



*Waseda University, Study Abroad 2014*

*Waseda TSA (Thematic Studies Abroad) at*

*University of California Extension, Irvine*

**Location:** P.O.Box 6050, Irvine, California 92616-6050

**Title:** WU-UCI Advanced English Development & Self-Designed Program

**Language Requirements:**

Students must have a TOEFL score of iBT 71, PBT 530 (IELTS 6.0) or above.

**Nationality:**

Enrollment is open to students of any nationality, including U.S. citizens.

**Dates\*\*:**

**Fall Intake**

Fall 2014:	September 25 - December 12	Break: December 15 - January 4
Winter 2015:	January 5 - March 20	Break: March 23-29
Spring 2015:	March 30 - June 12	

\*\* *English as a Second Language classes may begin a few days later and end earlier than UCI campus classes.*

**Keywords:**

English language, UC classes, self-designed, cultural activities, international exchange, academic counseling

**Summary:**

This program has been designed to give students of Waseda University the unique opportunity to participate in academic-year (9-month) study abroad experiences at the University of California. WU-UCI students will participate in an educational program through enrollment in a combination of UC Extension English as a Second Language (ESL) courses (credit and non-credit), other Extension credit and certificate courses, and UC undergraduate credit courses as non-matriculated students on a space available basis.

WU-UCI students will receive from UCI Extension Japan Program Office (JPO) appropriate information in the areas of academic and campus life as well as a pre-departure orientation. JPO will also assist with all the necessary procedures for applying for student housing or the homestay program.

The TSA-Program Special Advisor on campus provides academic counseling throughout the academic year to assist WU students in personalizing a program designed to best suit their language level and help them meet their academic and career goals.

The program is rounded out by a wide range of special services including airport transfer, program orientation, housing assistance, immigration assistance, up to 10 hours per quarter of English-language / study skills tutoring as recommended or requested by the Program Special Advisor, social activities, Conversation Partners who meet with Waseda students once per week, tours to the many attractions in Southern California, and the chance to live in one of California's safest and friendliest communities.

Over almost five remarkable decades, UCI has become internationally recognized for efforts that are improving lives through research and discovery, fostering excellence in scholarship and teaching, and engaging and enriching the community. *U.S. News & World Report* and other respected sources consistently rank UCI among the nation's best universities. Achievements in the sciences, social sciences, social ecology, arts, humanities, medicine and business also have garnered numerous national rankings for UCI's schools, departments and programs. Three UCI researchers have won Nobel Prizes – most recently Irwin Rose, in chemistry, in 2004. Irvine is one of the nation's largest planned urban communities and encompasses more than 55 square miles. Irvine is the destination that has it all... one of the safest cities in America, thriving business environment, acclaimed community entertainment and recreation facilities, and, of course, great California weather. Located in Orange County, Irvine is ideally situated 73 kilometers south of Los Angeles and 97 kilometers north of San Diego. Only minutes from beautiful beaches, a couple hours from mountain skiing, and less than four hours from Las Vegas, it is in the center of the great Californian lifestyle!

***Academic Study:***

UCI offers over 80 undergraduate degree programs in the Claire Trevor School of the Arts, School of Biological Sciences, Paul Merage School of Business, School of Education, The Henry Samueli School of Engineering, School of Humanities, Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences, Interdisciplinary Studies, School of Law, School of Medicine, Program in Nursing, Department of Pharmacological Science, Program in Public Health, School of Physical Sciences, School of Social Ecology, and School of Social Sciences. The WU-UCI Special Program Advisor will help WU students select classes that suit their needs, according to the schedule on the following page:

	UC Irvine Extension Requirements & Course of Study		
	TOEFL – 530 PBT; iBT 71 (6.0 IELTS) or above		
Quarter	1 <sup>st</sup> (Sept – Dec)	2 <sup>nd</sup> (Jan – Mar)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (March – Jun)
Contents	ESL and/or Undergraduate and/or Extension Courses  12 Units*	Undergraduate and/or Extension Courses  12 Units (Up to 16 with approval*)	Undergraduate and/or Extension Courses  12 Units (Up to 16 with approval*)

\*Students in their second and third quarters may request up to 16 units if their performance in the previous quarter has been sufficient.

