

Boston University

Waseda Customized Study Program: Language Focused (CS-L)

2023 Semester Study Abroad Program

About Boston University

Established in 1839, Boston University (BU) is one of the leading private research universities in the world with 34,000 students, 414,500+ living alumni, 300+ fields of study, and 17 schools and colleges. BU is ranked 41st in the 2023 U.S. News and World Report list of national universities. BU enrolls more than 11,000 international students, which creates a diverse student body that is exposed to a wide range of global cultures and perspectives.

BU's Center for English Language and Orientation Programs (CELOP) is dedicated to helping students improve their English and understand American culture. CELOP is among the world's leading English language centers and has more than 60,000 students since its founding in 1975.

Program Overview

The program at Boston University (BU) provides Waseda students with an opportunity to build a strong foundation in the English language through courses at the Center for English Language and Orientation Programs (CELOP). Students first take a Pre-Course focused on American culture, university life, and English language skills. They then join CELOP's Fall 12-Week Intensive course comprised of two Skills courses and two Elective courses. In their Skills courses, students have classes in Reading & Writing and Speaking & Listening at a level. Electives courses are chosen by students. In past years, course options have included Business Communication, Innovative Boston, Media News, American Culture Through Movies, Faces of Boston, and more.

Admission Requirements and Testing

- **Minimum Language Requirements:** Beginner or higher
- **Nationality:** Enrollment is open to students of any nationality, including of the US
- **GPA:** No specific GPA required
- **Required student level on departure:** At least 1 (one) completed semester of study at Waseda required prior to arrival at BU
- **Minimum and Maximum number of students from Waseda University:** Minimum of 10 students. Maximum is 15 students.

※本プログラムは、候補者が最少催行人数に達しない場合は留学先機関等と協議の上、実施可否を決定します。

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その結果実施中止となった場合には、当該プログラム以外の志望プログラムの中で選考を進めますのでご承知おきください。

If the number of candidates does not reach the minimum number, or if the host institution determines it is not possible to conduct, we will decide whether or not to implement this program in consultation with the host institution.

- Please be aware that the program may be cancelled and the internal screening will proceed without this program if it is cancelled.

Program Dates

- **August 31, 2023:** Arrival and BU Housing move-in
- **September 1, 2023:** Program check-in and orientation
- **September 1 – September 15:** Pre-Course (2 weeks)
- **September 18 – December 8:** Fall Semester Core and Elective classes
- **Holidays:**
 - Labor Day – September 4, 2023
 - Indigenous Peoples' Day - October 9
 - Thanksgiving Recess – November 22-November 24
- **December 16:** BU Housing move-out

Curriculum

Pre-Course

30 hours per week (estimated 60 hours total)

The Pre-Course Class component of the program introduces the students to the United States and American educational expectations. Waseda students develop the skills, fluency and confidence needed to communicate effectively in English through content-based activities designed to prepare them for their fall semester CELOP classes. The Pre-Course will include study of the six subjects specified below (approximately 8 hours per topic):

- Culture • Literature • History • Society • Media and Information • Current Topics

Fall Semester Core Courses

15 hours per week (estimated 180 hours total)

The Core Courses component of the program develops the skills, fluency and confidence needed to communicate effectively in English. The goal is to better prepare students to use English at work, in school or among international friends. Waseda students will be enrolled in the skills focused courses Speaking & Listening and Reading & Writing at the level appropriate to their individual skills. Students will take four core courses over the course of the Fall semester, each pair of courses lasting 6 weeks.

Fall Semester Elective Courses

10 hours per week (estimated 120 hours total)

Waseda students will select 2 courses from the Fall Semester elective options. Elective Classes may include:

- Innovative Boston • TOEFL iBT • Media News • American Culture Through Movies • Readings in the Social Sciences • Readings in the Natural Sciences • Business Communication • Health and Wellness for Personal Success • Faces of Boston •

Placement and Assessment

Students will complete a general assessment activity at the beginning of the Pre-Course and a comprehensive placement test at the beginning of the Fall semester to determine English level and class placement. At the conclusion of the program, CELOP provides a BU CELOP Certificate of Program Completion as well as a written evaluation of each student's progress to each student.

Accommodations and Dining

Students are assigned to a shared room in an on-campus residence hall or other appropriate BU housing facility. Residence Halls usually house other BU students including undergraduates(domestic and international) and other CELOP students. If a Waseda student is assigned to share a room with another CELOP student, BU Housing will make every effort to have this student be a non-Japanese speaker.

※学生寮の希望者が多い場合、現地大学が手配する学生寮以外の宿泊先（キャンパス近くのホテル滞在など）に滞在する場合があります。また、相部屋を希望する場合、日本人を含む他の留学生や早稲田大学からの参加者と同部屋になる可能性がありますので、あらかじめご承知おきください。

Students usually enroll in the Open Access Meal Plan which provides unlimited access to BU's all-you-care-to-enjoy dining halls with \$250 dining points plan per semester. See other dining plan options here:

<https://www.bu.edu/articles/2023/new-fall-meal-plans/>

Students may purchase Convenience Points and use them at various on-campus locations at an additional cost. For more details about Convenience Points, please refer to the BU Housing website:

<https://www.bu.edu/housing/living/dining/convenience>

Campus Facilities

Students receive a BU ID card and have access to all campus facilities normally available to full time students including libraries, arts and entertainment facilities, and sports and recreation centers. Examples include:

- **Mugar Memorial Library:** BU's primary humanities and social sciences library at more than seven stories in size and containing 2.2 million items.
- **Fitness and Recreation Center:** \$97 million dollar athletic facility that includes two swimming pools, an indoor jogging track, climbing wall, basketball, racquetball

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and squash courts, and multiple gyms and cardio facilities.

