



ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Tsinghua University and the University of British Columbia

LL.B./J.D. Degree Partnership Option – Application and Degree Information

The University of British Columbia Peter A. Allard School of Law (Allard School of Law) and the Tsinghua University School of Law (Tsinghua) LL.B./J.D. Degree Partnership Option is the result of an agreement entered into by UBC and Tsinghua in 2015.

Eligible students enrolled in the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) program at Tsinghua may earn an LL.B. degree from Tsinghua together with a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from UBC in 5 years of full-time study, plus the successful completion of a degree thesis at Tsinghua.

OPTION STRUCTURE

Students pursuing this Option will complete three years of full-time study in the LL.B. program at Tsinghua and complete two further years of full-time study in the J.D. program at the Allard School of Law, comprised of two full winter sessions and one summer session, before returning to Tsinghua to complete the degree thesis.

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

LL.B. students at Tsinghua may apply to the Allard School of Law in their third year of study at Tsinghua. If admitted to the UBC J.D. program, students must complete a minimum of 136 credits in the LL.B. program at Tsinghua, including 61 credits in law courses and all mandatory course requirements prior to enrolling in the J.D. program at UBC.* At the Allard School of Law, students complete a further 71 law credits in the J.D. program, including all mandatory course requirements and must then return to Tsinghua to complete the degree thesis requirement for the LL.B.

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

* NOTE: Students enrolled at Tsinghua as *international students* are required to complete a minimum of **95** Tsinghua credits prior to enrolling in the J.D. program at UBC, including at least 61 Tsinghua credits in law courses (which must include the equivalent of 21 UBC credits in upper level law courses).

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION FOR TSINGHUA STUDENTS

To be eligible to apply to the Allard School of Law under this Option, Tsinghua students must:

- 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)

The Allard School of Law strongly prefers applications from students who are within the top 50% of their year/cohort at Tsinghua and will assess applications from Tsinghua students under this option on a competitive basis.

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 the Allard School of Law. Applications to the Option must be received by the Allard School of Law by **April 5, 2017**. 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-0>)
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 the Allard School of 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 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 the Allard School of Law. The Allard School of 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, 2017;
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, 2017**, 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

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 2017 Winter Session:

- LAW 201 Constitutional Law (Term 1 & 2; 6 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 251 Public Law (Term 1 Only; 2 credits);
- Law 261 Transnational Law (Term 2 Only; 2 credits); and
- LAW 281 Legal Research & Writing (Term 1 only; 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 2018 Summer and Winter Sessions:

- LAW 300 Jurisprudence and Critical Theory (3 credits)
- LAW 372 Administrative Law (4 credits);
- LAW 468 Ethics and Professionalism (3 credits);
- LAW 459 Business Organizations (4 credits)
- 25 credits in upper year courses including a 3-credit Seminar (which incorporates a substantial academic writing requirement)

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 accepted 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 2017, attendance at UBC would be as follows:

2017 Winter (September 2017 to April 2018)

2018 Summer (May to August 2018)

2018 Winter (September 2018 to April 2019)

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. General information about the Peter A. Allard School of Law can be found at www.allard.ubc.ca. Questions regarding the Allard Law curriculum or life at UBC may be directed to Assistant Dean Kaila Mikkelsen at mikkelsen@allard.ubc.ca. Allard Law Ambassadors are available to give tours and answer questions about student life at Allard. 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>.