

**Waseda University, Study Abroad 2026-2027**  
**Waseda Customized Study Programs (Language Focused) at**

**University of Alberta, International Visiting Student Program**  
**(IVSP)**

**Location:** Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

**Title:** Canadian Approaches to Humanities and Social Sciences

**Language Requirements:** TOEFL (iBT) 53+ with 14+ on each band or IELTS score of 5.5+ with a minimum band score of 5.0+

**Dates:** September – June \*\*dates are subject to change

Arrival in Edmonton: August 22-25, 2026

Baseline English Language test: Online (only required if students do not have 70 iBT TOEFL or higher)

Orientation: August 26 to 31, 2026

Classes (including final exam period): September 1 – December 22, 2026;

January 4 – April 24, 2027; May 3 – June 11, 2027

IVSP Completion Certificate Ceremony: June 2, 2027

**First Term Course Registration Begins:** May 2026

**Campus Accommodation Application Deadline:** April 30, 2026

**Arrival Date:** August 22-25, 2026

**Nationality:**

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

If “no”, please specify all restrictions.

Yes

**GPA:** Student must be recommended by Waseda University to be eligible.

Required Student Level on departure: Waseda University students should have completed at least one semester before participating in the IVSP.

**Other Requirements:**

Students with a curiosity for new cultures and experiences, a flexible attitude and a willingness to take chances in new situations will benefit from this study abroad experience.

**KEYWORDS - Summary: Global Perspectives, Intercultural, Canada**

The International Visiting Student Program (IVSP) offers students from Waseda University personalized services and the opportunity to enhance their English language skills, learn about Canadian culture, and participate in regular credit courses. The program also provides students with many opportunities to network with peers and expand their social network on campus during the semester.

During the International Visiting Student Program (IVSP), students from Waseda University will take English Language studies alongside one academic course in the same term. Students are encouraged to explore the wide range of course offerings online at [www.registrar.ualberta.ca/calendar](http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/calendar) before their arrival. Courses offered at the time of application may not be available at the time of registration, but every effort will be made to assist students in enrolling in courses relevant to their field of study. For more detailed course information, contact an advisor at [ivspuab@ualberta.ca](mailto:ivspuab@ualberta.ca).

### ***Academic Study***

\*IS: International students may enroll

\*OE: Open Enrollment for all students

### **September – December (Fall Term)** (option must be selected prior to the start of the program)

English for Academic Purposes

EAP 136 or INT D 137 IS (13 week course)

Regular Credit Course OE

Academic Seminar IS

### **January – April (Winter Term)**

Regular Credit Course OE

Regular Credit Course OE

Regular Credit Course OE

INT D 137 OE

(a fourth course requires additional instructional fees)

Regular Credit Course OE

(Requires completion of INT D 137 and an additional instructional fees)

### **May – June (Spring Term)**

Regular Credit Course OE

### **September – December Notes**

#### ***Academic Seminars***

These seminars include academic planning, study skills, and writing skills.

#### ***Volunteer Placement Program: Learning Through Experience (Requires a minimum of five participants.)***

The Volunteer Placement Program places students with a volunteer opportunity based on personal interests and skills. Placements will be communication based so students can use their language skills and develop insight into an aspect of Canadian society that they would not be exposed to through English or academic studies.

Gaining an awareness of one's own cultural perspectives and beliefs enables the development of intercultural understanding and competencies. To provide students with knowledge of cultural theories so that they can better understand their volunteer experience within a Canadian context, the Volunteer Placement Program includes registration in the course, INT D 137: Academic and Intercultural Communications. This course focuses on developing intercultural competencies and effective communication skills. Through intercultural dialogues, presentations, and forums, students practice respectful communication across cultures, fostering empathy and adaptability. They will tackle challenges through case studies, preparing for success in an interconnected world. Emphasis on academic integrity, cross-cultural communication and understanding Canadian contexts fosters inclusivity. Students

gain critical thinking skills, proficiency in utilizing resources, and intercultural abilities,

### **January – April Notes**

Students who successfully complete EAP 136 in the Fall Term are well prepared to begin regular university studies at the University of Alberta. In the Winter Term (January to April), these students may register in up to three regular credit courses. If INT D 137 is one of the credit courses, students can take up to four academic courses in this term. Student who complete INT D 137 during the Fall Term are eligible to register in up to five regular credit courses in the Winter Term. Please note that additional fees apply for registering in a fourth or fifth course.

### **May – June Notes**

Students can take up to two regular credit courses from May to June, each worth 3 credits. The second course would be an additional fee.

### **Housing and Food**

The University of Alberta has a variety of housing options. Students can choose a shared apartment-style residence or a single room with a private bathroom and shared kitchen. Students can opt to cook their own meals or can dine out at various food outlets on campus. Food costs are in addition to residence rental fees. Students are encouraged to consider the following possibilities for on-campus housing:

**University of Alberta Residences** - Learn more about the this residence options at

<https://www.ualberta.ca/residence/live-here/exchange-students.html>

- HUB
- Nîpisîy House
- International House (competitive application process with a maximum of two IVSP students selected each year)

**St. Joseph's College Women's Residence** offers an additional option for female students <https://www.ualberta.ca/st-josephs/student-services/residence-services>

### **Facilitation Plan**

IVSP students can meet with a program advisor at the International Service Centre which is open Monday through Friday. IVSP advisors counsel students on issues ranging from academic (course selection, academic success, tutors) to personal (immigration, homesickness, health care). Students receive a personalized airport welcome and IVSP Program Assistants (student staff) provide social and cultural opportunities and act as cultural ambassadors for students.

Students also receive support from the Academic Advisor, a University of Alberta faculty member, who conducts seminars for students on study skills and writing for University courses. The Academic Advisor is also available by appointment to meet with students on individual issues related to students' academic performance.

### ***Academic Performance***

Tutors are available for most academic subject areas at the University and the program advisors can assist students in arranging a tutor. Students would pay the tutor directly.

### ***Credits***

Students will be responsible for the final transfer of credits to Waseda. This program includes English language courses and a volunteer placement for which special credit arrangements might be necessary. Regular credit courses and INT D 137 are worth three credits at the University of Alberta. EAP 136 has no UAlberta credits but will be graded with a letter grade. The Volunteer Placement will be graded Pass/ Fail with no letter grade. With the successful completion of each course, students can obtain between 15 and 27 University of Alberta credits.

### ***Targeted IVSP Seminars and Workshops and the Student Engagement Centre***

Students receive personalized support from the application through program completion. Individualized advising appointments and seminars and workshops focusing on topics such as student success and intercultural communication guide you to success at UAlberta.

The Student Engagement Centre (SEC) connects students with the University of Alberta, local organizations and the community of Edmonton. By engaging with these extended communities, students build fluency and confidence in their language. On campus, we support and offer a safe and inclusive environment for individual or group study, and larger rooms for skill-building workshops.

Web Page : [uab.ca/IVSP](http://uab.ca/IVSP)

Estimated Tuition Fees: CAD 29,610

Estimated Room & Board: CAD 1,750 per month