

OPTION STRUCTURE

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	
Tsinghua University LL.B. Program			UBC J.D. Program (71 credits)		Tsinghua University
136 Tsinghua credits, including at least 61 Tsinghua credits in law courses (which must include the equivalent of 21 UBC credits in upper level law courses)			46 mandatory credits; 25 upper level law credits (including seminar requirement)		LL.B. degree thesis (15 credits)
			Winter Session	Summer Session	Winter Session
			To be completed during the final summer		

Up to five Tsinghua students may be admitted to the UBC J.D. program under this Option each year at the discretion of Allard Law.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION FOR TSINGHUA STUDENTS

- Have successfully completed two years of full-time study in the Tsinghua LL.B. program (equivalent to 60 UBC credits in course work);
- Be enrolled full-time in the third year of the LL.B. program with a course load equivalent to 30 UBC credits (21 of which must be upper/senior level law courses)
- Demonstrate sufficient proficiency in English language proficiency (see below for details)

1

APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR TSINGHUA STUDENTS

The Tsinghua University School of Law will designate one of its administrative units as responsible for collecting all application materials from students (except English Language proficiency; see below for more info), to be submitted directly by Tsinghua University School of Law to Allard Law. Applications to the Option must be received by the Peter A. Allard School of Law by **April 5, 2020**. An LSAT score is not required to apply to this Program.

Applications from Tsinghua must include:

1. A completed application form (available at <http://www.allard.ubc.ca/upper-level-applicants>)
2. A Personal Statement written by the Applicant
 - Your Personal Statement is an essay of no more than 750 words.
 - The contents of your statement should outline those features about yourself that distinguish you from other candidates and/or anything you feel is relevant to your application including highlights about your non-academic achievements.
3. Transcripts from Tsinghua University:

You must make arrangements with Tsinghua University to have official transcripts, in the original language together with an accompanying official English language translation issued by Tsinghua University in a sealed envelope, included with the application materials sent to Allard Law.
4. Transcripts from post-secondary schools other than Tsinghua:

You must make arrangements with every post-secondary institution you have attended besides Tsinghua to have official transcripts, in the original language together with an accompanying official English language translation issued by the institution in a sealed envelope, sent to Tsinghua University School of Law to be included with the application materials sent to the Allard School of Law.
5. Two Academic Letters of Reference
6. Applications must include a form or letter from the Tsinghua University indicating:
 - (i) approval from Tsinghua University to apply to the UBC J.D. program, including whether the applicant meets all eligibility requirements as stated above;
 - (ii) the applicant's overall grade average to date;
 - (iii) the overall grade ranking for students enrolled in the Tsinghua University LL.B. program, per year/cohort; and
 - (iv) the applicant's grade average for all law courses taken at Tsinghua University to date (i.e., all courses taught within the School of Law).

Except where specified above, all application materials must be in English.

English Language Proficiency

Tsinghua students must demonstrate sufficient **English language proficiency** by obtaining the minimum scores on one of the English language proficiency examinations below noted. **The examining body must send results directly to the Peter A. Allard School of Law**, Attention: J.D. Admissions, Tsinghua-UBC Degree Partnership Option. For TOEFL examinations, UBC's institution code is 0965 and the Faculty of Law's department code is 03. The Allard School of Law requires the following minimum scores:

- a. TOEFL: minimum score of 100, of which the reading, listening and writing component minimum is 75; or
- b. IELTS: minimum overall band of 7.0 with a reading and writing band minimum of 7.0; or
- c. GCE: A-level English examination with a standing of at least "B".

Test results are considered valid for two years after the date the test is taken.

CONDITIONAL OFFERS

Decisions with respect to admission to the UBC J.D. program are made by Allard Law. Allard Law may admit up to five students from Tsinghua under the Option per year. Initial offers of admission from the Allard School of Law will be conditional on:

1. successful completion of the third year of study at Tsinghua University, as specified above, by July 15, 2020;
2. maintenance in the third year of the academic average obtained in the first two years of studies, including the average for all law courses; and
3. successful completion of the equivalent of 21 UBC credits in upper/senior level law courses by the end of the third year.

