Exchange Scheme with the Waseda University

Where is Waseda University? - Established in 1882 - Waseda University is an independent, private research university, located in Shinjuku, the centre of Tokyo, Japan. It is a large university with approximately 52,000 students and is one of the selected universities which receive additional funding from the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology’s “Global 30” Project.

Who can go?

- Two places will be made available to university-wide undergraduate students from University of York in 2017/18 and another two places specifically for History students.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York for integrated programmes (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme). Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the opportunities by department webpage to see if your subject is eligible for exchange. [https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/)

Courses

- York students must take 7 courses per semester, which amounts to 14 credits. Over the course of a year there should be a total of 14 courses (28 credits). All credits should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits.
- If a student wishes to take extra courses in other non-degree related subjects, they should limit this to one additional course per semester.
- Waseda does offer courses in English from the School of Political Science and Economics, School of Commerce, School of Social Sciences, School of International Liberal Studies, School of Fundamental Science and Engineering, School of Creative Science and Engineering and the School of Advanced Science and Engineering.
- You can view the courses available at the following link [https://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA101.php?Lng=en](https://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA101.php?Lng=en)
- Remember to select English as the language of instruction.

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants.
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on integrated study.
Costs

1) **Tuition Fees**: Students will pay no tuition fees to Waseda and in 2016/17 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.

2) **Visas**: Please check the costs related to applying for a visa. For further information, please see the visa section below.

3) **Medical insurance and waiver**: International students are required to participate in the National Health Insurance Scheme which will consist of monthly payments. The scheme will cover 70% of costs with health claims. Waseda offer a Waseda University Student Health Promotion Mutual Aid Association cover which will cover the remaining 30%. For more information follow this link [http://www.sci.waseda.ac.jp/sp/eng/students/medical/](http://www.sci.waseda.ac.jp/sp/eng/students/medical/)

4) **Additional costs to consider**: flights, accommodation, travel insurance, living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

**Visa**

- Japanese Immigration Law requires international students to obtain a COE before applying for their student visa, an official document issued by the Japanese Ministry of Justice.
- Once you receive the COE, you can then submit this with the student visa application.
- Waseda will require nominated students to submit their COE applications along with their program application. The university will submit the COE application on the student’s behalf.
- The immigration office will normally take a month to issue the COE.
- Visa applications require students to prove they have sufficient funds in their bank accounts; the minimum sum recommended to cover living costs for the academic year is 80,000 JPY per month.
- The cost of visa’s can vary between £16 and £32. (approx.)
- The status of your visa application should be ‘college student’. The visa is usually issued a few days after the application is submitted, but may take a week or more depending on circumstances.

**Where will I live?**

**On-Campus Housing**:

- There are three dormitories which are specifically for exchange students, Waseda University International Student House, Waseda Hoshien International House and Nishi Waseda University International Student House, all of which are within walking distance of the Waseda and Toyama campuses.
- For more information regarding on-campus housing follow this link [https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/life/housing](https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/life/housing)

**Off-Campus Housing**:

- Exchange students also have the options of a shared rental house or a homestay if they would prefer to live off campus.
- Students can apply through the Waseda University International Corporation if they would prefer to experience a homestay. [http://www.w-as.jp/japan-exp/](http://www.w-as.jp/japan-exp/)
- If students want to find off-campus shared rental housing, they can apply through the Waseda University Property Management Corporation.
- For information on on-campus housing and finding shared rental housing, follow this link [https://www.waseda.jp/inst/rlc/en/](https://www.waseda.jp/inst/rlc/en/)
Contact details at Waseda University

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Useful web links:

Waseda main site: https://www.waseda.jp/top/en
Third Year Abroad: http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/
FCO: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/japan

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