

Tsinghua University

Tsinghua University Fact Sheet on Student Exchange Program (Academic Year 2013-2014)

Contact Information	
Name of the university and short introduction	
Tsinghua University: Tsing Hua Imperial College was founded in 1911 on the site of Tsinghua Garden, a former Qing Dynasty imperial private garden. In 1928, the college became National Tsinghua University. In 1952, with restricting of China's higher education system, the university began to focus on science and engineering. Since 1978, many of its previous schools have been restored and new ones established. Tsinghua University is now a comprehensive university with 16 schools and 56 departments. One may find more information from the university website: www.tsinghua.edu.cn .	
Coordinating Offices	
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Academic Calendar 2013-2014	

Semesters	Fall Semester (Sept. - Jan.)	Spring Semester (Feb.-Jun.)
Major events		
Registration	Sep. 11-12, 2013	Feb. 21-23, 2014
Lecture period	Sep. 16, 2013 – Jan. 3, 2014	Feb. 24 - Jun.13, 2014
Examinations	Mid-term exam: Nov. 4-10, 2013 Final exam: Jan. 6-19, 2014	Mid-term exam: April 14- 18, 2014 Final exam: June 16 - 27, 2014
Vacation	Mid-Autumn festival: Sept. 19-21, 2013 National holiday: Oct. 1-7, 2013 New year day holiday: Jan. 1, 2014 Winter break: Jan. 20 - Feb. 23, 2014	Tomb-sweeping day: April 5-7, 2014 May day holiday: April 30 – May 4, 2014 Dragon boat festival: May 31 – June 2, 2014 Summer semester and summer break: June 30 - Sept. 21, 2014

Application-related Information

Application deadline	Fall Semester:	Spring Semester:
	April 30	Nov. 30
On-line application open dates	March 15	Oct. 15
Application method	Students shall apply on-line at http://is.tsinghua.edu.cn/app/	
Application check list	<p>The following supporting documents should accompany your Application Form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified letter of nomination provided by the home university • Certified university transcript, preferably with English or Chinese translation • ID page of candidate's passport • TOEFL/IELTS/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.	
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?	Yes. One can find related information at the website of http://is.tsinghua.edu.cn/EN/non-degree-programs/exchange.html
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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.
If the medium of instruction is not English, are there any courses for exchange students conducted in English?	Yes. THU provides courses instructed in English each semester. These courses are usually hosted by School of Economics and Management, Department of Civil Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering, School of Life Sciences, School of Journalism, mentioning the major ones.
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.
Any special language courses for exchange students prior to the exchange program stint?	No. But the Chinese language and culture centre does receive students who study Chinese language <i>full-time</i> . Students can take a few Chinese language courses, usually provided by <i>Department of Chinese language and Literature</i> besides their major studies should credits they take are less than 8 points.
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.
<i>Accommodation-related Information</i>	
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.
<i>Visa/Arrival/Orientation/Insurance-related Information</i>	
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 F-type or X-type visa to enter China. F-type is used for student who stay shorter than 6 months whilst X-type for student staying longer than 6 months. Any change of China's visa policy will be updated. International Students 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.