

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

**Location:** *Oberlin, Ohio*

**GPA requirement**

2.8 on a 4.0 point scale

**Number of Student Placements:** 4

**Dates:** Early September to mid-May: Fall semester, Winter 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.

Founded in 1833, Oberlin College is an independent coeducational institution that holds a distinguished place among American universities. The first college to grant degrees to women and have an admissions policy welcoming black students, Oberlin's heritage is one of respect for the individual and active concern for the larger society. Home to approximately 2,800 students, Oberlin is really two schools: the College of Arts & Sciences, which offers a liberal arts curriculum, and the smaller Conservatory of Music, which offers an extremely focused performance-based music program.

**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 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 Oberlin, students use the month of January to complete a Winter Term Project. During this time they might study a subject intensively, work on a group project, conduct research, or undertake an internship in order to gain valuable work experience. Both on- and off-campus projects are possible, but additional fees may be required for transportation, etc.

For more information about Winter Term, please visit: <http://www.oberlin.edu/winterterm>

Oberlin College catalog: [www.oberlin.edu/catalog/](http://www.oberlin.edu/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.

For more about student organizations at Oberlin and life in the greater community, explore these links:

<http://new.oberlin.edu/office/bonner-center/index.dot>

<http://new.oberlin.edu/student-life/student-organizations/>

<http://new.oberlin.edu/student-life/get-out-and-do/>

<https://www.oberlin.edu/life-at-oberlin/in-and-around-oberlin>

### ***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://www.oberlin.edu/>