

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

American University

Location: Washington, D.C.

American University is located on an 84-acre campus in northwest Washington, at the top of “Embassy Row” and close to downtown. The campus is in a beautiful residential neighborhood where many diplomats live and is in one of the safest areas of Washington. During the academic year, a university shuttle bus departs campus every 15 minutes to the Tenleytown Metro/subway station close by. From there, it is a short 10–15-minute train ride to downtown Washington, DC.

Language Requirements:

TOEFL iBT (Old scale): 85 or higher (with at least 20 in each section)

TOEFL iBT (New scale): 4.5 or higher (with at least 4.0 in each section)

IELTS: 6.5 or higher (with at least 6.0 in each section)

GPA Requirements: 3.0 out of 4-point scale

Required student level on departure: (e.g. Undergraduate, one semester completed)

Undergraduate Student with at least 3 semesters completed

Nationality limitations (if any):

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

Dates: Dates below are tentative, based on the 2026/2027 schedule.

Fall 2026: August 25-28- (welcome week, required orientation) August 31 –
December 11 classes)
December 14-19 (final exams)
October 16 and November 25-29 (semester breaks)

Spring 2027: January 7-9 Orientation
 January 11 – April 26 (classes)
 April 29 – May 5 (final exams)
 March 8 - March 14 (semester break)

Summary:

American University (AU) has a well-deserved reputation as a global university, with over 10% students from abroad, many award-winning faculty engaged in international scholarship and research, and a curriculum notable for its wide array of courses with international themes. Many of the university's academic programs are rated among the best in the United States. A distinctive feature of many courses of study is their close integration with Washington-based organizations and decision makers, both governmental and non-governmental. AU also prides itself on providing students with a very supportive learning environment. Class sizes are quite small, with an average of 21 students, and the Academic Support and Access Center has many resources to help students develop and succeed in their courses at AU.

Academic Study

Each semester, AU offers thousands of courses in 60 subject areas. Students may take courses from the American University undergraduate curriculum, subject to enrollment capacity constraints and the meeting of prerequisites for such courses. To obtain a complete listing of courses and course descriptions for the current academic year at American University, consult the AU Web site at:

<https://eagleservice.american.edu/Student/Courses>.

While most courses are available to Abroad at AU students, please note there are some course restrictions. Students are not able to take courses in the School of Communication:

https://auabroad.american.edu/_portal/tds-program-brochure?programid=10444 (Go to Academics Tab)

Housing and Meal Plan

AU cannot guarantee on-campus housing. Students will be provided with information on how to apply to on campus housing in their acceptance emails. If students complete their on campus housing application by the deadline, it is likely they will get on campus housing (though not guaranteed). AU can also provide students with a resource website to locate off-campus housing suitable to their preferences and budget; Students bear the ultimate responsibility for locating their off-campus housing; all costs of such housing will be responsibility of the individual student and the institutions will not assume responsibility for any failure of housing providers to fulfill accorded obligations to students.

Students receive a Metro U-Pass card for unlimited use of public transportation within DC. Additionally, there is an AU university shuttle that runs every 15 minutes, 7:00 a.m.-midnight, between the campus and the Tenleytown Metro station (less than 10 minutes shuttle ride).

Students will have access to the University's meal plan which allows for a combination of meals in its Terrace Dining room and a flexible spending allowance which can be used at eateries and shops on campus. For more information on housing and dining options, visit

<https://www.american.edu/student-affairs/housing/> and

<https://www.american.edu/student-affairs/onecarddining/mealplan.cfm>.

Opportunities for Learning through Experience

American University prides itself on integrating experiential learning into all aspects of a student's education. In addition to supplementing coursework with visits to organizations and institutions in the Washington, DC area, students will have the opportunity to participate in any of the 140 student clubs and organizations on campus and may participate in numerous campus-wide activities annually scheduled for all students (lectures and seminars, social activities, athletic events, and student clubs, among others). Through AU's Center for Leadership & Community Engagement, students can participate in volunteer activities at organizations across the Washington DC area. Each year, over 2,000 AU students participate in volunteer activities throughout the city. Two of the most popular activities are tutoring students at local schools and helping to renovate housing for senior citizens. Many Waseda students also volunteer with the Japan-America Society to help with the Washington DC Cherry Blossom Festival and with the Japanese student organization ZARON. Students can also attend many lectures and events hosted by such places as the Embassy of Japan, the U.S.-Japan Council and the U.S.-Japan Research Institute (USJI).

Facilitation Plan

Students will participate in a week-long orientation program prior to the start of classes to acquaint

them with the resources on campus, learn about Washington DC, and meet key faculty and staff who will be assisting them while they are in the United States. During the mandatory orientation session, students can meet with their academic advisor to finalize their course selection. The Office of International Student and Scholar Services will also provide advisory services on curricular and extra-curricular concerns of students.

During the academic year, students will have the opportunity to participate in several programs, which are specifically designed for international students. These include among many others (subject to change):

- Abroad at AU Buddy Program: Student gets paired with an American student to ask any questions prior to arrival and do activities together during the semester.
- Abroad at AU events: Abroad at AU organizes up to 6 events each semester specifically for Abroad at AU students to get to know AU and DC. In the past, these events have included volunteer activities, professional baseball and basketball games, tours of the Capitol, museums and the zoo.
- AU Japanese Conversation Club: Meet American students studying Japanese language!
- TALK (Taking Action to Learn about “Kulture”): TALK is a weekly facilitated discussion about cultural issues with a group of U.S. and international students. The group meets each week for 8 weeks, starting early in the semester.
- Language Exchange Program: Program designed to help students learn other languages. Language partners meet at least once a week during the semester with half of the times students speak their native language and the other half speaking the partner’s native language.

Credits:

Students enrolled in the Abroad at AU program may take between 12-15 credits per semester. One course usually counts for 3 credits.

****The costs below are tentative, based on the 2025/2026 information.***

Estimated Tuition: USD 32,900 / year

Estimated Room and Boarding expenses: USD 18,200 / year

AU Health Insurance USD 2,759 / Year

Student Fees USD 732 / Semester

Please select how the payment of the accommodation expenses is pursued: Students pay upon arrival

Other fees (Cost Sheet tab): https://auabroad.american.edu/_portal/tds-program-brochure?programid=10444

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