

Tsinghua University

Tsinghua University Fact Sheet on Student Exchange Program (Academic Year 2017-2018)

Contact Information	
Short Introduction	
<p>Tsinghua University was established in 1911, originally under the name “Tsinghua Xuetaang”. At present, the university has 14 schools and 56 departments with faculties in science, engineering, humanities, law, medicine, history, philosophy, economics, management, education and art. The University has now over 25,900 students, including 13,100 undergraduates and 12,800 graduate students. The faculty greatly valued the interaction between Chinese and Western cultures, the sciences and humanities, the ancient and modern. As one of China’s most renowned universities, Tsinghua has become an important institution for fostering talent and scientific research. The educational philosophy of Tsinghua is to "train students with integrity." Among over 120,000 students who have graduated from Tsinghua since its founding are many outstanding scholars, eminent entrepreneurs and great statesmen remembered and respected by their fellow Chinese citizens. With the motto of “Self-Discipline and Social Commitment” and the spirit of “Actions Speak Louder than Words”, Tsinghua University is dedicated to the well-being of Chinese society and to world development.</p>	
Coordinating Offices	
<p><i>For incoming students:</i></p> <p>Academic Affairs Office. Web: http://www.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/newthuen/newthuen_cnt/admissions/admissions-4-1.html</p>	
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Academic Calendar 2017-2018

Semesters	Fall Semester (Sept. - Jan.)	Spring Semester (Feb. - Jun.)
Major events		
Registration	Sep. 13 - 14, 2017	TBD
Lecture period (16 academic weeks)	Sep. 18 - Jan.5, 2018	Feb.26- Jun.17, 2018
	For early exams please contact with the professors for the course to get their approval and for following procedures. Exchange students are allowed to leave Tsinghua once they finish all their studies at Tsinghua so the last day of the students totally depend on their course situation.	
Examinations	Mid-term exam: Nov.6 - 10, 2017 Final exam: Jan.8 - 19, 2018	Mid-term exam: Apr. 16 - 20, 2018 Final exam: Jun. 16 – Jun. 30, 2018
Vacation (if any)	Mid-Autumn festival: Oct.1 - 8, 2017 National holiday: Oct.1 - 8, 2017 New Year day holiday: Jan.1, 2018 Winter break: Jan. 22 – Feb. 25, 2018	Tomb-sweeping day: Apr. 5- 7, 2018 May day holiday: Apr. 530- May 4, 2018 Dragon boat festival: June 16 – 18, 2018 Summer semester and summer break: Jun. 2 –Sep.16, 2018

Application-related Information

Application deadline	Fall Semester:	Spring Semester:
	Apr. 30	Nov. 30
On-line application open dates	Mar. 15	Oct. 15
Application method	<p>During the application season, partner universities should email the list of nominees with exact study period to exchange@tsinghua.edu.cn before April 1 for fall semester and before November 1 for spring semester, or send the hard copy of nomination letter with all application documents directly to Academic Affairs Office before the deadlines.</p> <p>Students shall apply on-line at http://intlstudent.cic.tsinghua.edu.cn/app/</p>	
List of required application documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified letter of nomination provided by the home university • Application Form with photo and signature which is generated automatically in Tsinghua application system • Certified university transcript, preferably with English or Chinese translation • ID page of candidate's passport • HSK certificates, if applicable <p><small>The official application processing at Tsinghua shall commence after the receipt of the hard copy of the above documents.</small></p>	
Is there any language requirement?	For students taking courses instructed in Chinese mandarin, they shall pass HSK Band Six (old) or Five (new) as the minimum entry requirement. For	

	students taking courses instructed in English, they need to be fluent in English.
When the admission result will be announced and the admission package will be sent?	The students can check their admission status in the Tsinghua online application system. Normally around the early July the admission package for fall semester and around the early January the admission package for spring semester will be sent directly to partner universities.
Activities or services available to exchange students (e.g. student activity group, student club, sports facilities, wellness centre etc.)	Exchange students are able to use all university facilities. There may be some constraints for certain student clubs. Exchange students cannot use the 'bonus student card' which is used by degree-seeking students with government subsidy.
Course/transcript-related Information	
Is course information (e.g. description, syllabus) available online?	<p>Please check http://www.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/newthuen/newthuen_cnt/admissions/admissions-4-1.html for course list of previous semester for reference.</p> <p>The course list of Tsinghua is issued semester by semester always at the end of the previous semester and only can be checked on Tsinghua campus; only the students who finish registration at Tsinghua can get the quite detailed courses information when log in the on-campus academic system with username and password.</p> <p>The academic office of the departments/schools possesses the most detailed information of the course. The student may search the website of the departments/schools which offer the courses he wants to take through http://www.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/then/5976/index.html and contact the academic offices for detailed information needed.</p>
What kind of course can I choose as an exchange student in Tsinghua University?	Exchange student can choose courses both at undergraduate and graduate level.
Restricted programs or courses (NOT open to exchange students)	Courses of Graduate Programs in English as stated in http://is.tsinghua.edu.cn/EN/PIE/pie.html are not open to exchange students. Courses hosted by Academy of Arts and Design and Physical training courses are not open either. Some other programs may be restricted to exchange students too. Its availability is subject to the real situation.
Credit load to be taken for each semester (for exchange students)	Both for undergraduates and graduates, they can take courses worthy maximum 20 credits per semester. 1 credit equals 16 academic hours at Tsinghua.
Are students allowed to take cross-faculty modules? If yes, are there any restrictions?	Yes, as long as the course credits taken are less than 8 credit points. Students, however, cannot take modules of foreign languages, physical training, and arts.
Is it possible for graduate students to conduct research or do thesis during their exchange studies?	Principally yes, but students need to <i>get approval</i> from tutors beforehand.

