

Waseda University, Study Abroad 2026-2027

Waseda Customized Study Program - Regular Academic (CS-R) at

The University of Pennsylvania

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

Founded in 1749 by legendary inventor and diplomat, Benjamin Franklin, the University of Pennsylvania (known as Penn) is an Ivy League research university located in western Philadelphia. Philadelphia is one of the most historic cities in the United States and served as the nation's first capital from 1790-1800. It is home to the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the writing of the Constitution.

Philadelphia has a population of 1.6 million, making it the sixth largest city in the US. The city's historic, artistic, and commercial centers are located a short distance from Penn. Many famous museums are located in Philadelphia, including the Franklin Institute of Science and Technology and Penn's own Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, one of the best of its kind in the world. Philadelphia is ideally located between New York City and Washington D.C., both easily reached by bus or express train.

Language Requirements

Educational Requirements	Open to students currently enrolled in undergraduate programs who have completed at least one year of study. Students must have the equivalent of a 3.3 grade point average (on a scale of 0.0-4.0) or higher in prior college-level work.
Eligibility Details	Students whose first language is not English must demonstrate adequate proficiency in English. The minimum TOEFL iBT score required for admissions consideration is 100 (each sub-score above 23). International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is also accepted and the minimum score for consideration is a 7 (each sub-score above 6.5). Duolingo English Test (DET) is accepted and the recommended minimum score for consideration is a 130.
Continued University Studies	Students have the opportunity to continue studying full-time in credit courses for up to one academic year

Dates

College of Liberal and Professional Studies academic calendar for 2026-2027* is:

IGSP Fall Term Application Deadline	June 1, 2026
Move-in day for Residential Students	August 16-18, 2026
New Student Orientation	August 19-24, 2026
Fall Term Classes Begin	August 25, 2026
Fall Term Break	October 1-4, 2026
Thanksgiving Break	November 26-29, 2026
Fall Term Classes End	December 7, 2026
Final Examinations	December 10-17, 2026

IGSP Spring Term Application Deadline	October 1, 2026
Move-in day for Residential Students	January 17-18, 2027
New Student Orientation	January 19 , 2027
Spring Term Classes Begin	January 20, 2027
Spring Term Break	March 6-14, 2027
Spring Term Classes End	May 4, 2027
Final Examinations	May 7-17, 2027
* See https://almanac.upenn.edu/penn-academic-calendar for any updates in the academic calendar.	

Summary

Penn is a private urban research university with over 10,000 undergraduate students studying in the schools of Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Applied Science, Business (Wharton School), and Nursing; and over 10,000 graduate/professional students studying in these schools as well as in the schools of Communication, Dental Medicine, Education, Design, Law, Medicine, Social Work, and Veterinary Medicine. Penn's students come from all fifty U.S. states and 128 foreign countries. Over 4,000 of Penn's students are international.

Waseda students enroll in Penn through its College of Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS), one of the divisions of the School of Arts and Sciences. Once enrolled at Penn, they will take four regular courses each semester, two of which must be within the School of Arts and Sciences. Students may choose to live on-campus (housing is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis) or off-campus. Students have access to all campus activities and resources.

Academic Study

Waseda students are able to enroll in a wide range of courses offered by the College of Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS), the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS), the Wharton School, and the School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS).

LPS courses are offered in the late afternoon or evening and are attended by Penn undergraduates, postbaccalaureate, and graduate students. To view LPS course offerings visit <https://www.lps.upenn.edu/courses/lps> .

For a description of undergraduate courses across Penn's many schools, please see the Undergraduate Catalog: <https://catalog.upenn.edu/undergraduate/> .

Based on your preferences you might choose to take a sequence similar to the following. This is an example only:

First Semester	Second Semester
1. WRIT 030: Introduction to Critical Writing LPS Evening Course	1. WRIT 130: Introduction to Research Writing LPS Evening Course
2. HIST 012: Globalization and Its Historical Significance SAS Day Course	2. HIST 024: Introduction to Ancient Near East SAS Evening Course
3. LING 001: Introduction to Linguistics LPS Evening Course	3. ANTH 123: Communication & Culture LPS Evening Course
4. ENGL 072: Introduction to Asian American Literature SAS Day Course	4. PHIL 001: Introduction to Philosophy LPS Evening Course

Nationality

Is enrollment open to students of any nationality including your own country? If “no”, please specify all restrictions. Enrollment is open to all students enrolled at non-U.S. universities who are citizens of a country other than the U.S. Students with dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country may enroll. Students with only U.S. citizenship are not eligible.

Housing

On-campus housing is not guaranteed for IGSP students, but there is limited space available. The IGSP office will help all students connect to the appropriate resources to secure housing whether they are interested in living on or off campus.

Dining

For dining options at Penn see <http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/dining/diningplans/upper-class-dining-plans.html>. Waseda students can choose any of the listed dining plans on the website.

Opportunities for Learning through Experience

Waseda students may participate in any of the undergraduate clubs, buy reduced price tickets to cultural and sporting events, attend open lectures and, in general, partake in all opportunities open to Penn students.

Facilitation Plan

Waseda students will be assigned an advisor in the College of Liberal and Professional Studies and will have access to immigration advisors in the International Student and Scholar Services office.

Credits

Penn uses a system of course units (CUs). One regular course is worth 1 CU. It translates to 4 credits in most other American universities. Waseda students will be enrolled for 4 courses per semester, equivalent to at least 4 CU or 16 credits per semester and 32 credits over the academic year. Please note that all students are limited to 4.5 CU in their first semester of coursework.

LPS Web Page <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/lps>

International Guest Student Program Web Page <https://www.lps.upenn.edu/non-degree-programs/igsp>

Cost:

Estimated tuition: \$16,630() - \$34,160/ semester *If students take only LPS courses

*Estimated fees (general, technology, clinical, orientation (fall only):

\$4,640/fall semester, \$4,140/ spring semester

Estimated boarding expenses: \$6,000 – \$8,000/per semester

Estimated food expenses: \$3,500 /per semester

Health Insurance: \$4,800 (annual)

- Students must have health insurance that meets Penn's requirements, outlined here: <https://wellness.upenn.edu/immunization-insurance-compliance/insurance-compliance>

*For more specific information about tuition and fees, please see

<http://www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/undergraduate/igsp/tuition>