

**Waseda CS-R(1Y) (Customized Study Program - Regular Academic) at
St. Olaf College, a Japan Study college**

Location: Northfield, Minnesota

GPA requirement

2.8 on a 4.0 point scale

Number of Student Placements: 4

Dates: Early September to late May: Fall semester, January term, Spring semester

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.

St. Olaf College offers over 40 academic majors, 20 teaching majors, and many other concentrations and areas of emphasis. It is well known for its music program. St. Olaf College is a rigorous academic institution with a small-town feel. A college of 3,000 students and 315 faculty members, it is able to keep the student/faculty ratio at 13:1, and the average class size is about 23 students.

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 15-23 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.

During the January Term Waseda students may choose to take off-campus courses in places such as Florence, New York, Southwest U.S., and China. (Additional fees required for transportation, etc.) Example J-Term courses from 2025: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/smithcenter/welcome-to-ace/courses/january-term-2025/>

Internships: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/pipercenter/>

A sampling of courses including courses in Asian studies, American studies, women's studies, economics, the arts, environmental science and environmental studies, psychology, sociology/anthropology, history, religion, philosophy, and English & literature.

St. Olaf College catalog: <http://catalog.stolaf.edu/>

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

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>

<https://wp.stolaf.edu/>