

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

A. University	Waseda University
B. Country	Japan
C. Academic Calendar	Fall Semester: Mid-September to early February Spring Semester: Mid-March to end July
D. Exchange Duration	One semester or full year
E. GPA Requirement	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). Center for Japanese Language requires a minimum GPA of 2.5/4.0 (equivalent to NUS GPA 3.13/5.0).
F. Language Proficiency Requirement	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. JLPT N1 is required for students applying for the Japanese based Program. Students applying to the Japanese Language Program (JLP) must have at least one academic year of Japanese language learning experience at university, high school, or a Japanese language school before enrolling in the JLP.
G. Course Load	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
H. Accommodation	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. https://www.waseda.jp/inst/rlc/en/student_dormitory/exchange/
I. Visa	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'

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	<p>visa at a Japanese diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate) in your country of residence.</p>
<p>J. Insurance</p>	<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.</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to assess the risk of their intended activities and purchase supplemental insurance plans to ensure they are adequately covered during their time abroad.</p>
<p>K. Useful Links</p>	<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. For Japanese-taught programs: https://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA101.php?pLng=en Japanese 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>