

Boston University

Waseda Customized Study Program: Language Focused (CS-L) All-Year Program 2026-2027

About Boston University

Established in 1839, Boston University (BU) is one of the leading private research universities in the world. With 36,000+ undergraduate and graduate students, 300,000+ alumni, 300+ fields of study, and 17 schools and colleges, BU is one of the largest private research universities in the United States. BU is ranked 41st in the 2025 U.S. News and World Report list of national universities. Undergraduates at BU come from more than 130 countries, which creates a diverse student body that is exposed to a wide range of global cultures and perspectives.

Program Overview

The Boston University All Year Program is designed for Waseda University students specializing in the Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities. The program comprises two semesters. In the Fall Semester, students build a strong foundation in the English language and receive academic preparation at BU's Center for English Language and Orientation Programs (CELOP). In addition to two English language courses focused on developing language skills, students take two theme courses. One course is in one of two specializations (Social Sciences or Natural Sciences, subject to availability), and the other course is based on student choice. In the Spring Semester, students take academic classes through BU's College of Arts and Sciences and Metropolitan College. A CELOP Faculty Coordinator advises and works with the students throughout their academic year at BU.

About Boston University CELOP, CAS, and MET

BU 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 served more than 60,000 students since its founding in 1975.

BU's College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), founded in 1873, is BU's largest and most central teaching and research enterprise, providing instruction in the liberal arts for all BU students. Nearly 7,000 undergraduates and 2,000 graduate students are enrolled. Arts and Sciences is home to 23 academic departments and 21 CAS-affiliated research centers and institutes. Undergraduates choose from more than 2,500 courses in the humanities, natural and social

sciences, and mathematics and computer science, pursuing B.A. programs in more than 70 majors and minors.

BU's Metropolitan College (MET) offers students a remarkable range of choices for study to enrich their lives and advance their careers. MET offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, diploma and certificate programs, and individual courses in over 30 areas of study.

Admission Requirements and Testing

Incoming Language Requirements:

- Minimum TOEFL requirement: 520 (ITP) / 68 (iBT); Minimum IELTS requirement: 6.0
- Recommended TOEFL: 550 (ITP) / 80 (iBT); Recommended IELTS: 6.5

Applicants to the program must submit test scores taken within 12 months of the start date of the program. Since English language courses are a significant component of students' studies, **this program is not appropriate for native English speakers.** Waseda students with significant experience studying at schools with English as a medium of instruction prior to their undergraduate studies are encouraged to speak with an advisor at Waseda's Center for International Education regarding their fit for this program before enrolling.

Students must have completed at least three undergraduate semesters to qualify for the program. There is no GPA requirement for the program. The program is open to students of all nationalities.

An online placement test will be administered beginning approximately 4-6 weeks prior to arrival for the Fall Semester. The results of this test will help determine the Fall course placement for each student. At the end of the Fall Semester, students will take the TOEFL ITP exam at CELOP which determines the courses they qualify for in the Spring Semester. In preparation for Spring Semester, students will consult thoroughly with the CELOP Faculty Coordinator in order to select appropriate MET or CAS courses. There may be class restrictions and/or prerequisite courses for these Spring options.

Program Dates

The 2026-2027 dates listed below are approximate and subject to change.

Fall Semester 2026:

- September 14 (Monday): Arrival and BU Housing move-in
- September 15 (Tuesday) – September 18 (Friday): Orientation
- September 21 (Monday): First day of class
- October 12 (Monday): Indigenous Peoples Day (Holiday)
- November 26 (Thursday) – November 29 (Sunday): Thanksgiving Recess (Holiday)
- December 11 (Friday): Last day of class

Spring Semester 2027:

- January 19 (Tuesday): First day of class

- February 15 (Monday): President's Day (Holiday)
- February 27 (Saturday) – March 7 (Sunday): Spring Recess (Holiday)
- April 19 (Monday): Patriot's Day (Holiday)
- April 28 (Wednesday): Last day of class
- May 21 (Friday): Last day of Final Exams

Curriculum

In the Fall Semester, students will take the following courses:

- CELOP core English program, 15 hours per week. Waseda students will be integrated into the appropriate Fall Semester core courses based on their placement test results. CELOP core courses are:
 - Reading and Writing
 - Speaking and Listening
- CELOP content elective class, 5 hours per week. Course topics may include the following depending on availability and demand. Course descriptions are available in the Appendix:
 - Business Communication
 - Media News
 - American Culture Through Movies
 - Pronunciation and Effective Communication
 - Innovative Boston
- Theme course in Social Sciences or Natural Sciences, 5 hours per week.

