

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

Location: Albion, Michigan

GPA requirement

2.8 on a 4.0 point scale

Number of Student Placements: 4

Dates: Late August to early May: Fall Semester, 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.

Albion College was established in 1835. From the late 1990s, Albion College distinguished itself as an innovative leader in using technology as a teaching and learning tool. Two years in a row, Albion was named one of *Yahoo! Internet Life* magazine's "Top 10 Wired Colleges in America."

Albion College affirms the liberal arts tradition as the foundation for an educated citizen of the world, advances theories, concepts, and principles of enduring value, fosters critical thinking that integrates diverse perspectives into a coherent and ethical world view, and cultivates an interdisciplinary mind-set that enables Albion graduates to see the interconnected nature of experience, knowledge, and wisdom.

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 (averaging about 18 students/course) in helping them improve their English skills. Communication with the professor is also 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.

Albion College catalog: <https://www.albion.edu/academics/academic-catalogs/>

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.

In 1989, Albion became a founding member of Michigan Campus Compact, which is affiliated with the national Campus Compact that consists of 700 institutions dedicated to encouraging student community volunteerism.

<https://www.albion.edu/offices/career-and-internship-center/information-for-current-students/service-opportunities/>

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>

Albion College: <https://www.albion.edu/>