

Waseda University

School of Social Sciences / Graduate School of Social Sciences

FACT SHEET for Incoming Exchange Students: 2026 Fall-2027 Spring

BASIC INFORMATION

School Information	
Undergraduate	School of Social Sciences (SSS) http://www.waseda.jp/fsss/ss/en/ English based Program (TAISI): https://www.waseda.jp/fsss/ss/en/about/cjsp/ Japanese based Program: https://www.waseda.jp/fsss/ss/en/about/japanese-program/
Graduate	Graduate School of Social Sciences (GSSS) http://www.waseda.jp/fsss/gsss/en/ English based Program: https://www.waseda.jp/fsss/gsss/en/about/english-taught-degree-program/ Japanese based Program: https://www.waseda.jp/fsss/gsss/en/about/jbdp/
Contact Information	Faculty of Social Sciences, Waseda University Address: 1-6-1, Nishi-Waseda, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan, 169-8050 Phone: +81-3-3204-8952 Email: Regarding the Nomination & Application socs-intl@list.waseda.jp Regarding the Curriculum & Study plan academic-socs@list.waseda.jp

IMPORTANT DATES

Event	2026 Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Nomination Deadline	March 16	October
Application Deadline	March 31	October
Result Announcement	Late May	November
Accommodation Application	TBD	TBD
COE Issuance	August	February
Visa Application	August	February
Arrival in Tokyo	Mid-September	Late March
Orientation	Mid-September	Late March
Course Registration	Mid-September	Late March
Classes Begin	Early October	Early April
Classes End	Early February	End of July
Grade Announcement	Mid-March	Mid-September

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for SSS/GSSS Exchange Program	
Student Status	Students must be enrolled as undergraduate/graduate students at their home institutions which have exchange agreements with the SSS/GSSS, Waseda University and continuously enrolled until the end of the exchange study period.
Language	Students must have a good command of English or Japanese depending on the desired program. • English based Program: TOEFL iBT 80/IELTS 6.0 • Japanese based program: Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1
GPA	No specific GPA requirement. • Students must have excellent academic and personal records at their home institutions and strong motivation with a clear study plan in any field available at the SSS/GSSS, Waseda University.

NOMINATION & APPLICATION

Nomination Procedure	
Process	Home institution sends the designated Nomination Form (Excel) to Faculty of Social Sciences, Waseda University Nomination Form: https://waseda.box.com/s/sy50rpirahiewhg3dexoc2dgoy3fkyl
Application Procedure	
Process	[STEP 1] Nominated students complete the designated online Application*. *URL for the online Application will be provided to students' home institution after nomination. [STEP 2] Students prepare the required documents and submit to their home institution. [STEP 3] Home institution checks the documents and signs the "Important Notice regarding the Selection of Exchange Student" form. [STEP 4] Home institution submits the scanned copies of the documents to Faculty of Social Sciences, Waseda University via Email.
Required Documents	1. Important Notice regarding the Selection of Exchange Student (Prescribed) https://waseda.box.com/s/k72dvptsjuqboea56bjziqqduot7k5uf • Form must be signed by both students and coordinator of home university. 2. Academic Objectives and Study Plan (Prescribed) https://waseda.box.com/s/nxfegvdjh7azg9ok832o1irt3kzvcllyx Research Advisor – Select from the following links (For graduate students only). Japanese based program: https://www.waseda.jp/fsss/gsss/applicants/research-content/ English based program: https://www.waseda.jp/fsss/gsss/en/applicants/research-areas/ 3. Latest Official Transcript 4. Official Certificate of Enrollment issued by the home institution 5. Language Proficiency Score • English based Program: TOEFL iBT 80 / IELTS 6.0 • Japanese based program: Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N1 • Submission is not required for the native speakers of English/Japanese. 6. Copy of Passport ID page

