

Waseda CS-R(1Y) (Customized Study Program - Regular Academic) at
Ohio Wesleyan University, a Japan Study college

Location: Delaware, Ohio

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.

Ohio Wesleyan enrolls about 1,850 students, representing 45 states and 57 countries. The student body is 52% female, 48% male. The University is strongly committed to racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity, with enrollment consisting of 8% U.S. students of color and 10% international students.

The new science buildings house a scanning electron microscope, as well as scanning and transmission electron microscopes. The science center also includes its own greenhouse. OWU also has two observatories.

Gray Chapel in University Hall houses the impressive 4,500-pipe organ. OWU also is known for the Woltemade Center for Economics, Business, and Entrepreneurship and its Geographic Information Systems (GIS) computer laboratory. The Fine Art department has a prominent regional gallery and newly renovated studios.

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.

A sampling of courses includes: Medieval and Renaissance Music, Introduction to Psychology, Applied music courses, 19th Century American Literature, Issues in English Linguistics, Cultural Anthropology, Self and Society, People and Culture of Middle East, Religions of the West, Ancient Mediterranean Religions, American National Government, Wave Physics: Light, Sound and Water,

Introduction to Ethics, Critical Thinking, Introduction to the Mass Media, and History of the Earth.

Ohio Wesleyan University catalog: <http://catalog.owu.edu/>

Nationality

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

Yes

Housing and Meal Plan

Dormitory/standard meal plan

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.

A sampling of opportunities at Ohio Wesleyan includes Habitat for Humanity, mission trips students take in the US or internationally, and Horizons International. Performance opportunities include the Choral Arts Society, Opera Theatre, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, the Bishop Band, the Park Avenue Jazz Band and the Ohio Wesleyan University Chamber Orchestra. Many sports are offered including baseball, golf, cross country, soccer, swimming, tennis, and volleyball.

Facilitation Plan

Students will meet with the coordinator individually and as a group to discuss classes and co-curricular involvement. For most Waseda students, the coordinator will be a professor who has research or scholarly interest in Japan. In addition, the international student advisor will assist Waseda students and set up various events for them.

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

Web Page

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

<http://japanstudy.earlham.edu/>

<https://www.owu.edu/>