From time to time some of the information provided on this sheet may become out of date.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?	<u>UAlberta Grading System Explained</u>	A+, A, A- = 4.0 GPA (on a 4 point

		scale) B+ = 3.6 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%)
How are courses numbered and what does the numbering system mean?	Course numbering & details	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.
When are course schedules for the upcoming school year and summer program season released?	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.	Course schedules for any semester are released a week or few before the end of the current semester.