When will the transcript be issued?	Transcripts will be issued to the home university/students via registered mail. For fall semester students' transcripts, they will be delivered to students when the spring semester starts, in the succeeding year and for spring semester students, transcripts will be delivered to students when the fall semester starts in the same year. Transcripts will be mailed to the university unless students request to directly mail to themselves.
How about grading system at Tsinghua?	Grading systems at Tsinghua are as follows: 1) DISTINCTION/PASS/FAILURE system(for undergraduate students) Credits are given to DISTINCTION and PASS. 2) PASS/FAILURE system (for graduate students) Credits are given for PASS
Accommodation-related Information	
Where will exchange students be accommodated?	THU will try prioritizing university-level exchange students with on-campus accommodation at <i>Zijing Foreign Student Apartment</i> .
How much does the Zijing Foreign Student Apartment charge?	The apartment charges different prices with different room types. Typical double-room charges 40 RMB per day and single-room charges 80 RMB per day (<i>based on the quotation provided by Zijing Foreign student apartment in 2013 Spring</i>). Students may visit the website: http://intlstudent.cic.tsinghua.edu.cn/EN/campus/zijing-apartment.html for more details.
How can the students apply for Zijing Foreign Student Apartment?	Newest information about on-campus dormitory will be included in the Welcome Package sent to the new coming students.
Is accommodation available over semester breaks?	Preferential price for student is not available over semester breaks while the on-campus accommodation is only available for the students whose study period here is one academic year with successful accommodation reservation.
If on-campus accommodation is not available, will there be any assistance in finding private housing?	Please visit the website: http://intlstudent.cic.tsinghua.edu.cn/EN/campus/accommodation.html for details.
Visa/Arrival/Orientation/Insurance-related Information	
Is the exchange student required to obtain a student visa? If yes, will the university assist in the visa application?	Yes. Exchange student need to hold X1-type or X2-type visa to enter China. X2-type is used for students who stay shorter than 6 months whilst X1-type for student staying longer than 6 months. Any change of China's visa policy will be updated. Academic Affairs Office will include the visa-application form (JW202) in the Welcome Package.
Is the exchange student allowed to work?	No. Exchange students are not allowed to work during their study period.
Recommended arrival dates	Students may arrive a week before the start of the semester. It is not suggestive student arrives too much earlier by holding a tourist visa.
Is airport pick-up service available?	No.

Is orientation program available? If yes, when will it be held?	Yes. It normally starts from the week before the semester commences. Introductions on university facts and regulations will be briefed during the orientation.
Special services provided to exchange students	A “Buddy Program” will be provided to exchange students. The exchange student who is willing to participate in the program will be matched with a buddy who helps him during his whole stay at Tsinghua University.
<i>Estimated Expenses in Local Currency</i> <i>(The estimated costs are for reference only. Actual expenses may vary from person to person.)</i>	
University-administered accommodation	Please refer to “accommodation-related information” part.
Are there any deposits?	Yes. Zijing Foreign student apartment charges the deposit and it will be refunded to students after their check-out.
Private accommodation	Private accommodation is expensive nearby the university. Prices may vary from 1-2 thousand a month for just one room rent to several thousands for the whole set of apartment. It is usually through real estate agencies can students find suitable accommodations.
Food/Meals (inside-campus)	30-50 RMB per day
Personal expenses (e.g. laundry, sundries and local transportation)	500-1000 RMB per month
Academic expenses (e.g. books)	200 RMB – 500 RMB per month
Non-local student insurance	For students who do not have valid insurance which can cover their stay at THU and China, they need to buy local insurance. It normally charges 300 RMB per semester. The insurance covers local accidents and urgent medications.