

SPSE-EDP Welcome Party FAQ

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Q1.

Is there any English internship recommended or provided by the department?

A1.

There are internships programs organized by SPSE for EDP current students before their graduation, which allows student to earn credits like a course. The SPSE internships aim at providing students with opportunities to enhance academic and professional skills, as well as assisting them to gain useful experiences to consider future career. During application period for the internships, all eligible students will receive notifications on guidance and internships via MyWaseda.

Please refer to the following link for the information about internships:

<https://www.waseda.jp/fpse/pse/en/applicants/career/>

Moreover, there are various internships programs organized by the Career Center of Waseda University, which are opened to all the current students at Waseda University.

Career Center of Waseda University: <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/career/en/>

Q2.

- Will online lessons be live-streamed via zoom at the designated timings as stated on the course syllabus web search, or will they be pre-recorded?
- There are 2 separate online learning systems working on Waseda university. How would I know which one to use each class?

A2.

Online classes will be conducted in different ways for different courses. Information can be found in the syllabus, on Waseda Moodle, or in Course N@vi of each courses.

Web Syllabus: <https://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA101.php?pLng=en>

If you have not found information on these pages before the first class begins, please check directly with instructor of the course. You can send a message to instructor of the course by using the Message MyTeacher function in Waseda Moodle.

When you send a message to instructor, please be sure to include your name and Student ID number as well as the course name and course's day/period (like "Basic Seminar in Tuesday 4th period") in your message.

Instructors receive many messages about more than one course, so it is very important to be clear about which course the inquiry is about.

About Waseda Moodle and Course N@vi (including other FAQs)

https://www.wnpspt.waseda.jp/student_en/learnanywhere/faq/#2

You are also strongly encouraged to refer to Learn Anywhere and Support Anywhere in advance of taking an online class and use them as needed.

Learn Anywhere

<https://www.wnpspt.waseda.jp/student/learnanywhere/>

Support Anywhere

https://www.wnpspt.waseda.jp/student_en/supportanywhere/

Q3.

- I was wondering if we had to purchase the textbooks we needed for our classes or will the professors provide us with PDF files?
- How would be able to access the textbooks online? Do we need to buy a pdf, or is there any other way?

A3.

Please check textbooks for each course on the syllabus. Basically students are supposed to purchase textbooks on their own. However, given the current circumstances, some instructors may provide students with excerpts of textbooks in digital format or conduct classes based mainly on handouts. Please contact the instructor directly for details.

As to where to purchase your textbooks, there is no rule, so you can use online stores such as Amazon, but this year, the Waseda University Co-op Bookstore is also selling online and this semester, they will start sending overseas by EMS. For details, please check the following website. <https://wcoop-bookcenter.com/2020text/> (As the website is mainly in Japanese, if you need assistance, please email to bc-wcoop@wcoop.ne.jp)

Q4.

Are students allowed to study abroad from the second year of university?

A4.

Affirmatively yes. Please note that if you want to go to study abroad from the second year, you need to apply for study abroad program in October, soon after the beginning of the first semester. Furthermore, you cannot apply for study abroad programs with GPA requirement and your option will be limited.

For further details, please inquire Center for International Education directly.

Online Consultation Service for study abroad of Waseda Global Gate (WGG) Center for International

Education

<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cie/news/22015>

Q5.

I am outside Japan now, how can I receive my student ID card?

A5.

Please pick up the student ID card at the SPSE administrative office when you come to the Japan.

Q6.

How are we going to join circles?

A6.

Please refer to the official website of Student Affairs Division.

http://www.waseda.jp/student/index_e.html

You can look for Waseda University Official Circle on the following URL (in Japanese only).

<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/weekly/circleguide/>

Q7.

To what extent does Japanese affect study and life?

A7.

Of course, you will be able to study without problem in SPSE-EDP even if you are uncomfortable with Japanese.

On the other hand, Center for Japanese Language (CJL) at Waseda University offers WASEDA NIHONGO SUPPORT to international students who are keen to develop Japanese proficiency and learning skills in their self-directed learning.

ICC also provides many opportunities for international students to learn Japanese with Japanese students.

CJL official website: <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cjl/en/>

WASEDA NIHONGO SUPPORT: <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cjl/en/students/support/waseda/>

ICC official website: <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/icc/en/>

Q8.

What is the daily schedule of SPSE?

A8.

Academic Calendar for just SPSE students: <https://www.waseda.jp/fpse/pse/en/students/calendar/>

Academic Calendar of Waseda univ. and Class Timetable:

<https://www.waseda.jp/top/en/about/work/organizations/academic-affairs-division/academic-calendar>

Q9.

I would like to ask whether we have a lesson on the day we have the health check.

A9.

Except for those on October 1 and October 2, there will be no more health checks within 2020. Even though you do not attend the health check in 2020, there will be no influences on your academic record. Health check for regular international students can be postponed to the next fall semester after you arrive in Japan.

Please refer to Health Support Center official website for information.

<https://www.waseda.jp/inst/hsc/en>