



WASEDA UNIVERSITY

Exchange Program Fact Sheet AY2026

(for April 2026 / Fall 2026 Enrollment)

Please check the details on the "**Application Guidelines**" and "**Lists of Schools (Requirements) for A.Y.2026 (Spring 2026 / Fall 2026 Enrollment)**" from the URL below ;
<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/exchange/application>
 (scheduled to be released around June, 2025)

◆Contact Information

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| Name of Institution | Waseda University | | |
| Mailing address | Center for International Education (CIE) Waseda University 1st Floor, Bldg. 22, 1-7-14 Nishi-waseda Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 169-0051 JAPAN | | |
| E-mail and Phone | Incoming (to Waseda) | ex-in-cie@list.waseda.jp | +81-3-3203-9079 |
| | Outgoing (From Waseda) | out-cie@list.waseda.jp | +81-3-3208-9602 |
| | Other inquiries | https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/contact | |

◆Program Overview

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Types of Exchange Programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate Program • Graduate Program (Master's/Doctoral) • Japanese Language Program |
| Program duration | One academic year / one semester |

◆Academic Calendar

| Academic Calendar Timetable | | Spring Semester | Fall Semester |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Orientation | Mid March | Mid September |
| | Semester begins | Early April | Late September |
| | Examinations | Mid July | Mid January |
| | Semester ends | End of July | Early February |

◆Eligibility and Application Process

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Eligibility / Requirements | Each host school has specific requirement. Please refer to the " Application Guidelines " for details. |
| Application Period | Spring Semester Entry : November 1st to 20th |
| | Fall Semester Entry : February 1st to March 1st |
| Application Process | *Please refer to the " Application Guidelines " for details. |
| Required Documents | |
| Notification of acceptance | Spring Semester Entry : Late January |
| | Fall Semester Entry : Early June |

◆Academic Information

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Course Lists and Syllabus | Course Lists | Please check the <u>Lists of Schools (Requirements) for A.Y.2026 (Spring 2026 / Fall 2026 Enrollment)</u> . |
| | Syllabus Search (JP) | https://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA101.php |
| | Syllabus Search (EN) | https://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA101.php?pLng=en |
| | Please refer to the Course Lists in the "Lists of Schools (Requirements) for A.Y.2026 (Spring 2026 / Fall 2026 Enrollment) " before searching courses on the Syllabus Search as <u>NOT every course on Syllabus is available to exchange students</u> . The latest course lists and syllabus will be available right before the semester begins. | |
| Course Registration | Course registration begins AFTER arrival at Waseda. There is no pre-registration. Important information and instruction on course registration procedures will be given in the orientation by each schools, so attendance is required. For some of the oversubscribed courses, enrollment will be determined based on the lottery. | |
| Course Load | Students are strongly encouraged to take approx. 6 courses (nearly = 10 hours) per week. Please refer to each school's policy. | |
| Credits at Waseda University | Lecture & Seminar-style course : 2 credits = 100 minutes per class x 14 weeks Language course : 1 credit = 100 minutes per class x 14 weeks | |
| Grades / Transcript | Grades will be announced in early March(for the Fall semester) and early September (for the Spring semester). Students are able to check their grade through the portal site "MyWaseda". The official transcripts will be sent to the home institution in May or October after the program is completed. | |

◆Accommodation

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Housing for Exchange Students | https://www.waseda.jp/inst/rlc/en/student_dormitory/exchange/ |
| Housing options available | Dormitories for exchange students are located a few minutes' walk from the Waseda campus. Since they are extremely popular, only a limited number of students are able to move in. Please note that it is not possible to meet all students' requests. For students looking for housing during their stay in Japan, the Residence Life Center website introduces the affiliated companies that offer significant number of student dormitories, shared houses and apartments that are easy for overseas students to apply for. Please make sure to do your own search and make your decision. However, as many of these accommodations are located in the area that require a commute of 40-60 minutes by public transport, we recommend that you search for a room as soon as possible to find one that is close to your requirements. |
| Check-in Date | The designated check-in date will be announced with acceptance notification. Basically, late-March for the Spring semester and mid-September for the Fall semester. |

◆Scholarship

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Information | *JASSO scholarships will not be available for AY 2026 at Waseda University. |
|--------------------|---|

◆Immigration

| | |
|---|---|
| Status of Residence | The status of residence of your Visa must be "Student". |
| COE(Certificate of Eligibility) and Visa | COE (Certificate of Eligibility) is an official document issued by the Immigration Services Bureau in Japan which is required when students apply for Japanese visa. Waseda University will apply for the COE to the Immigration Services Bureau on behalf of the students. Each applicant needs to apply for visa on his/her own at the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate after receiving the COE. |
| What is "Documents Concerning Defraying Expenses for COE"? | It is to certify that applicant has enough financial resource to cover his/her expenses while studying abroad, and is required by the Immigration Bureau to submit to obtain a COE. We have set the minimum amount to prove funds at 120,000 JPY per month. |
| When will the COE be sent? | Basically, late February to mid-March for the Spring Entry and early to late August for the Fall Entry (it may take more time depending on the situation) . |
| Required Documents for COE application | *Please refer to the "Application Guidelines" for details. |
| Are exchange students allowed to work? | Yes, but they are required to obtain work permit at the airport upon arrival or at the Immigration Bureau. Please refer to the URL below for details; https://www.cie-waseda.jp/visastatus/en/current/offcampus.html#section-1 |

◆Pre-Arrival Information

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Health Insurance | <p>Before coming to Japan, it is strongly recommended to buy travel insurance in your home country which covers the entire exchange period.</p> <p>Foreign residents who will be staying in Japan for three months or more have to subscribe to the National Health Insurance program (NHI; also known as "Kokuho"). With this insurance, medical expenses will be reduced to 30 % of total amount (with some exceptions at certain medical facilities) . Monthly insurance fee may vary by your residential area (city/ward), but usually is around 2,000 yen or less.</p> <p>More information on insurance will be provided at the general orientation.</p> |
| Cost of Living | <p>May differ depending on each student's lifestyle, but the average cost for Shinjuku resident is mostly 80,000 JPY for housing, and another 80,000 JPY for living expenses (food, transportation and daily necessities) per month.</p> |

◆Other Useful Websites

| | |
|--|--|
| University Website | https://www.waseda.jp/top/en |
| WHY WASEDA? | https://www.waseda.jp/inst/whywaseda/ |
| Campus Map | <p>https://www.waseda.jp/top/en/access</p> <p>Waseda University has multiple campuses, and the location of each campus differs depending on your affiliated undergraduate /graduate school. For details, please refer to the information about each school provided on the application page.</p> |
| VR Campus Tour | <p>https://waseda-vrtour.com/wasedacampus/</p> <p>https://waseda-vrtour.com/toyamacampus/</p> |
| YouTube | https://www.youtube.com/@wasedaPR |
| Intercultural Communication Center(ICC) | <p>ICC organizes various events and programs to encourage students to enjoy extra-curricular activities. It is a good way to make the most of their exchange experience!</p> <p>https://www.waseda.jp/inst/icc/en/</p> |
| Accessibility Resource Center | https://www.waseda.jp/inst/dsso/en/ |
| Gender and Sexuality Center | https://www.waseda.jp/inst/gscenr/en/ |
| Health Support Center | https://www.waseda.jp/inst/hsc/en |