# Waseda University

## Information Sheet for Student Exchange Program
(Academic Year 2017/2018)

### 1. University Information / Contact Information

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### 2. Overview

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<td>Graduate Program(Master's/Doctoral)</td>
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**Program Overview**
https://www.waseda.jp/en/exchange/overview

**Entrance timing and program duration**
Entry: April or September
Period: One year or One semester (a half year)

**Number of Students we would accept from your university**
Please refer to the official announcement to be announced in August 2016

### 3. Application

**How to apply for the exchange program**
Applications for the exchange program must be submitted online and by post.

**Application materials**

**Application deadline for admission**
- April entry Application deadline : From November 1 to November 20, 2016
- September entry Application deadline : From February 1 to March 1, 2017

**Anticipated dates for notification of acceptance**
- Spring entry : Around the end of January
- Fall entry : Around the beginning of June
### 4. Academics

**Academic Calendar**

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<th>Season</th>
<th>Orientation date</th>
<th>Classes begin</th>
<th>Semester ends</th>
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<td>Spring</td>
<td>In late March</td>
<td>In early April</td>
<td>In early August</td>
<td>From early August to late September</td>
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<td>Fall</td>
<td>In early September</td>
<td>In late September</td>
<td>In early February</td>
<td>From late December to early January</td>
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**Timetable**

http://www.waseda.jp/top/en/about/work/organizations/academic-affairs-division/academic-calendar/

**Examination dates**

It varies but normally begins in mid-July for Spring Semester and mid-January for Fall semester.

**Syllabus search**


*Note* Not all courses published in the Syllabus Search are open to Exchange Students. Also, please be aware that the information contained on these websites is subject to change.

**Course registration period and procedures**

At the beginning of the semester (no pre-arrival registration is available) After you arrive in Japan, there will be briefings about course registration during academic orientation in each school.

**Number of courses (and credits) to take**

We recommend that exchange students take 7 courses per semester (which amounts to 14 credits). The School of International Liberal Studies (SILS) has its own curriculum. Some exchange students take as many as 20 courses (40 credits).

**Courses offered to all students, courses offered by other Schools**

- As a rule, Exchange students must select their courses from those offered by the school they will be affiliated with at Waseda. In some cases, you may be permitted to take courses offered to all students or courses offered by other schools as well. Please note that the course list for the following year will be made available in March. These courses are open to all students including general students, so the possibility that you will be selected is quite small. Your study plan should be focused on the courses offered by the school for which you are applying.

**Registration Rules**


**Credit**

Depends on the program

**Grading System**


**Official transcripts**

Grades will be announced in early March and early September, and the official transcripts will be issued and sent to the affiliated university in May or October after the program is completed. If you need the official transcript sooner than this timing, please submit at request at your undergraduate or graduate school at Waseda. It is also possible to check your grades via MyWaseda.

**Language support / Academic advisor**

We have the International Community Center (ICC) and they provide language exchange programs to support Japanese language. We offer WASEDA NIHONGO SUPPORT to international students who are keen to develop NIHONGO proficiency and learning skills in their self-directed learning. School of International Liberal Studies (SILS) provides the academic advisor to assist in choosing courses.
## 5. VISA

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<td>What is the difference between COE and VISA?</td>
<td>COE is a certificate necessary to obtain a VISA. A VISA is necessary in order to enter Japan.</td>
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<td>Why is it necessary to submit the Statement of Financial Resources (a certificate to confirm the students have enough financial resources to cover their expenses)?</td>
<td>Because it is one of the documents necessary for the students to obtain a COE / VISA at the Immigration Bureau. We are making sure that the students have enough financial resources so that they can concentrate on their studies. We have set the minimum amount at 60,000 yen per month, based on the amount of the JASSO scholarship.</td>
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<tr>
<td>How long will it take to obtain a COE / VISA?</td>
<td>It will take about two to three months after the students have applied for them. Please make sure that your students start their application process early so that they will have enough time.</td>
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<td>Are exchange students allowed to work?</td>
<td>Yes, but they are required to obtain work-permit at the airport or the Immigration Bureau.</td>
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## 6. Housing

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<td>Expected arrival date</td>
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<td>Housing options</td>
<td>Most students choose to live in our exchange students’ dormitory (The number of the rooms is limited), but some students find their room in an apartment or a shared-house by themselves. Some choose to live with a host family. For more information of housing, please refer to the following URL. <a href="http://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/life/housing">http://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/life/housing</a></td>
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<td>If exchange students' dormitories are not available, is there any assistance in finding another accommodations?</td>
<td>We will introduce University related housing agents on the URL above.</td>
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<td>Application procedures for exchange students' dormitory</td>
<td>Dormitory application form will be sent together with the acceptance notification. For students whose acceptance notification could be issued late, the Dormitory Application form will be sent separately before the issuance.</td>
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<td>When is the application deadline?</td>
<td>To be announced in the Dormitory application form.</td>
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<td>Is there a kitchen facility available in the student accommodations?</td>
<td>Yes.</td>
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<td>Are there any included services with accommodation? (e.g. utilities, electricity, internet service, air conditioning)</td>
<td>Depends on the dormitory.</td>
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<td>Estimated fees for a 10-month stay</td>
<td>Fees vary depending on the dormitory. Please refer to our website.</td>
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| Types of Scholarships for Exchange students                              | 1. MEXT Scholarship—For students planning to enter Japanese Language Program (JLP)  
2. JASSO Student Exchange Support Program (Scholarship for Short-term Study in Japan) |

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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>It is essential to take out travel insurance in your home country before coming to Japan. In addition it is compulsory to join Japan’s national health insurance. Furthermore, taking out optional vehicle liability insurance is recommended, in case of accident. More information will be provided at the general orientation. Please consider taking out this insurance.</td>
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<td>Living costs</td>
<td>Living costs differ depending on the individual life style, but the average monthly cost is 80,000 yen for housing, and 80,000 yen for living expenses (food, transportation and daily necessities).</td>
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<td>Are Vaccines required to enter Japan?</td>
<td>No.</td>
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<td>Cross cultural exchange events offered by International Community Center(ICC)</td>
<td>ICC organizes various events and programs to enable students to enjoy extracurricular activities beyond consideration of nationality, undergraduate or graduate school, or grades. Please use these opportunities for participation in exchanges with international students and Japanese students. <a href="http://www.waseda.jp/inst/icc">http://www.waseda.jp/inst/icc</a></td>
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