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

SSS/GSSS Exchange Program																										
Academic Calendar	Fall semester: Late September to Early February Spring semester: Early April to End of July Detailed Academic Calendar is set to be announced at the following site. SSS: http://www.waseda.jp/fsss/sss/en/students/schedule/ GSSS: http://www.waseda.jp/fsss/gsss/en/students/schedule/																									
Courses	Online Syllabus Search: https://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA101.php?pLng=en • To select only English based Program courses which are conducted in English, please enter "TAISI" in the Keywords box. • To select General Program courses conducted in Japanese, please choose "Japanese" in the Language box and "Schl Social Sci" or "G.S. Social Sci" in the School box. • Courses are updated in March each year. You may need to refer to the courses of the previous year until then. • The courses offered by other schools or centers may also be registered. However, for oversubscribed courses, enrollment will be determined based on a lottery conducted by the schools or centers offering those courses.																									
Japanese Language Courses	Japanese Language Courses are also available to exchange students. According to the results of the placement test, students can register for Japanese Language Courses offered by the Center for Japanese Language (CJL). However, for some of the oversubscribed courses, enrollment will be determined based on the lottery conducted by the CJL. Exchange students are not charged for the course registration. Detailed information related to the CJL courses can be found at the following site. CJL Website: https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cjl/en/about/																									
Grading	Waseda Grading System: <table><tr><th>Grade on Transcript</th><th>Raw Score</th><th>Status</th><th>Remarks</th></tr><tr><td>A+</td><td>100-90</td><td rowspan="4">Pass</td><td rowspan="7">P/Q Grade will be used only for the research guidance (no credits) at the Graduate School.</td></tr><tr><td>A</td><td>89-80</td></tr><tr><td>B</td><td>79-70</td></tr><tr><td>C</td><td>69-60</td></tr><tr><td>F or G</td><td>59-0</td><td>Fail</td></tr><tr><td>P</td><td>-</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>Q</td><td>-</td><td>Fail</td></tr></table> In case of lecture / seminar courses: 1 course = 100 minutes per class/per week x 14weeks = 2 credits In case of language courses: 1 course = 100 minutes per class/per week x 14weeks = 1 credit The official Transcript of Academic Records will be sent to the students' home institution after the announcement of grades.			Grade on Transcript	Raw Score	Status	Remarks	A+	100-90	Pass	P/Q Grade will be used only for the research guidance (no credits) at the Graduate School.	A	89-80	B	79-70	C	69-60	F or G	59-0	Fail	P	-	Pass	Q	-	Fail
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COE & VISA APPLICATION

COE (Certificate of Eligibility) Application	
Process	COE (Certificate of Eligibility) is an official document issued by the Immigration Services Bureau in Japan which is required when students apply for Japanese visa in their home country. Students will be informed to submit COE application documents to Waseda University and Waseda University will apply for the COE to Immigration Services Bureau on behalf of the students.
Required Documents (tentative)	Designated forms and detailed instructions will be sent to students after the Nomination/Application process. 1. Application Form for the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) 2. Statement of Financial Resources 3. Agreement for Defraying Expenses 4. Proof of Financial Resources 5. Data of Color Passport Sized Photo 6. Copy of Passport ID page (if updated) 7. Confirmation of Language Ability (Japanese-based program students only) *For details, please see our mail sent to individual students regarding COE application.
Visa Application	
Process	COE (Certificate of Eligibility) and Certificate of Admission will be sent to students' home institution once Waseda University receives COE from the Immigration Services Bureau. Please note that it takes 2 to 3 months for the COE issuance after the application and Waseda University has no control over the issuance time. Upon receiving COE and Certificate of Admission, students need to apply for a student visa at the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate.

OTHER INFORMATION

Living Expenses	According to the survey by JASSO (Japan Student Services Organization), studying at a university in Tokyo could cost JPY 154,000 per month. Please make sure to prepare enough funds for your stay before you come to Japan. *The rent for a studio apartment (approx. 20 m²) around Waseda campus (Nishi Waseda, Shinjuku-ku) is estimated to be between 65,000 to 75,000 yen per month (without furnishings or appliances, not including heating or water bills). (Research by National Student Information Center).
Accommodation	[Dormitories] SSS/GSSS exchange students have the option of applying for the student dormitories called "WID" and "DORMY". However, please note that the room assignment is not guaranteed due to the limited number of available rooms and will be determined by lottery. https://www.waseda.jp/inst/rlc/en/student_dormitory/exchange/ *Application schedule and instructions will be sent to students at a later date. [Other Housing Options] If students wish to find housing other than dormitories (apartments, shared rental houses, homestay, etc.), please refer to the following websites. https://waseda-housingsupport.com/ http://www.w-as.jp/japan-exp/ *Please contact the relevant companies directly for any inquiries.
Facilities	Students will be able to access various facilities on campus, e.g. PC rooms, libraries, etc with Student ID card, which will be provided after students complete the required procedure at the office of Faculty of Social Sciences. For details, students will be notified by an e-mail sent from the FSS office in March for Spring semester intake and in September for Fall semester intake. International Student Handbook: Other Support – Center for International Education, Waseda University Campus Map: https://www.waseda.jp/inst/wias/assets/uploads/2021/05/Waseda-Campus-Map_20200923.pdf Faculty of Social Sciences office: 3rd Fl. in the Building 14 on Waseda campus