

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

**Location:** Kalamazoo, Michigan

**GPA requirement**

2.8 on a 4.0 point scale

**Number of Student Placements:** 4

**Dates:** Early September to mid-June - Quarter System (each quarter has 10-11 weeks)

Fall Quarter: Early September - late November

Winter Quarter: Early January - mid March

Spring Quarter: Late March to early June

**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, Kalamazoo College is among the 100 oldest colleges and universities in the U.S. Kalamazoo is known for initiating its "K-plan," a liberal arts curriculum that encourages students to take part in experiential learning (learning by doing) through research projects, service learning, internships and study-abroad. Kalamazoo has one of the highest percentages in the nation of students studying abroad.

**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.

Former Waseda students have enjoyed courses in American Studies, Women's Studies, International Studies (including foreign language and literature), and natural science/math/computers. Waseda students who need additional language study will take an ESL course in the fall quarter in addition to other courses of their choice.

Kalamazoo course catalog:

[https://hornethq.kzoo.edu/Student/courses?\\_gl=1\\*km45km\\*\\_ga\\*MTI3NzA5NTQ3My4xNzU2NDI4NDY1\\*\\_ga\\_2XRJV6H0DR\\*cze3NTY0Mjg0NzUkbzEkZzEkdDE3NTY0Mjg2ODIkajUyJGwwJGgw](https://hornethq.kzoo.edu/Student/courses?_gl=1*km45km*_ga*MTI3NzA5NTQ3My4xNzU2NDI4NDY1*_ga_2XRJV6H0DR*cze3NTY0Mjg0NzUkbzEkZzEkdDE3NTY0Mjg2ODIkajUyJGwwJGgw)

***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 Kalamazoo College, the Center for International Programs and Host Family Program offer field trips and opportunities for international students. There is also a wide range of student clubs and experiential educational opportunities.

Student activities: <https://studentactivities.kzoo.edu/>

Service learning: <https://www.kzoo.edu/k-plan/experiential/>

***Facilitation Plan***

Waseda students will work with an academic advisor and international student advisor. 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>

Kalamazoo College: <http://www.kzoo.edu>