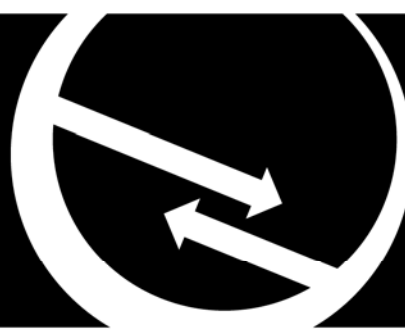


JAPAN

Waseda University International Exchange Program



Program Highlights

Dates

Academic Year
(September to July)

Location

Tokyo

Program Costs

- Ohio State Tuition + supplemental insurance + airfare and living expenses
- See “program costs” section for details

Application Deadline

November 1, 2009

Eligibility

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Undergraduate students with a junior rank
- Two years of college-level Japanese language at the time of application
- Students must successfully complete Japanese 231 prior to departure
- Personal interview

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Program

This international exchange program is based on an agreement between The Ohio State University and Waseda University in Japan. The number of exchange students selected each year to participate in this program varies based on a mutual agreement between the two universities. Students may register for any course offered in the School of International Liberal Studies. Students are placed in small language classes according to their level, while courses in Japanese and Asian culture, society, politics, and economics are conducted in English.

The University

Waseda University is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution of higher learning, which was founded in 1882 by Shigenobu Okuma, one of the greatest statesmen of the Meiji Era. The university mission is to uphold the independence of learning, to promote the practical utilization of knowledge and to create good citizenship. Waseda University is located in Tokyo. At present there exist nine undergraduate schools, twelve graduate schools and ten research institutes. The total university enrollment is approximately 50,000 comprised of 44,000 undergraduate and 6,000 graduate students. The number of international students in any given year is about 1,300.

Courses and Credits

Courses completed satisfactorily at Waseda University transfer to Ohio State as graded credits. Before students depart, they should first discuss with their academic advisers the courses they plan to take, to ensure that these courses will be accepted for Ohio State credit. Exact course equivalents are determined by the appropriate academic departments.

Accommodations

Student dormitory units are extremely limited. The Center for International Affairs provides information about off-campus housing, however students are expected to secure their own housing. The majority of students at Waseda University live in apartments outside campus

Pre-departure Orientation

All participants will be required to participate in an on-campus pre-departure orientation meeting organized by the Office of International Affairs. This session will provide important information on travel, passport, health, and academic expectations. For the time and location of the orientation meetings, please contact the program coordinator.

Program Costs

International exchange programs are tuition exchanges, which means that an Ohio State student pays his/her full tuition and fees and trades places with a student at one of our partner institutions, who has in turn paid his/her full tuition and fees. Students selected to participate on an exchange program are also responsible for supplemental insurance, international airfare, room and board, and all other living or personal expenses. Please be advised that payments for room and board will be in the local currency.

Application Information

Applicants must submit the Office of International Affairs Study Abroad Application online via buckeyelink.osu.edu. Please note that upon application, a \$150 application fee will be assessed to your Statement of Fees and Accounts. The application fee will be refunded only if you are not accepted or submit a written request to withdraw your application prior to the application deadline. The selection committee reserves the right to place you at the Japanese university that it feels is the most appropriate match for you and your Japanese abilities. Applicants will be asked to write a personal statement, and your essay should reflect why you have selected Waseda University as your first choice of Japanese universities; your personal statement should also indicate a second choice and your rationale for choosing it. Applicants are also asked to submit a letter of recommendation; please make sure that you have contacted your referee prior to sending the request. Your reference should come from a Japanese language instructor.

If you withdraw at any time after the date of your notification of nomination to the exchange program, you will be responsible for any non-recoverable costs that have been incurred on your behalf plus a \$200 cancellation fee.

Web Sites

Ohio State Funding Opportunities	oia.osu.edu
U.S. Department of State	travel.state.gov (travel warnings/country specific information)
Centers for Disease Control	cdc.gov/travel (geographic health recommendations)
Orientation to living in Japan	athomejapan.com
Waseda University	www.waseda.jp

Contact Us

The Office of International Affairs is located in Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue. Please see oia.osu.edu for information about "Getting Started" Information Sessions, Program Exploration Walk-in hours, and Study Abroad Coordinator office hours.

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