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

Location: Mt. Vernon, Iowa

GPA requirement 2.8 on a 4.0 point scale

Number of Student Placements: 4

Dates: Late August to early June: Block System (approximately 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.

Established in 1853, Cornell College is distinctive among in U.S. academic institutions in that it offers a combination of liberal arts study and pre-professional study, in medicine, law, dentistry, and education to name a few, within the focus and flexibility provided by the One-Course-At-A-Time framework.

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

One Course At A Time Overview: https://www.cornellcollege.edu/one-course-at-a-time/index.shtml

Cornell College catalog:

https://catalog.cornellcollege.edu/content.php?catoid=16&navoid=412

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.

At Cornell College, there are a variety of opportunities to get involved within the local community and become active in student organizations on campus.

Student Activities: http://www.cornellcollege.edu/student-activities/

Volunteer Services Office: http://www.cornellcollege.edu/civic-engagement/

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

Cornell College: https://www.cornellcollege.edu/