

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

Location: *Holland, 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.

Founded in 1866, Hope College is a small, private, Christian liberal arts college in the quiet town of Holland, Michigan. It retains a strong Christian atmosphere stemming from its roots as a school for Dutch immigrants.

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.

Hope College catalog: <https://hope.edu/catalog/current/index.html>

Nationality

Is enrollment open to students of any nationality including your own country?

Yes

Housing and Meal Plan

Dormitory housing. Exchange students may select from four available meal plans.

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.

Facilitation Plan

Students will be assigned an academic advisor with whom they can discuss course options, study plans, and ask for academic advice. For most Waseda students, the coordinator will be a professor who has research or scholarly interest in Japan. In addition, the international student office will assist Waseda students and set up various events for the international student community.

Credits: 12-16 credit hours per semester; 24-32 credit hours per year (totaling both semesters)

Web Pages

Detailed information for Waseda Students is on the Japan Study web page:

<https://japanstudy.earlham.edu/america-study-abroad>

<https://hope.edu/>