- **Agganis Arena:** 7,200 seat multi-purpose arena which offers concerts and sporting events.
- **Joan and Edgar Booth Theatre:** 250 seat, state of the art theatre holding art exhibits and concerts

Student Life Activities

Students have access to CELOP-arranged and BU-wide Student Life activities. CELOP-arranged activities are held at CELOP as well as around the BU campus and the City of Boston.

For a peek into Student Life at BU CELOP, we encourage you to check out our pages on Facebook (@bucelop) and Instagram (@bucelop):

<https://www.facebook.com/bucelop>

<https://www.instagram.com/bucelop/>

Examples of activities include:

- Boston Neighborhood Tours
- Japanese Coffee Hour (meet BU students studying Japanese)
- Halloween Costume Contest
- Thanksgiving Celebration
- BU Athletic Events: Basketball, Hockey
- Intramural Sports at BU FitRec Soccer and FitRec Volleyball
- Red Sox Baseball Game at Fenway Park
- [CELOP Conversation Partners Program](#)
- Games with other CELOP students
- International Education Week Celebrations
- Ice skating

Students are also eligible to join other BU-sponsored activities. At the start of the Fall Semester, students can attend the BU Student Activity Fair ([Splash](#)) to learn about and sign up for BU-wide student organizations. There are more than 400 organizations on- campus.

Examples of student organizations include:

- Ballroom Dancing
- Beekeeping
- Debate Society
- Environmental Club
- Fashion Association
- Film Society
- Gaming Club
- Global Human Rights Club
- Hip Hop Club
- Photography Club
- Running Club
- Soccer Club
- Ski and Snowboard Club

- Tennis Club

Students have access to Boston's museums, many of which are among the best in the country. The list below includes museums marked with a (*), indicating free admission with a BU ID and (**), indicating discounted admission:

- Museum of Fine Arts*
- Museum of Science
- New England Aquarium**
- Institute of Contemporary Art*
- Harvard Art Museum*
- Harvard Museum of Natural History
- MIT Museum
- Isabella Stewart Gardner*

Finally, as one of the oldest cities in America, Boston is home to dozens of historical sites including the Boston Freedom Trail, Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum, and many more.

Volunteer Opportunities (Subject to Availability based on COVID-19 Conditions)

Boston University has an entire office dedicated to student volunteering. The Community Service Center (CSC) maintains close relationships with hundreds of service sites throughout Boston and the US. More information on volunteer opportunities will be provided at orientation. Examples of volunteer opportunities Waseda students have taken advantage of in the past include:

- **Community Servings:** With local staff, volunteers prepare and package meals for individuals and families living with critical and chronic illnesses. Community Servings has provided over 10 million meals to people in need and serves as a vital source of support for thousands of families around Boston.
- **Joining Hands:** Volunteers work with people with disabilities and elders in a variety of settings in the Greater Boston Area. Volunteers may serve organizations including the Committee to End Elder Homelessness, Best Buddies, or Winners on Wheels.
- **BU's Community Service Center:** Volunteers from the BU Community join with community partners to address and improve the critical concerns of Greater Boston in episodic and recurring volunteer opportunities. CSC events include opportunities to meet students from across the BU community, practice leadership skills, and broaden the educational experience through service and reflection.

Health Insurance Details

Subject to Massachusetts State Law, participants are required to be covered by adequate medical insurance. Boston University requires that all students submit immunization records. Upon acceptance to the program, CELOP provides the Health History and Physical Examination report to every participant to complete and return.

COVID-19 Policies and Considerations

Boston University requires that all students be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. All vaccines are accepted at BU, though in order to enter the United States travelers must have received a [WHO-approved vaccine](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/immunization). Students that received the Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, or Moderna vaccines must also receive a booster dose; students that did not receive one of those vaccines are not required to get a booster. More information is available at:

<https://www.bu.edu/shs/getting-started/immunization-compliance/coronavirus/>

Tuition and Fees

Some of the following figures are estimates. Tuition and fees are subject to increase and final approval by Boston University.

Program Fees	
Tuition	\$8,180
Application Fee	\$110
Student Services Fee	\$60
Program Fee	\$50
Health Insurance	\$1,375 ¹
Housing	
Room and Dining Plan	\$9,055 ²
Airport Transportation (Optional)	
Airport Pick-Up and Drop-Off	\$150 ³

- ¹ Estimate based on 2022 rates plus an estimated percentage increase. Final rates not yet determined.
- ² Room Plan is based on double, triple, quad room (standard minimum rate). Dining plan is unlimited access to dining halls, \$250 dining points and 10 guest tickets.
- ³ Airport Pick-Up and Drop-Off is based on a per-person rate from Boston Logan Airport to the Boston University Charles River campus. Reduced rates for a group of students may be available.
- Additional “personal expenses” are estimated at \$2,145. Financial documentation sent for purposes of I-20 processing should include this additional amount per participant. The total amount that needs to be shown on the financial documentation is \$21,800.