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|  | <b>UAlberta</b>   | <b>Shandong University (SDU)</b>  |
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| <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.   | Exchange students usually take 3 to 5 courses per semester based on 2 or 3 credits per course (subjected to home university's approval).  |
| <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.  | For undergraduate students, the maximum number of courses allowed is 6 per semester.  |
| <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 undergraduate students, the minimum is 1 course. For graduate students, they may take 1 course or do research supervised by a Shandong University faculty member.                   |
| <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.<br><br>Please note that UAlberta credits only take into account instructional time. | The course credits vary for each course. One credit requires 16 hours' teaching.  |
| <b>What grading scale is used?</b>   | <a href="#">UAlberta Grading System Explained</a>   | <b>Shandong uses percentages up to 100% UAlberta C- equivalent = 60%</b>  |
| <b>How are courses numbered and what does the numbering system mean?</b>             | <a href="#">Course numbering &amp; details</a>  | The numbering system for undergraduates courses:<br>There are 8 digits. First to third digit refer to the school that opens the course. Fourth digit refers to the level of the course. |

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| <p><b>When are course schedules for the upcoming school year 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.</p>                                      | <p>Courses for a new semester will be available in the middle of the previous semester. That is to say, the courses list for autumn semester will be available in July, but some courses may be canceled due to unpredictable reasons. And that for spring semester will be available in December.</p>                                       |
| <p><b>At what point after a student's exchange would an official transcript recording all of the student's exchange courses and grades be ready for release?</b></p>    | <p>Transcripts for exchanges ending in December would typically be ready for release by early February and by the middle of June for exchanges ending in April.</p> | <p>Official transcripts are usually issued in late March for the fall semester and late September for the spring semester.</p>   |
| <p><b>What is the length of a typical undergraduate degree program at your school and how many credits would a student need to complete to be awarded a degree?</b></p> | <p>The typical undergraduate degree program lasts for 4 years and by the end of it, a student will need to have completed 120 credits to be awarded the degree.</p> | <p>At SDU, typical undergraduate degree program lasts for 4 years (clinical medicine program lasts for 5-6 years). To earn a degree, a student will need to complete 130-150 credits for humanities and social science majors; 140-160 credits for science, information, and engineering majors; and 230-250 credits for Medical majors.</p> |