A complete listing and description of English language programs can be found at <http://unex.uci.edu/international/>

A complete listing and description of UCI Extension courses can be found at <http://unex.uci.edu/>

A complete listing and description of UCI courses can be found at <http://www.editor.uci.edu/catalogue/#gen0>

**Please note:** Popular courses, or courses required for majors' graduation, are often impacted and not available for enrollment by WU students, depending on the session. Courses in Business are usually not available to non-majors, including WU students, except during Summer Session. Economics courses are often impacted and sometimes unavailable to WU students during the academic year, but may also be available in Summer Session. Courses in the Schools of Medicine and Law are not available to WU students. The WU-UCI Special Program Advisor offers assistance in identifying open courses and placing of students, and will provide on-going counseling services.

### ***Housing and Meal Plan:***

- *University Apartments*

The University Apartments are fully-furnished, two bedroom/two bathroom units shared among four international students. Amenities include a fully equipped kitchen, cable TV in the living room, bed linens, sheets, blankets, pillows, etc. in the bedrooms and towels in the apartment bathrooms. Students also have free access to community pool, and jacuzzi. Moderate utility usage is also included. The University Apartments are in close proximity to campus; either walking distance or a short bus ride away.

- *Homestay with an American Family*

Double-occupancy, includes two meals per day. WU-UCI ECI students will be placed with non-WU students from other nationalities, if requested and if possible. The homestay program allows students to have the opportunity to live with an English-speaking family in the Irvine area. Homestays are typically further away from campus, and can involve a moderate bus commute. All homestay students are given a

furnished, individual room and have the option of having breakfast and dinner provided by the host family. The homestay fees should be paid by check or money order and sent to the homestay organization WISE only.

***Opportunities for Learning Through Experience:***

We warmly welcome WU-UCI students. Our academic and student services staff look forward to providing Waseda students an American experience that will allow them to integrate with other students, campus life, and Orange County culture. From the moment they first arrive, we have orientation sessions and workshops to help them become acclimated. Campus amenities available include access to our state-of-the-art libraries, computer labs, student center, and recreation center. Coastal Southern California is the ideal environment for students to study, live, and play in. WU students find many lifestyles to choose from in Orange County. Whether it's our 42-mile coastline and beaches, hiking in the canyons and mountains, incredible shopping, playhouses and museums or theme parks, there is a favorite for everyone. But what we find our students enjoy most is the cultural experience that develops among our diverse international and American students, which provides valuable English practice and a global network that lasts a lifetime.

***Facilitation Plan:***

In addition to the regular orientations for international students, WU-UCI students will have a special academic orientation and meet regularly with an assigned Special Program Advisor, and UCI will monitor their progress carefully—insuring their success in the program. UCI will also provide counseling services designed to help WU-UCI students adapt to life in Irvine and assist them with any problems or concerns.

***Credits (24-30 semester credit hours):***

Students are required to complete a minimum of 12 units per quarter in order to maintain their F-1 visa status. English as a Second Language courses will count toward the requirement. Students enrolled in UCI campus or Extension classes may take ESL classes any and all quarters at no extra fee. Students wishing to begin their program early may enroll in a four-week American Conversation & Culture Program (for an added fee). Quarterly grade reports and transcripts (UC undergraduate courses and UC Extension courses) issued by UCI Extension are sent within the first 4 weeks of the following quarter, if requested.

***Program Expectations:***

WU-UCI students are expected to perform to their best ability and to seek advice from the Special Program Advisor if they begin to find their courses too difficult. Students who fall below a 2.0 (C average) in their coursework will be placed on academic probation and must improve their grades during the next quarter to remain in the program.

***Web Page:***

<http://unex.uci.edu/international/>