In the Spring Semester students will take courses according to their score on the ITP TOEFL when tested at the end of the Fall Semester:

Option 1. Students attaining a TOEFL score of 574+ (ITP) / 84+ (iBT) will take:

- 2 CAS courses* (8 credits)
 - 1 MET course* (4 credits)
- * at least one of the three courses must be in the student's specialization (Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities)

Option 2. Students attaining a TOEFL score of 550-573 (ITP) / 80-83 (iBT) will take:

- CELOP core English program, 15 hours per week (9 credits)
- 1 MET course (4 credits) in the student's specialization (Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Humanities)

Option 3. Students attaining a TOEFL score below 550 (ITP) / 80 (iBT) will take:

- CELOP core English program, 15 hours per week (9 credits)
- 2 CELOP content elective classes, 10 hours per week (6 credits)

As higher-level CAS and MET courses usually have prerequisites for registration, students should **not** expect to be able to take all courses within a single field of study in the Spring Semester. Students should expect to take classes in a variety of departments.

Students are issued a transcript with results from CELOP, CAS, and MET. The transfer of credits to Waseda University is subject to approval by the student's school or college at Waseda University.

Student Advising

Students have access to a CELOP Academic Advisor during both the Fall and Spring semesters in addition to their CELOP, CAS, and MET teachers. Examples of the services provided by the Advisor include:

- **Conduct orientation** to the program for Waseda students the week before Fall CELOP classes start and throughout the semester. The orientation will include Boston University-specific information such as Residence Life orientation, a campus tour, and academic orientation. The Advisor will also facilitate university class visits and work with the CELOP Student Engagement Specialist (who oversees Student Life Activities) to involve Waseda students in all aspects of global orientation activities with other CELOP students.
- **Hold sessions** during the semester to discuss students' experiences in classes. Additionally, the Advisor will meet individually with all participants at least three times per semester to ensure that they are on track. During the fall semester, advising will focus on students' performance in CELOP classes. During the spring semester when students are studying at CAS and MET, advising will shift to cover making presentations, relationships with professors, time management, etc.
- **Plan special events.** Some examples may include field trips to local places of interest, meeting with the BU Japanese Language, Literature, and Culture program, and a closing ceremony.
- **Hold bi-monthly (every two weeks) office hours.** The Advisor will be available to students throughout the program during scheduled office hours to provide advice and support.

Accommodations and Dining

BU on-campus housing is mandatory for the program. Students are assigned to a room in an on-campus Residence Hall or other appropriate BU-approved housing facility. Room assignments come directly from the BU Housing department and are often made within a few days of the move-in date. The most common room type assigned is a shared dormitory room, but the room assigned is based on the availability of room types and BU cannot guarantee that a specific room type will be assigned. Different room types have different costs (more or less expensive). Residence Halls house other BU students including undergraduates (domestic and international) and other CELOP students. BU Housing makes every effort to assign students a roommate who is a non-Waseda student. Students may be assigned roommates who are other international students attending BU. Roommate assignments are usually fixed for the duration of the program. BU Residence Life has a range of resources available to assist students with move-in and acclimatization in on-

campus housing, including the Roommate Living Guide and the support of live-in Resident Assistants who are available to assist students and answer questions.

Students usually enroll in the Open Access meal plan which includes unlimited meals each week at any residence dining room plus \$250 in Dining Points which can be used like cash at on-campus dining locations. More information on this and other plans can be found at the Dining Plans website:

<http://www.bu.edu/housing/dining/plans/>

※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。

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

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

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

Examples of activities include:

- Boston Red Sox and BU Athletics games
- [Conversation Partners Program](#)
- Japanese Exchange Meet-ups (meet BU students studying Japanese)
- Halloween Costume Contest
- Thanksgiving Celebration
- University Tours (BU, Harvard, MIT, etc.)
- Baseball Games at Fenway Park
- Sports events, such as Soccer and Volleyball Ice Cream Socials
- Ice Skating

Students also have the opportunity to join other BU-sponsored activities. There are more than 450 student-led clubs and organizations on-campus. Examples of 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 an (*), 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 Museums*
- Harvard Museum of Natural History
- MIT Museum
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum*

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

Students are provided with the opportunity to volunteer their time and talents with community programs. Examples of volunteer opportunities Waseda students have taken advantage of in the past include:

- **BU Community Service Center:** Founded in 1986 by a group of students with an interest in providing a welcoming space for service, leadership, education, and reflection. The CSC encourages students to be active and responsible citizens in neighboring communities while broadening the scope of the educational experience through service and reflection.
- **Alternative Service Breaks (ASB):** A weeklong service-learning opportunity open to all BU students. ASB seeks to create sustainable relationships between Boston University and its host communities, inspiring engagement and challenging social justice issues.
- **Community Servings:** founded in 1990, Community Servings prepares and delivers high-quality meals to individuals and families living with critical and chronic illnesses in the Greater Boston Area. Annually, they make and home-deliver about a million meals to thousands of families impacted by a critical or chronic illness. In previous years, CELOP students have prepared more than 7,000 meals for people in need.