Transcripts documenting that these three conditions have been fulfilled must be received by UBC not later than **July 31, 2020**, to be forwarded on behalf of students by the Tsinghua University School of Law directly to the Allard School of Law.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AT THE ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS

Tsinghua students are required to complete **a minimum of 71 credits** over their two years at the Allard School of Law, of which 32 will be from first year courses and the remainder of the 39 credits from upper year courses, as noted below.

The Allard School of Law requires students to complete a total of 92 credits to receive a J.D. degree and will accept 21 UBC-equivalent credits of upper/senior level courses from Tsinghua. Courses taken in the J.D. program at UBC may not be substantially similar to any of the upper/senior level courses accepted from Tsinghua by UBC for credit towards the total 92 credit requirement for the UBC J.D. Program.

First-Year Course Requirements

The Allard School of Law's mandatory curriculum will be changing for students entering the JD program in September 2020. The requirements set out below reflect this new curriculum.

Tsinghua students will be enrolled by Allard School of Law staff in the following first-year classes at the Allard School of Law for the 2020 Winter Session:

- LAW 200 Indigenous Settler Legal Relations (term 1; 3 credits)
- LAW 211 Contracts (Term 1 & 2; 5 credits);
- LAW 221 Criminal Law & Procedure (Term 1 & 2; 5 credits);
- LAW 231 Property Law (Term 1 & 2; 5 credits);
- LAW 241 Torts (Term 1 & 2; 5 credits);
- LAW 261 Transnational Law (Term 2 Only; 2 credits); and

- LAW 271 Introduction to Public Law & Charter (Term 2; 3 credits)
- LAW 281 Legal Research & Writing (Term 1 only; 2 credits)
- LAW 291 Aboriginal & Treaty Rights (Term 2; 2 credits)

TOTAL = 32 first-year Law credits

Upper Year Course Requirements

Tsinghua students must take the following upper year courses/credits at the Allard School of Law over the 2021 Summer and Winter Sessions:

- LAW 300 Jurisprudence and Critical Theory (3 credits)
- LAW 347 Federalism (2 or 3 credits)
- LAW 372 Administrative Law (4 credits);
- LAW 468 Ethics and Professionalism (3 credits);
- A 3 credit seminar (which includes a writing requirement) or directed research paper
- Upper-Year Experiential Requirement
- Elective law credit courses

TOTAL = 39 upper-year Law credits

Students will be eligible to receive a UBC J.D. degree on completion of the 71 law course credits at UBC and the transfer of the 21 upper level law course credits from Tsinghua towards the UBC J.D., for a total of 92 credits.

Course Registration Information

Tsinghua students will be enrolled automatically in required first-year classes in August by Academic Services Staff at the Allard School of Law. Prior to registering for upper-year courses (after successful completion of first year courses), Tsinghua students are required to meet with the Assistant Dean, Students at the Allard School of Law for advising.

Absent any approved leaves of absence, all J.D. course work at UBC must be completed within the two successive Winter Sessions (September to April) and the intervening UBC summer session. For students admitted in 2020, attendance at UBC would be as follows:

2020 Winter (September 2020 to April 2021), 2021 Summer (May to August 2021), and 2021 Winter (September 2021 to April 2022)

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the admissions process, please contact the Admissions office at admissions@allard.ubc.ca or 1-604-822-6303. Questions regarding the UBC Law curriculum or life at UBC may be directed to the Assistant Dean, Students, Kaila Mikkelsen, mikkelsen@allard.ubc.ca. UBC Law Ambassadors are available to give tours and answer questions about student life at UBC Law at Allard Hall. They can be reached at ambassadors@allard.ubc.ca.

For information about practicing law in BC, visit the Law Society of BC website at www.lawsociety.bc.ca. If you are an international student, you must ensure that your visa arrangements are finalized before classes start in September. UBC has comprehensive information for international students available online at: <http://students.ubc.ca/international>.