

Waseda Student Exchange



Overview

Types of university-wide student exchange programs at Waseda

1. Undergraduate Program
2. Graduate Program (Master's/Doctoral)
3. Japanese Language Program

Entrance period and program duration

Entry: April or September

Period: One year or one semester (half year)

Application Period

April Entry : November 1 to 20

September Entry: February 1 to March 1

How to apply : online and post

Application details will be sent to the international office of your home University

Academic Calendar

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| Spring Semester | Orientation date : In late March Classes begin : In early April Semester ends : In early August Summer break : From early August to late September |
| Fall Semester | Orientation date : In early September Classes begin : In late September Winter break : From late December to early January Semester ends : In early February Spring break : From early February to late March |
| Examination Dates | It varies but normally begins in mid-July for Spring semester and mid-January for Fall semester. |

Timeline of university-wide student exchange program

| | | April Entry | September Entry |
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| 1 | Home university selects candidates | Selection by home university | Selection by home university |
| 2 | Applicant and home university prepare for application in advance | August to October | November to January |
| 3 | Applicant and home university complete application (online / by post) | November 1 to 20 | February 1 to March 1 |
| 4 | Screening at Waseda | December and January | March to May |
| 5 | Waseda announces successful applicants and emails Housing Questionnaire (HQ) | Late January | Early June |
| 6 | Applicant fills in and returns HQ | Early February | Mid June |
| 7 | Waseda mails Certificate of Eligibility (COE) and Certificate of Acceptance (COA) to home universities | Late February | Early July |
| | Applicant applies for visa. | | |
| 8 | Waseda sends notification of dormitory decision | Late February | Mid July |
| 9 | Applicant arrives in Japan | Mid March | Early to mid September |
| 10 | General orientation, Academic orientation, Course registration | Late March | Mid September |
| 11 | Classes start | Early April • Spring semester : Early April to early August • Fall semester : Late September to early February | Late September • Fall semester : Late September to early February • Spring semester : Early April to early August |
| 12 | Return to home country | • One semester program : Early to mid August • One year program : Early to mid February | • One semester program : Early to mid February • One year program : Early to mid August |
| 13 | Announcement of grades (students can check their grades via MyWaseda) | Spring semester : Early September / Fall semester : Early March | |
| 14 | Waseda mails official transcripts to home universities | One semester program : October One year program : May | One semester program : May One year program : October |

Housing

There are dormitories exclusively for exchange students at Waseda University. Waseda University International Students House, Waseda Hoshien, and Waseda University Nishi Waseda International Students House are all within walking distance from Waseda, Toyama and Nishi Waseda campuses.



Scholarship

JASSO Student Exchange Support Program scholarship is granted to selected exchange students (undergraduate and graduate students). Scholarships are valued at 80,000 yen per month.



Estimated Expenses

Average cost per month is 80,000 yen for housing, and 80,000 yen for living expenses (food, transportation and daily necessities).



Intercultural Communication Center (ICC)



ICC organizes various events and programs to enable students to enjoy extracurricular activities beyond consideration of nationality, undergraduate or graduate school, or grades. Students can use these opportunities to interact with international students and Japanese students.



Waseda Summer Session (4 Weeks)

Waseda offers a four-week summer session for highly motivated international students. Students gain fresh insight into Japan in the Asian and international context through classes, unique hands-on experiences and life in Tokyo. An optional Japanese class is also available.



Japanese Courses (1 year, 1 semester, 6 weeks, 3 weeks)

The Center for Japanese Language is one of the largest Japanese language educational institutions in Japan. We have eight levels of courses ranging from zero beginners to advanced. The Center offers long-term and short-term programs.



