

Waseda University, Study Abroad 2027-2028

Waseda Customized Study Programs (Language Focused) at

University of Alberta (U of A), International Visiting Student Program (IVSP)

Location: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Title: Canadian Approaches to Humanities and Social Sciences

Language Requirements: For TOEFL iBT tests taken on or after January 21, 2026: TOEFL iBT of 3.5+, with 3.0+ on each band or TOEFL (iBT) or 53+ with 14+ on each band (taken prior to January 21, 2026), IELTS score of 5.5+ with a minimum band score of 5.0+, or Duolingo English Test score of 95+, with band score of 80+

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

Arrival in Edmonton: August 21 to 24, 2027

Baseline English Language test: Online (only if students do not have one of the test scores listed above)

Residence Move-in: August 25, 2027

Orientation: August 26 to 31, 2027

Classes (including final exam period): September 1 to December 22, 2027;

January 5 to April 25, 2028; May 8 to June 16, 2028

IVSP Completion Certificate Ceremony: June 2, 2028

First Term Course Registration Begins: May 2027

Campus Accommodation Application Deadline: April 30, 2027

Arrival Date: August 21-24, 2027

Nationality:

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

If “no”, please specify all restrictions.

Yes

GPA: The minimum academic requirement for IVSP is a GPA of 2.0, based on at least 24 credits of completed university study.

Required Student Level on departure: Waseda University students should have completed at least two semesters 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 uab.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.

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 (Optional but requires a minimum of five Waseda University 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. Students 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 residence options at uab.ca/residence by selecting North Campus and Exchange/Visiting Student filters to see options

St. Joseph's College Women's Residence

Offers an additional option for female students on North Campus
<https://www.ualberta.ca/st-josephs/student-services/residence-services>

Facilitation Plan

Working in cooperation with the wider University of Alberta student support services, International Student & Visitor Services offers a team of advisors and coordinators who will support IVSP students for their duration of their program. These advising services are available Monday through Friday at the International Service Centre. Advisors counsel students on issues ranging from academic (course selection, academic success, tutors) to personal (immigration, homesickness, health care). IVSP students can join both international and Canadian students in a wide-range of social and cultural opportunities to enhance their global experience.

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 their program at Waseda University. This program includes mandatory English language courses and an optional 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 University of Alberta 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 the U of A.

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

Estimated Tuition Fees: CAD 35,900

Estimated Room & Board: CAD 1,750 per month