

## *Waseda University, Study Abroad 2027*

*Waseda CS-L (Customized Study Program: Language Focused Program)-1 semester at*

### *University of California Davis Division of Continuing and Professional Education-International*

#### ***GPA Requirements:***

*There are no GPA requirements for the Academic Engagement Track (AET: formerly known as the Intensive English Program, or IEP).*

***Nationality:*** Is enrolment open to students of any nationality including your own country?        YES.

***Dates:*** AET Dates:    April 2 – September 3, 2027 (June 12 through June 24, Break)

***\*\*Students arrival date:*** Students generally arrive one-two days before the start of the program

#### ***Summary***

The Academic Engagement Track (formerly known as IEP) at International and Access Programs (IAP) provides a fast-paced, supportive environment for students to improve their English proficiency and academic skills and build their confidence in using English in both academic and social situations. Students can expect to make significant progress each quarter to achieve their goals. The program works with students at intermediate level or above from those who need a final push for a level of English required for undergraduate education to high advanced students needing a sophisticated command of the language in very demanding professional and academic environments. This one-semester program actually comprises two quarters (20 weeks) of instruction, allowing for significant progress in a very short time.

Students take four classes, scheduled Monday-Friday, typically between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm. All skills are addressed (reading/vocabulary, writing, listening, speaking, and grammar). Variety of content-based English courses are pre-arranged and offered. Almost daily out-of-class recreational and social activities are scheduled and run by UC Davis student employees. Students are encouraged to participate to improve their English in informal and supportive

environments. Students will also have several opportunities for volunteering in the Davis community (more details below). The AET is expected to be with about 80 - 150 students participating in each quarter in a multilingual and multicultural setting.

### ***Classrooms***

The IAP is located in UC Davis International Center, located close to the center of campus, next to the Student Memorial Union. Students, depending on their classes and level, may have classes in either or both facilities. All classrooms are “smart rooms”, and students and teachers use technology in teaching and learning.

### ***Academic***

#### ***Study***

The AET offers international students a minimum of twenty hours of instruction per week for ten weeks in the spring and summer quarters. Fifty-minute content-based classes include *Academic Literacy Series*, *Academic Success Series*, *Academic Reasoning Series*, and *Academic Research Series*, *UN's SDGs*, *U.S.*

*Society and Culture*, *Academic Skills*, *Exploring California*, *Cross-cultural Understanding through Social Media*, and so on. The students will also be able to take advantage of resources available at the International Learning Center (ILC) for guided individualized language study.

Students will have the option of participating in weekly afternoon activities, which may include movies and popcorn, arts and crafts, sports activities, and ice cream socials. These activities are supervised by Student Assistants (SAs), who are UC Davis students. In addition, the Waseda students may go on optional field trips to learn more about California history and culture. Students are encouraged to participate in these activities to have more practice speaking English in informal settings.

**Class Materials:** Students may need to purchase textbooks for the ten-week AETs (approximately \$50 each quarter). However, almost all class materials are provided by instructors for free. The students may also want to purchase additional reference books from the campus and local bookstores for personal use.

### ***Housing and Meal Plan***

Waseda students make their own housing arrangement. Housing option is homestay for this program. There may be a case that Waseda students live with Japanese students in the same room and/or unit.

#### ***Opportunities for Learning through Experience***

The IAP offers several ways for the students in the AET (10-week program) to learn experientially. Students with at least an intermediate English proficiency level may have the opportunity to volunteer on an individual basis within the community. Their volunteering

strengthens the community as well as provides students an excellent opportunity to advance their English language skills by interacting with and serving people in the community. Ongoing volunteering is a valuable kind of work experience to add to résumés and strengthen applications for admission to undergraduate and graduate programs.

Types of volunteering include:

- Tutoring and mentoring children
- Helping the elderly
- Preparing and serving meals to the hungry
- Building houses for the homeless
- Assisting nonprofit organizations
- Providing administrative support to businesses
- Planting trees to improve the environment

During spring quarter, as an option, intermediate and advanced students may choose to volunteer with other UC Davis students to help with several major UC Davis campus volunteering events including the Whole Earth Festival, Celebrate Davis and Open Campus Picnic Day. Another opportunity for experiential learning that many Japanese students have is to volunteer to be conversation partners with UC Davis students who are studying Japanese. Students often develop close friendships through this wonderful experience.

### ***Facilitation***

#### ***Plan***

The spring quarter begins with a mandatory pre-departure orientation. We encourage the students to arrive one-two days before to adjust to the time changes. Students are placed into classes based on the results of our pre-arrival online assessment process. Students also have onsite CALI (Communication, Activities, Learning, Involvement) and learn about Davis and the campus, as well as bicycle safety and some initial cultural information.

Waseda students may meet with our academic and program coordinators as needed, and those students qualified to join UC Davis Summer Sessions will meet with the appropriate staff members. The IAP staff is available to help students with a variety of housing, immigration, academic, and personal needs. Students will receive identification cards from IAP and may request bus passes and library cards at the Student Services Office.

**Health Insurance:** All participants must show proof of medical insurance coverage that covers the entirety of the program. Copies of participants' insurance cards and policies must be submitted in

English. The insurance company must have a U.S. office and that the coverage must be for a minimum of \$550,000.00 per incident.

If participants do not have insurance, our office has contracted with a national health insurance provider to provide low-cost and high-quality coverage for visiting students. Information about this option can be provided upon request.

**Local Transportation:** For campus and local travel in Davis, participants may rent bicycles and locks (at their own expense) from the UC Davis Bike Barn or other bike rental vendors for the length of their program. The bikes can be picked up by the participants on the first day of the program and returned on their last day of class or at the agreed upon time and location. The participants are responsible for replacement of lost or stolen equipment. Known as the “City of Bicycles”, Davis has more than eight miles of bicycle paths and lanes throughout the campus and city. Participants will be oriented to the use of bicycles in Davis and on campus, including bike laws, and will be encouraged to wear helmets.

Students will be provided with IAP ID cards, which will serve as Unitrans bus passes to use during their program for free travel around Davis and some surrounding areas.

### ***Credits***

Many universities abroad provide credits for their students studying in the different English language programs that the IAP offers. We will provide course descriptions and sample syllabi with learner outcomes for Waseda University if this will help the determination of academic credit. Our 10-week AET has 200 hours of instruction including experiential activities such as service learning and special lectures. Students are tested and placed into appropriate levels.

### ***Other information***

Estimated Tuition (whole duration of the program): \$9,800/ whole duration of the program

Estimated Room and Board (per month): \$1,950/month

### ***Web Pages***

For information about the AET

<https://cie.ucdavis.edu/academic-preparation-and-pathway-programs/academic-engagement>

### ***Coordinator:***

Ms. Kristina Carrizosa will be the program coordinator for the Waseda students and will meet with the students as needed to be sure that the students are adjusting well to their new environment. Student services staff and program assistants will also be available to help the students.

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