Waseda University GSAPS
<Application Guide for the Semester Exchange Program for AY2023>
This is the application guide for the semester exchange program to the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS), Waseda University. Applicants must understand the regulations/procedures and follow the instructions.

Basic Information of GSAPS
Name of Institution: Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS), Waseda University
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URL: http://waseda-housing.com/fp-9907/

Academic Information/Requirements

Academic Calendar
- Spring term: Early April, 2023 - Early August, 2023
- Spring quarter: Early April, 2023 - Early June, 2023
- Fall term: Late September, 2023 - Early February, 2024
- Fall quarter: Late September, 2023 - Late November, 2023

Faculty information:
- https://www.waseda.jp/fire/gsaps/en/about/faculty
- Language: Japanese and/or English

Course List:

Syllabus Search:

Class Size: 5 - 20 (subject to change)

Indication on Transcript Score Evaluation
- A+: 100-90
- A: 89-80
- B: 79-70
- C: 69-60
- F: under 59

Grade Report Transcript:
- GSAPS will send the official grade report (transcript) to the partner institution in late September for Spring exchange, in late March for Fall exchange.

Course Requirements
- MA Students: As a rule, exchange students are required to register for a Project Research Seminar (Zemi), for which they shall receive grades, but credits won’t be given. Exchange students are expected to mainly choose courses offered by GSAPS. Courses selected outside of the school cannot exceed 50% of the total credits registered. This rule does not apply to the courses by the center for Japanese Language and the Global Education Center.

How to Apply
Students will be asked to complete an online application, but make sure that the exchange coordinator(s) check their application documents before they upload them.

Eligibility
- Please check with your school office regarding the eligibility such as language requirements.

Nomination
- The exchange coordinator needs to nominate students by sending an email to gsaps-ac@list.waseda.jp with students' information (name and email address). We will then send the online application link to the coordinator. Please share the link with the applicants.
Nomination Deadline: Winter Semester entrance - November 1st, Summer Semester entrance - April 1st

**Online Application**
The applicant uploads necessary documents via MyWaseda.

1. Two essays
2. Application Evaluation Form (designated form)
3. English version of the official academic transcripts from your current and previous institutions (Please make sure that it includes the details of your university's grading system: A+100%, A=80%, etc.)
4. A photocopy of language proficiency test scorecard taken within the past two years
   - Not required for native Japanese or native English speaker
   - A photostat of diploma of Bachelor/Master degree from a university in an English speaking country is acceptable
5. Application for Certificate of Eligibility (designated form) (Please refer to the guideline.)
6. A photocopy of your passport (the name, nationality and expiry date must be shown)

**Paper-based Application**
The applicant sends necessary documents via postal mail.

7. Three copies of ID photos (Taken within the past three months)
8. Documents to prove that applicants can defray all the expenses incurred during their stay in Japan (Bank Statement etc.) *Over 1,500,000 JPY is preferable.
9. Written Oath for Defraying Expenses (designated form)

The GSAPS Office will send you "the Letter of Acceptance" once your enrollment is officially approved.
The participants will be asked to complete the necessary procedures for the visit.

**Before Arrival**
- The GSAPS Office will apply for the Certificate of Eligibility which is necessary for you to apply for a student visa at the local embassy/consulate of Japan. You are required to obtain a student visa prior to departure in accordance with the directions by the GSAPS Office.
- The participants need to purchase an overseas travel insurance covering the entire duration of the stay from departure to return to the country of their home university. Please note that even if you are covered by insurance of your country, you are required to be covered by Japanese health insurance too. They must bear the cost.

**Application Schedule for Spring Semester entrance**
- November 15th: Application closed (Please follow the instructions of your school office regarding the submission of the application)
- By Mid-December: Letter of acceptance issued
- Late February: Welcome package with the Certificate of Eligibility (OIE) sent by post
- Early April: Letter of acceptance issued
- Early April: Orientation for the Spring Semester

**Application Schedule for Fall Semester entrance**
- April 15th: Application closed (Please follow the instructions of your school office regarding the submission of the application)
- By Mid-June: Letter of acceptance issued
- Early August: Welcome package with the Certificate of Eligibility (OIE) sent by post
- Mid-September: Letter of acceptance issued
- Mid-September: Orientation for the Fall Semester

**FAQ**

Q1: Is it possible for exchange students to take courses offered by other graduate schools of Waseda University?
A1: Yes, but please note that it's very limited and not all courses are available. Refer to the designated list on the website. Exchange students are expected to mainly choose courses offered by GSAPS. Courses selected outside of the school cannot exceed 50% of the total credits registered. This rule does not apply to the courses by the center for Japanese Language and the Global Education Center.

Q2: Do you provide international students with Japanese language classes?
A2: Yes, there are Japanese language courses available. Credits and grades will be given. However, please note that you may not be able to take your preferred courses due to the limited availability and levels of courses.

Q3: Can I get a part-time job?
A3: Yes, you can work part-time under the regulations. Please see the URL below for more details.

Q4: I am a Ph.D. student and would like to choose a supervisor from another graduate school at Waseda for my research. Is this possible?
A4: No, your supervisor should be one of the professors of GSAPS.
Q9: I have a Bachelor/Master degree from a university in an English speaking country. Do I have to submit an English proficiency test result?

A8: No, only students from GSAPS partner schools can apply for this program.

Q10: Can I enter Japan without a student visa and apply for one after I enter Japan?

A9: You are required to be in Japan by the orientation which will be conducted in early April for Spring exchange, in mid-September for Fall exchange.

Q11: By when should I arrive at Japan?

A10: No. You must get a student visa prior to your arrival.