

**CS-R(1Y) (Customized Study Program - Regular Academic) at**  
**Colorado College, a Japan Study college**

**Location:** Colorado Springs, Colorado

**GPA requirement**

2.8 on a 4.0 point scale

**Number of Student Placements:** 4

**Dates:** Late August to late May, Block System (eight 3 ½ week courses; students take one course per month)

**Summary**

Liberal arts colleges are known for their small and challenging courses, active learning, cooperation among students, diverse teaching styles with an emphasis on discussion and writing, student-faculty contact, extensive co-curricular offerings, and friendly students. Upon graduation, many graduates of the Japan Study liberal arts colleges enter the nation's best graduate, business, law, and other professional schools.

Colorado College, a four-year nationally prominent liberal arts & sciences college, enrolls 2,050 undergraduates. Founded in 1874 at the foot of Pikes Peak in Colorado Springs, Colorado College is known for its unique location and flexible schedule –the innovative Block Plan— for hands-on learning, as well as offering small, seminar style courses.

**Academic Study**

Liberal arts colleges have competitive entrance requirements and rigorous academic standards. Former Waseda participants have commented on the importance of small class size (about 16 students/course) in helping them improve their English skills. Communication with the professor is an important part of a liberal arts education. Professors know their students by name and encourage students to work together.

Liberal arts colleges take pride in their rich array of courses, offered in a variety of disciplines and at different levels. All students may select courses from the entire curriculum. The college catalog contains a list of the college's courses, but it is important to remember that not all of these classes are offered each semester. Working closely with their academic advisor, Waseda students will select their courses each semester.

At Colorado College students take one course at a time. Most classes are offered on the Colorado College campus, but some take students to other locations in the U.S. and in other countries. (Additional fees required for transportation, etc.)

Block Program overview: <https://www.coloradocollege.edu/basics/blockplan/>

A sampling of courses:

Asian Studies 250 - Topics in Asian Literature & Culture

Economics 241 - The Economics of Sports

Economics 302 - Microeconomic Theory

English 221 - Introduction to Poetry  
Film and Media 101 - Introduction to Film  
General Studies 223 - Advanced Reporting in the Age of Artificial Intelligence  
Geology 150 - Environmental Geology  
Philosophy 140 - Ethics  
Physics 133 - Astronomy  
Political Science 292 - American Political Thought  
Political Science 315 - Elections  
Psychology 100 - Introduction to Psychology: Bases of Behavior  
Sociology 105 - Art and Society  
Southwest Studies 211 - Storytelling of the Self (in the SW)

Colorado College catalog: <https://www.coloradocollege.edu/academics/curriculum/catalog/>

### ***Nationality***

Is enrollment open to students of any nationality including your own country?  
Yes

### ***Housing and Meal Plan***

Dormitory/standard meal plan

### ***Opportunities for Learning Through Experience***

Liberal arts colleges provide many co-curricular options such as clubs, sports, community service, field trips, music and fine arts, and volunteer opportunities. Because most students live on campus, these activities are a vibrant part of campus life during the week and on weekends.

Around 60% of students are involved in service projects, including work in construction, environmentalism and children's programs. Other popular extracurricular activities include an Arts and Crafts program, Outdoor Recreation Committee and Dance and Theater Workshops.

<https://www.coloradocollege.edu/offices/campusactivities/>

### ***Facilitation Plan***

Students will meet with the coordinator individually and as a group to discuss classes and co-curricular involvement. For most Waseda students, the coordinator will be a professor who has research or scholarly interest in Japan. In addition, the international student advisor will assist Waseda students and set up various events for them.

***Credits: 12-16 credit hours per semester; 24-32 credit hours per year (totaling both semesters)***

### ***Web Page***

Detailed information for Waseda Students is on the Japan Study web page:  
<https://japanstudy.earlham.edu/america-study-abroad>

Colorado College: <http://www.coloradocollege.edu>