Health Insurance Details

Subject to Massachusetts State Law, participants are required to be covered by adequate medical insurance. All BU students, including CELOP students, are automatically enrolled in the BU Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). All services offered at BU's Student Health Services (SHS) are covered by SHIP.

BU requires that all students submit immunization records. Upon acceptance to the program, CELOP provides the [Immunization Requirements Form](#) to every participant to complete and upload to the Student Health Services online platform, Patient Connect. Students that have not received all required immunizations can receive them at SHS upon arrival to Boston.

Tuition and Fees

The following figures are from the 2025-2026 program and to be used as **estimates only**. Tuition and fees for 2026-2027 are subject to increase and final approval by BU. Waseda students pay individually for the Student Health Insurance Plan and Room and Dining Plan.

Program Fees	
Tuition (Includes 15% CELOP Tuition Scholarship)	\$29,100
Application Fee	\$120
Student Services Fee (total for 2 semesters)	\$150
Program Fee (total for 2 semesters)	\$120
Student Health Insurance Plan	\$3,538
Housing	
Room and Dining Plan*	\$19,970
<i>*This is the standard minimum rate for a shared room and Open Access Meal Plan. The rate charged varies based on room type and will be higher for other room types assigned to the student.</i>	

Financial documentation sent for purposes of I-20 processing must show a higher amount to cover expected personal expenses during the program. The total amount that needs to be shown on the financial documentation is \$56,604.

※上記の表にある「**Tuition**」、「**Application Fee**」、「**Student Service Fee**」、「**Program Fee**」がプログラムフィーとして早稲田大学より請求される予定です。

Appendix: Sample Course Descriptions

Business Communication

This course will help you learn how to communicate in oral and written English in business settings so that you can interact more effectively in the global marketplace. You will learn strategies for and practice giving presentations, participating in and leading meetings, conducting interviews, and making telephone calls. You will write a range of business communications such as letters, emails, memos, reports, resumes, and business plans.

Special attention is given to cultural differences in communication, helping you develop not only strong English skills, but also global business awareness. Prepare to build your future in the international workplace.

Pronunciation and Effective Communication

Unlock the secrets to clear and confident American English pronunciation. In this course, you will practice important pronunciation skills, including consonant and vowel sounds, stress, rhythm, and intonation. You will also learn to link words smoothly and understand the differences between spelling and pronunciation. Through listening exercises and practice, you will develop the skills to pronounce words and sentences correctly. You will use audio and video tools to receive feedback on your speaking and learn how to evaluate your own progress. By the end of the course, you will speak English with greater comfort and confidence.

Media News

This course will focus on current events, such as politics, social issues, science, health and psychology, the environment, arts and entertainment, and humor. Media sources may include the Internet, newspapers, television, radio, and news magazine programs. Oralwork may include group discussions and other speaking projects, such as news panels, debates, role-plays, presentations, and interviews. The class content is shaped by your interests, making each lesson timely, relevant, and engaging. By the end of the course, you will not only understand the news, you will be ready to talk about it with confidence.

American Culture Through Movies

Using critically acclaimed American movies, you will examine American culture with a focus on contemporary American life, concerns, and values. You will develop critical thinking skills by comparing these values to those in your native culture. By watching and discussing the movies, you will improve your listening comprehension and speaking fluency, as well as your understanding of vocabulary, particularly idioms and colloquial expressions. As you compare American values to those in your own culture, you'll gain new insights and develop critical thinking skills in English. Enjoy learning language and culture in a fun, interactive way.

Innovative Boston

Did you know that the telephone, email, and Facebook were all invented in Boston? Also, the first subway and public school in the US, landscape architecture, the microwave, the electric voting machine, and mutual funds. Though also traditional in many ways, Boston continues to lead innovation in many fields, especially the life sciences and biotechnology.

Why is Boston such a lively incubator of new ideas, and what are some of the current innovations that are emerging? We will explore that question by listening, reading, discussing, and visiting the places and people driving creativity and new development.

Readings in the Social Sciences

This course will help you prepare to succeed in university level classes in the social sciences (political science, anthropology, sociology, psychology, international relations, sociology, gender studies, and economics) with a focus on improving your reading and speaking skills. Course activities and materials will include academic readings, primary source texts, discussions, presentations, test-taking practice, and the use of audio and video in the areas of student interest. Through thought-provoking discussions, presentations, and video-based learning, you'll explore important social questions while building confidence and fluency in academic communication. Perfect preparation for future studies and global citizenship.

Readings in the Natural Sciences

This course will help you prepare to succeed in university level classes in the natural sciences (environmental studies, astronomy, and other sciences of general interest) with a focus on improving your reading and speaking skills. Course activities and materials will include academic readings, primary source texts, discussions, presentations, test-taking practice, and the use of audio and video in the areas of student interest. Through interactive discussions, engaging presentations, and multimedia tools, you'll expand your vocabulary, improve your reading comprehension, and grow your confidence in speaking about science in English.

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.