

Boston University

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

2025 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 37,000+ students, 431,000+ living alumni, 300+ fields of study, and 17 schools and colleges. BU is ranked 41st in the 2025 U.S. News and World Report list of national universities. BU enrolls more than 10,000 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 the 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, Pronunciation and Effective Communication, Innovative Boston, Media News, American Culture Through Movies, Faces of Boston, and more.

Admission Requirements and Testing

- **Minimum Language Requirements:** Beginner or higher. **The program is not appropriate for native English speakers.**
- **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。

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

2025 Program Dates

The dates below are estimated and subject to confirmation by summer, 2025.

- **September 5:** Arrival and BU Housing move-in
- **September 8 September 19:** Pre-Course (2 weeks)
- **September 22– December 12:** Fall Semester Core and Elective classes
- **Holidays:**
 - Labor Day – September 2
 - Indigenous Peoples' Day - October 14
 - Thanksgiving Recess – November 27-December 1
- **December 13:** 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 and Society, Literature and History, Media and Information Technology, Economics and Business, Health and Well-being, and Science and the Environment

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 are each 6 weeks in length and may include:

Innovative Boston, Media News, American Culture Through Movies, American Culture Through Music, Readings in the Social Sciences, Readings in the Natural Sciences, Business Communication, Pronunciation and Effective Communication, Faces of Boston, English in Action

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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, which can include hotels used by BU Housing as dormitory residences. Residence Halls usually house other BU students including undergraduates (domestic and international) and other CELOP students. BU Housing will make efforts to not have any two Waseda students placed in the same room.

※学生寮の希望者が多い場合、留学最大額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/dining/plans-points/>

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 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

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Facebook (@bucelop) and Instagram (@bucelop):

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

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

Examples of activities include:

- Boston Neighborhood Tours
- Boston museums such as the Museum of Fine Arts
- Japanese Coffee Hour (meet BU students studying Japanese)
- Halloween Costume Contest
- Thanksgiving Celebration
- BU Athletic Events: Basketball, Hockey
- Sports practice at BU FitRec such as soccer or 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
- Business and Technology Club (BU BizTech)
- Debate Society
- Environmental Student Organization
- 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

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- 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

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 the 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.
- **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.

Tuition and Fees

Some of the following figures are estimates. Tuition and fees are subject to increase and final approval by Boston University. Waseda students pay individually for the Student Health Insurance Plan and Room and Dining Plan.

Program Fees	
Tuition	\$8,645
Application Fee	\$120
Student Services Fee	\$75
Program Fee	\$60
Student Health Insurance Plan <i>Estimate based on 2024 rates plus an estimated percentage increase.</i>	\$1,359
Housing	
Room and Dining Plan <i>Estimate based on the standard minimum rate for a shared (double/triple/quad) room plus the Open Access Meal Plan providing unlimited meals, \$280 in dining points, and 10 guest meals. The cost for a single room is higher.</i>	\$9,985
Airport Transportation (Optional)	
Airport Pick-Up and Drop-Off <i>Per student rate. Service is only available for a group of 5+ students.</i>	\$150

Additional “personal expenses” are estimated at \$2,182. 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 \$23,324.

※上記の表にある「Tuition」、「Application Fee」、「Student Services Fee」、「Program Fee」がプログラムフィーとして請求される予定です