

Study Abroad 2015-2016

PSU/Waseda Transnational Programs (WTP) Business Program

Location: Portland, Oregon, USA

Application Requirements

TOEFL: iBT 61/ ITP/PBT 500/ CBT 173 minimum at time of program start; expected to achieve an iBT 70/PBT 527/CBT 193 minimum by the third term (and is required for the optional summer term). A TOEFL tutorial is offered to assist students in gaining a higher score on the TOEFL. A language exchange program is offered all three terms.

GPA: GPA of 2.25 or higher

Nationality: This program is open to any nationalities whose first language is NOT English.

Dates:

September 22, 2015	Arrival in Portland
September 28-December 11	Fall Term (includes final exams week)
December 12-January 3, 2016	Winter Break
January 4-March 19	Winter Term (includes final exams week)
March 20-28	Spring Break
March 29-June 11	Spring Term (includes final exams week)
June 21- August 13	Optional Summer Term

Summary:

The PSU/Waseda Business Program is a study abroad business administration program for students interested in taking American undergraduate business courses. The program recommends that participants have successfully completed one course in economics and one course in statistics at their home institution beforehand. In addition, students who have successfully completed one year of accounting prior to the program can take more advanced business courses.

The program has two tracks:

- Track A: Requires one year of accounting; but one introductory economics and/or statistics courses are <u>recommended</u> (not required).
- Track B: No previous accounting coursework required; but one introductory economics and/or statistics courses are **recommended** (not required).

The Business Program requires all students to take Academic English. The ESL curriculum is designed to support your business classes and is tailored to your specific needs.

Students with qualifying TOEFL scores may also take non-business regular PSU electives during the Winter and/or Spring term. These electives can be selected from any discipline of interest. PSU departments normally have restrictions (pre-requisites, major, class standing, matriculation) on elective courses related to their major. Students may take a PE class in the fall and winter terms.

All courses, except Academic English, have regular PSU students enrolled in them.

Academic Study:

Fall Term	Winter Term	Spring Term
• ESL (4 credits)	• ESL (4 credits)	• ESL (4 credits)
BA 205 Business	• BA 311 Marketing	BA 303 Business
Communications (4	Management (4	Finance (4 credits)
credits)	credits)	Business and /or
BA 101 Introduction	• BA 302	PSU electives (4-8
to Business & World	Organizational	credits)
Affairs (4 credits)	Behavior (4 credits)	• PE class (1 credit)
• PE class (1 credit)	• PE class (1 credit)	
optional	optional	
Total credits 12-13	Total credits 12-13	Total credits 12-17

Track A: One year of accounting is required prior to the program

Track B: No previous accounting coursework required

Fall Term	Winter Term	Spring Term
• ESL (4 credits)	• ESL (4 credits)	• ESL (4 credits)
• BA 101 Introduction	• BA 211	• BA 213 Decision
to Business & World	Fundamentals of	Making with
Affairs (4 credits)	Financial	Accounting
BA 205 Business	Accounting (4	Information (4
Communications (4	credits)	credits)
credits)	• Business and /or	Business and /or
• PE class (1 credit)	PSU electives (4	PSU electives (4
	credits)	credits)

optional	• PE class (1 credit) optional	• PE class (1 credit) optional
Total credits 12-13	Total credits 12-13	Total credits 12-13

Key points about the PSU/Waseda Business Program:

- All students are required to take our Academic English classes every term.
- Students with a PBT <527 must take our TOEFL course each term until they achieve a ≥527 score on the PSU Institutional TOEFL (or equivalent iBT).
- All students are required to take all of the business courses assigned to their track. Students may take PSU and/or Business electives during the spring term (pending usual departmental or university restrictions).
- Minimum TOEFL requirement: 500 PBT/61 iBT/173 CBT

Housing and Meal Plan:

Students have two housing options:

Option #1: Dormitory room (single or double, based on availability) ranging between \$1500-\$3500 per term. A meal plan is available, but students have kitchens to do their own cooking or they can eat at local restaurants or on campus. Most furnished rooms on campus are double-occupancy, and we do our best to match students with a non-Waseda roommate. Students are required to sign a 3-term housing contract, so it is not possible to switch to a homestay mid-year.

Option #2: Homestay costing about \$765 per month, plus an application fee. Please see www.andeo.org for more information. It is possible to start in a home stay and then switch to a dormitory room (if available) after one or two terms.

Opportunities for Learning Through Experience:

Portland State University is famous for its "Community Based Learning" courses. These courses are open to CS-L students and are an opportunity for them to work on a project with Americans that benefits a local community non-profit. The program office helps students find volunteer placements in Portland. Previous students have volunteered as language assistants at local schools, helpers at the local animal shelter, and as playgroup leaders for children at the state refugee center.

Portland State has many student organizations/clubs that Waseda students may join (please see <u>http://www.pdx.edu/recreation/rec-clubs</u> and <u>http://salpsync.orgsync.com/studentorg</u> for current lists.

PSU's International Students Services has an International Student Lounge, hosts a weekly intercultural coffee hour and has many, many other activities for international students at PSU. In addition, the program office runs a "friendship family" program, matching students with local community members to participate in local activities.

Facilitation Plan:

The CS-L Programs Office serves CS-L students Monday-Friday from 9am-6pm. Students receive their mail at the office and also use the dedicated computer lab. All staff serve Waseda students in one capacity or another (e.g. advising, assisting with registration, resolving housing problems, etc...). There is also a student services assistant who helps students with housing and emergency medical issues. Students are given an emergency contact card with the home telephone numbers of all staff .There is a very high level of academic and personal support to CS-L students.

Credits (24-34 semester credit hours):

Students may earn 24-32 <u>semester</u> credit hours through the Business Program (though the transcripts are issued in quarter credit hours of 36-48). If a student stays for summer, he/she may earn an additional 8-10 semester credit hours.

Other Program Fees (minimum estimates):

\$119 per term health center fee (required)\$41 per term REC Center fee (required)

Estimated Living Expenses:

\$513-\$1207 per month for dorm room /\$765 per month for homestay (Both are charged in three month increments)
\$400 per month for food for dorm students (meals are included in the homestay fee)
\$675 per term for textbooks (estimated)

\$1,142 per month for personal expenses (estimated)

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