courses numbered and what does the numbering system mean?**

[Course numbering & details](#)

The Hokkaido numbering code structures is as follows;  
ABC\_DE 1230

First three-letter indicates School/Faculty abbreviation, e.g., SCI for Science, AGR for Agriculture.

After the under bar is Department/Section, e.g., SCI\_BIOL is Science\_Biology.

Thousand place of the 4-digit number indicates levels.

1000: General Education Courses (excluding Foreign Language Seminar (advanced) and subjects offered in the upper years)

2000: General Education Courses (Foreign Language Seminar (advanced) and subjects offered in the upper years); Specialized Subjects (Introductory and basics )

3000: General Education Courses offered in upper years; Specialized Subjects (advanced)

4000: General Education Courses offered in upper years; Specialized Subjects (advanced: Graduation Thesis, etc.)

5000: Specialized Subjects (basics) in graduate level (Master's Course and Professional Course), Inter-Graduate School Classes

6000: Specialized Subjects (advanced) in graduate level (Master's Course and Professional Course)

7000: Specialized Subjects (advanced) in graduate level (Doctoral Course)

9000: Others (e.g. study abroad)

Hundred and Ten indicate categories of study field determined by each School/Faculty/Graduate School. One's place indicate the language of the lecture.

		<p>0: Japanese 1: English 2: Japanese and/or English 3: Other foreign language 4: Others (e.g. Japanese and German Bilingual)</p> <p>For example,  GIST_CSIT 5101  Graduate School of Information Science and Technology_(computer Science and Information Tecnology)  5 Specialized Subjects (basics) in graduate level (Master's Course and Professional Course), Inter-Graduate School Classes  1 Knowledge software science  0 Basic knowledge software science  1 classes are in English</p>
<p><b>When are course schedules for the upcoming school year and summer program season released?</b></p>	<p>Fall and Winter term course offerings are usually released to students by the end of March of the previous school year. Summer course registration is in February.</p>	<p>Spring-Summer course offerings are released in late March.</p> <p>Fall-Winter course offerings are released in late September.</p> <p>Course schedules are not released until immediately before.</p>