

From time to time some of the information provided on this sheet may become out of date. If there are any discrepancies between the information provided to you by the partner institution and/or by your home UAlberta faculty and what is provided on this sheet, then the information provided by the partner institution and/or your home UAlberta faculty will be understood to be correct and will supercede what is listed here. Your home UAlberta faculty and the partner institution have final authority on all transfer credit and registration issues, respectively, and you should always consult with both parties to ensure you have correct information.

	UAlberta	Tsinghua University
Full-time course load for exchange students per term/semester?	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.	A full-time course load is 10 - 15 credits worth of courses per semester.
Maximum number of courses that exchange students can take per term/semester?	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.	Exchange students cannot take more than 20 credits worth of courses per semester.
Minimum number of courses that exchange students must take per term/semester?	Incoming exchange students must take at least 1 course (worth 3 credits) per term.	Exchange students must take at least 1 course per semester.
How is credit determined?	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.	Credit is reported in terms of semester hours. 1 unit of credit equates to 1 lecture hour/week or 2 lab hours/week. Therefore, a course worth 2 credits has 2 lecture hours/week, or a 3 credit course has 3 lecture hours/week. The Fall/Winter terms are 16 weeks each, meaning that a 2 credit course only has 32 lecture hours in total and may not be recognized for credit unless it is combined with another 2 credit course by the Faculty. A 3 credit course has 48 lecture hours and definitely meets UAlberta requirements. If a student passes the 3 credit course and it fits in the overall degree program, credit should be granted.
What grading scale is used?	UAlberta Grading System Explained	A+, A, A- = 4.0 GPA (on a 4 point scale) B+ = 3.6

		<p> B = 3.3 B- = 3.0 C+ = 2.6 C = 2.3 C- = 2.0 D+ = 1.6 D = 1.3 F = 0 UAlberta C- equivalent = C- (60%) </p>
How are courses numbered and what does the numbering system mean?	Course numbering & details	<p>Tsinghua uses 8 character course numbers and then a corresponding course title. If the first character is: 0-4 or H-T, W - this is an undergraduate course. If the first character is: 6-9, A-G or X-Z - this is a graduate level course. They do not appear to differentiate between Year 1-4 courses and instead only divide them between undergraduate and graduate level.</p>
When are course schedules for the upcoming school year released?	Fall and Winter term course offerings are usually released to students by the end of March of the previous school year.	Course schedules for any semester are released a week or few before the end of the current semester.
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?	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.	Spring semester transcripts would typically be ready in late July and Fall semester transcripts would typically be ready in late January.
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?	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.	The academic workload that regular students have to take at Tsinghua University in order to complete their degree within the regular time (4 years) is various from department to department. Generally speaking, for student who major in liberal art, the academic workload is approximately 130 credits (4 years), for students in science and engineering, the academic workload is approximately 160 credits (4 years).