

Waseda University, Study Abroad 2026-2027

***Waseda Customized Study Program (Language Focused)
(2 Quarters [6 months]) at University of Washington (UW)***

Location: University of Washington; Seattle, WA

Title: Global Connections

Language Requirements:

-TOEFL 72-75 (old TOEFL), Duolingo 100, 1-2 complementary ESL courses **REQUIRED**

-TOEFL 76+ (old TOEFL), TOEFL 4.0 (new TOEFL), IELTS 6.0-6.5, Duolingo 110-120,
complementary ESL courses **RECOMMENDED**

NOTE: Test subscores are not required for any of the English

GPA Requirements: Students must be in good academic standing.

Nationality: International*

Is enrollment open to students of any nationality including your own country? If “No”,
please specify all restrictions.

**International refers to non-U.S. students*

*No: International (non-U.S.) students only. Students with U.S. dual-citizenship (U.S. and
another country) may enroll.*

***Other Requirements: Students must be at least 18 years old and must have completed 1
year of university-level coursework.***

Dates: September 30th, 2026 – March 19th, 2027 (two academic quarters)

Summary:

The Global Connections program offers international students an outstanding study abroad
experience. Our high-quality academic courses allow students to focus on current global
challenges from different perspectives, explore creative ways to solve problems and
discover how to produce positive change. Students, if interested, will have the opportunity
to volunteer at local non-profit organizations. This program is offered jointly by the UW

Jackson School of International Studies and UW International & English Language Programs.

Academic Study

Students with language scores below TOEFL 76+ (old TOEFL), TOEFL 4.0 (new TOEFL), IELTS 6.0-6.5, Duolingo 110-120, they are required to take an Academic English course (ESL) their first quarter. They may choose to take an Academic English course (ESL) their second quarter, or can take all academic courses.

Autumn quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advising seminar (WO) • Academic English course (IS) - REQUIRED • International Studies course (OE) • UW elective course (OE)
Winter quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Studies course (OE) • Academic English course (IS) <i>OR</i> UW elective course (OE) • UW elective course (OE)

ADVISING SEMINAR

This seminar course is led by the Global Connections academic advisor(s) and open only to Global Connections students. Sessions cover a variety of topics including time management, setting goals, adapting to culture shock, and more! This seminar is a requirement during your first quarter of study only and will give you a chance to reflect on your experience abroad, participate in fun activities, and learn more about yourself and each other.

ACADEMIC ENGLISH PROGRAM ([AEP](#)) COURSES

These courses are UW credit courses taken primarily by UW graduate students, particularly international students who have not satisfied the University’s English Language Proficiency Requirement.

- [ENGL 103](#): Students learn and practice the reading, writing and critical thinking strategies they need to develop researched, organized and correctly documented papers using academic sources. Students are introduced to library research skills for finding a variety of sources.
- [ENGL 104](#): This course is an academic listening and speaking course. It aims to improve a student’s ability to participate in university course lectures and class discussions. Students respond to lectures, participate in and lead class discussions, and deliver short oral reports.

JSIS GLOBAL CONNECTIONS INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVE COURSES

Each quarter, Global Connections students will enroll in one course from a selection of special Jackson School of International Studies course offerings designed for the Global Connections program. These credit courses are open both to Global Connections students and UW students. Quarterly elective options will be shared with students prior to each quarter.

UW ELECTIVES

In UW undergraduate credit courses, Global Connections students should expect to be academically challenged by the professors and by their American and international peers. Most courses meet for about five hours each week. Some courses include a quiz section, which allows students to meet with the professor or teaching assistant in smaller groups. Registration for electives occurs on a space-available basis. The selection of available classes changes each quarter and student options may be limited by conflicts with other required courses.

Housing and Meal Plan

Students are responsible for making their own housing and meal arrangements. Students may choose to live on campus, with a homestay family, or in an apartment or house off-campus.

Several housing options are described on the UW IELP website here:

<https://www.ielp.uw.edu/life-at-uw/housing>

For questions about UW on-campus housing options, including dormitories and alternative options, contact UW Housing & Food Services (HFS) coordinators at hfsinfo@uw.edu.

FEES

Estimated Tuition: \$18,200/ whole duration of the program (\$9,100 per quarter)

Estimated living (food & boarding) expenses: \$2,118/month

Other mandatory fees:

- Health Insurance Fee (ISHIP): \$458 per quarter (subject to change)
- Application Fee: \$50 (one-time fee)

*Housing and living expenses may vary widely depending on student choices. When available, on-campus housing rates will be published at <https://hfs.uw.edu/Housing-Agreements/>.

See “Housing and Meal Plan” above for more information about housing options.

Opportunities for Learning Through Experience

Interested students have the opportunity to enroll in a course that incorporates service with the local community alongside structured preparation and reflection opportunities. In these “community-engaged” courses, students volunteer with local area non-profit organizations over the course of a quarter. These volunteer opportunities are tied to academic coursework and intended to address concerns that are identified and articulated by the community.

Students also have many opportunities to participate in student organizations, intramural sports, and extracurricular activities. They may attend events led by the Foundation for International Understanding Through Students (FIUTS), an organization that brings together international students and domestic students interested in international friendships.

Facilitation Plan

Waseda students have the opportunity to meet regularly with an academic advisor regarding registration, academic progress, and area activities. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a quarterly social activity and closing celebrations.

Credits (24-30 semester credit hours):

(Waseda will issue final credits for study done abroad. We assume this will be 24-30 semester credit hours and that students will take at least the minimum number of courses required to qualify as full-time international students. Please let us know if this raises any difficulties.)

Autumn quarter:

15 academic quarter credits, plus 1 continuing education units

Winter quarter:

15 academic quarter credits

Web Page

Program website:

<https://www.ielp.uw.edu/programs/study-abroad-at-the-uw/global-connections/overview/>

University of Washington website:

<http://www.washington.edu/>