

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

University	Waseda University
Country	Japan
Academic Calendar	Fall Semester: Mid-September to early February Spring Semester: Mid-March to end July
Exchange Duration	One semester or full year
Language Proficiency Requirement	<p>Most Schools require a minimum GPA of at least 3.0/4.0 scale (equivalent to NUS GPA 3.75/5.0), except for the School of Culture, Media and Society, which requires a minimum GPA of 3.5/4.0 scale (equivalent to NUS GPA 4.38/5.0).</p> <p>Center for Japanese Language requires a minimum GPA of 2.5/4.0 (equivalent to NUS GPA 3.13/5.0).</p>
Course Information	<p>Japanese language proficiency is not required for students applying for the English based Program. However, it is recommended that students have basic Japanese language knowledge.</p> <p>JLPT N1 is required for students applying for the Japanese based Program.</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to take 6 courses (approximately 10 hours) per week. Please refer to each school's policy. Please note: 1. Lecture and seminar-style courses: 2 credits = 100 minutes per class x 14 weeks 2. Language courses: 1 credit = 100 minutes per class x 14 weeks</p>
Accommodation	<p>Dormitories for exchange students are located within a few minutes' walk from the Waseda campus. However, since they are extremely popular, not all students are guaranteed a room.</p> <p>https://www.waseda.jp/inst/rlc/en/student_dormitory/exchange/</p>
Visa	<p>Under Japanese immigration law, incoming international students are required to enter Japan with a 'Student' visa. To apply for a 'Student' visa, you will need a 'Certificate of Eligibility (COE)'. The COE will be sent to you via email when issued, after which you will need to apply for your 'Student' STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP) visa at a Japanese diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate) in your country of residence</p> <p>Certificate of Eligibility (COE) application: the Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS):</p> <p>Applicants who hold the nationality of designated countries must submit a Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance Certificate along with their COE application</p>

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documents to verify that they are not infected with TB.

For further details, please refer to [the official website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare \(MHLW\)](#).

【Who Must Undergo JPETS】

Applicants who are nationals of MHLW-designated countries.

TB screening target country	Starting date of the submission of "TB Clearance Certificate"
Philippines, Nepal	From June 23, 2025
Vietnam	From September 1, 2025
Indonesia / Myanmar / China	To be decided

For 2026 Spring semester, applicants who hold nationality of the Philippines, Nepal, or Vietnam must undergo JPETS.

【Exceptions】

Applicants who hold the nationality of a designated country but currently reside in a different country will be exempt from JPETS if they submit the following two documents:

- A copy of residence permit or other document proving their current country of residence.
- Residence Permit (Please download the document from [here](#) and fill in the necessary information.)

【Required Procedures】

- Please undergo TB screening at a [designated panel clinic](#) and obtain a "TB Clearance Certificate".
- Please submit the certificate as an additional document for your COE application.

【Important Notes】

- Please ensure that the TB screening is conducted within an appropriate timeframe.

Certificates are generally valid for 180 days, and early testing may result in expiration before the COE application is processed.

For reference, COE applications are typically submitted in December for the Spring semester and in June for the Fall semester, in accordance with the requirement that students must enter Japan within three months of COE issuance.

- Applicants from Indonesia, Myanmar, and China are not currently required to undergo JPETS. However, this requirement is expected to be implemented in the future.

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	<p>-This information is as of August 21, 2025. For the latest updates, please refer to MHLW's website.</p>
Insurance	<p>All full-time NUS students are covered under the university's Student Group Personal Accident & Medical Insurance and the Student Travel Insurance. For more information on the university medical insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/.</p> <p>It is compulsory for exchange students in Japan to join the National Health Insurance program. The insurance fee is around 1,500 JPY each month and you will only need to pay 30% of the medical costs when seeing doctors.</p> <p>It is recommended that you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of your stay abroad, including your personal travel within Japan. Please review your insurance coverages to ensure that they meet your needs. Students are strongly encouraged to access the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad.</p>
Useful Links	<p>Student Exchange Information: https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/exchange/application</p> <p>Course Information and Restrictions: Refer to the 'Undergraduate (English based Program)' file linked on https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/exchange/application for each Undergraduate School's course list.</p> <p>For Japanese-taught programs: https://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA101.php?pLng=en Japanese</p> <p>Language Program: https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cjl/en/students/registration/download/</p> <p>Practical Matters: https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/en/exchange/practical</p>