

Waseda University, Study Abroad 2026-2027

*Waseda CS-R(1Y) (Customized Study Program - Regular Academic) at
Fort Lewis College (Colorado University System)*

Location: Durango, Colorado, USA

Language Requirements:

Min. TOEFL (iBT) requirement at the time of Waseda selection in Oct. 2025: 61
IELTS 5.5

Nationality: Enrollment open to students of any nationality including your own country.

GPA: Fort Lewis does not require a specific GPA for the Waseda University students. Fort Lewis College will accept Waseda students based on Waseda's recommendation alone.

Estimated Tuition: USD 24,500 + 開発費 / whole duration of the program

Dates:

- **Fall Term 2026:**

Registration Available beginning early May 2026

Housing Applications accepted as soon as you are admitted to the program

Arrival in Durango should be no later than the day before Orientation. If you wish to arrive a few days early to get over jet lag and become familiar with Durango, you will need to make your own arrangements for transportation and accommodations.

New Student Orientation – Saturday, August 22, 2026

Classes Begin - Monday, August 25

Vacations 1 week at Thanksgiving (Monday-Friday, November 24-28)
4 weeks at Christmas

Last Class – Friday, December 4

Exam Week – December 8-12

- **Spring Term 2027**

Classes Begin – Monday, January 11

Vacations 1 week at Spring Break (March 15 – 19)

Last Class – Friday, April 23

Exam Week – April 26- 30

- **Summer Term 2027**

Waseda University students are eligible to take summer classes at Fort Lewis College. If students choose to take summer classes, they will be responsible for the payment of tuition, student fees and housing.

Because our semesters are so short, some students might wish to continue their studies in one of our 5 week Summer Sessions. Students usually take one or two courses during a Summer Session.

1st 5-week Summer Session

Classes Begin May 3
Class End June 4

2nd 5-week Summer Session

Classes Begin June 7
Classes End July 9

Summary:

Fort Lewis College is located in southwest Colorado in the beautiful four corners region where Arizona, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico join. This is an area with a stunning diversity in landscape, people and lifestyles. Geographically we are close to some of the highest mountains in Colorado yet only hours away from the desert canyon country leading to the Grand Canyon. The area has a rich cultural history with the largest population of American Indian tribes in the U.S. The Navajo, Pueblo, Ute and Zuni people maintain a strong sense of cultural identity yet this area has been greatly impacted by the Spanish and Anglo settlers. It is now a fast growing region with expensive ski resorts, hundreds of square miles of National Forest, scarce supplies of water and a booming population. The area around Fort Lewis College offers a unique opportunity to study the multicultural world of the southwest, to examine the overlaying influences of diverse cultures and to examine contemporary issues of public land, pollution, population, growth and economy. This area offers a microcosm of the larger issues facing the multicultural society of the U.S. and raises many pertinent issues relevant to an increasingly international world where no nation is an island.

In this Liberal Arts program, students will be exposed to the diversity of geology, cultures, languages, lifestyles and issues. Our study of this area will serve as a gateway to understanding many of the larger issues that the U.S. faces in the 21st century. Fort Lewis College offers small classes, close contact with faculty, many opportunities for community interaction and active student clubs and organizations. Through all of their experiences in the classroom, on campus, in the southwest and in the U.S. students will develop a deeper understanding of diversity in U.S. society.

Academic Study - 12 credits minimum each term

Housing and Meal Plan

Fort Lewis College has a variety of on-campus housing options including traditional residence halls (dormitories) as well as student apartments. For full information on Housing and Meal Plans it is best to go to our website:

<https://www.fortlewis.edu/life-at-flc/housing-dining/room-and-board-rates/student-housing-room-rates>

“View housing options” > *Explore housing options*. You can see pictures of the buildings, the floor plans of the rooms and the most current prices per semester. The most popular housing option with juniors and seniors are the on-campus apartments.

Halls and Suites cost around \$2,606-4,810 per term and Apartments cost around \$3,149-4,197 per term. Students in Halls and Suites are required to have a meal plan (either on the 10, 14 or 19 meals, 7 days/week) because there are no cooking facilities. Students living in the apartments can choose a Voluntary 25 Block Meal Plan (1-2 meals per week) -150 Block Meal Plan (9-10 meals per week) for \$550-1,638. They can also use a “Dining Dollars” which allows them to eat at any of the snack-bars or

in the cafeteria.

Students are automatically signed up for the 19-meal plan when they are assigned housing in one of the traditional halls and suites. They can change the meal plan until the Census Date. The Apartment residents are exempt from required meal plans.

- 19-Meal Plan + \$250.00 Dining Dollars \$3,061.00
- 14-Meal Plan + \$350.00 Dining Dollars \$2,922.00
- 10-Meal Plan + \$500.00 Dining Dollars \$2,622.00

Opportunities for Learning Through Experience

Students will have many opportunities for learning through experience. The following are just a few examples of opportunities current students have had:

- Volunteer work in the community including visiting business clubs and organizations, giving presentations to local school children, participating in high school presentations
- FLC has an active International Friendship Club
- Over 50 other Campus Clubs and Organizations
- Inter-mural Sports such as soccer, volleyball and softball
- Outdoor sports and activities. Durango is famous for its mountain biking, kayaking, skiing, snow-boarding, hiking and backpacking. We have equipment available through our Outdoor Pursuits office which lends equipment to students and conducts guided tours for all kinds of interests.
- Many, many more depending on your individual interests

Facilitation Plan

To ensure students' success we plan to build a strong relationship between the program coordinator, the students, groups on campus and agencies in the Durango area. The Coordinator will be in touch with each student as soon as they are accepted to help them choose and register for the courses that are most appropriate for them. The Coordinator will be responsible for special Orientation activities when the students arrive. The Coordinator will monitor their progress and ensure that any tutoring or additional assistance is available. Students will be invited to participate in a variety of activities arranged by the Coordinator including dinner with professors, International Day, Hozhoni Days (American Indian cultural event) and others. Students will be required to meet with the Coordinator throughout each semester to ensure their SEVIS status is maintained and to prevent any problems with visa status.

Credits

Students are expected to enroll in 12 to 15 credits each term during the regular academic year. Classes are usually 3 or 4 credits each. Students can choose to take additional credits during 5-week summer sessions but these are not required. Twelve credits is the minimum for maintaining an international student visa.

Web Page

The Fort Lewis College homepage is www.fortlewis.edu. The "About" menu provides general information about Fort Lewis College. To see the courses being offered, students can go to the A-Z Directory on the homepage, then select "Class Schedule". Other information available at this site are lists of Clubs and Organizations, Housing information, Outdoor Pursuits, Tuition and Fees and Writing Center.