

Waseda CS-L (Customized Study - Language Focused Program) at

University of California, Irvine - Division of Continuing Education

Location: 510 E Peltason Drive, Irvine, California 92697

Title: WU-UCI Academic Study Abroad Program (ASAP)

Language Requirements*:

Three quarters / 9 months: TOEFL score of 61 (prior or January 2026) 4.0 (effective January 2026), IELTS 5.5 or above, Duolingo 85, TOEIC 600

**MyBest TOEFL, TOEFL Home Special Edition, [and IELTS Indicator](#) are acceptable. Students who wish to prove that their English language proficiency meets our language requirements other than submitting a qualifying TOEFL or IELTS score should consult with the CIE Office.*

Nationality:

Enrollment is open to students of any nationality, including U.S. citizens.

Dates:

	One Quarter	Two Quarters	Three Quarters
Fall 2027	September 20, 2027 – December 10, 2027	September 20, 2027 – March 24, 2028	September 20, 2027 – June 16, 2028

Note:

- Dates may change. Other classes, including Academic English and Professional Studies courses, may begin a few days later than UCI undergraduate classes.*
- Airport pick up is one day prior to the program start date; Housing check-in is strongly recommended at least one day prior to the program start date.*

Keywords:

English language, UC classes, self-designed, cultural activities, international exchange, academic counseling

Summary:

This program has been designed to give students of Waseda University the unique opportunity to participate in academic study abroad experiences at the University of California, Irvine. WU-UCI students will participate in an educational program through enrollment in a combination of UCI Division of Continuing Education (DCE) English as a Second Language (ESL) courses, professional studies courses, Internship, and UCI undergraduate courses as non-matriculated students on a space available basis. WU-UCI students will receive from UCI DCE ASAP CS-L Office appropriate information in the areas of academic and campus life as well as a pre-departure orientation. UCI DCE ASAP CS-L Office will also

provide suggestions for student housing or the homestay program in Irvine.

The UCI ASAP CS-L Program will provide academic counseling to assist WU-UCI students in personalizing a program designed to best suit their language level and help them meet their academic and career goals.

The program is rounded out by a wide range of special services including airport transfer, program orientation, program graduation, academic assistance, immigration assistance, intercultural conversation experience with current UCI students who will meet in one-on-one or group settings, on- and off-campus social activities, and tours to the many attractions in Southern California, and the chance to live in one of safest U.S. cities ranked by FBI.

Over five remarkable decades, UCI has become internationally recognized for efforts that are improving lives through research and discovery, fostering excellence in scholarship and teaching, and engaging and enriching the community. *U.S. News & World Report* and other respected sources consistently rank UCI among the nation's best universities. Achievements in the sciences, social sciences, social ecology, arts, humanities, medicine and business also have garnered numerous national rankings for UCI's schools, departments and programs. Three UCI researchers have won Nobel Prizes – most recently Irwin Rose, in chemistry, in 2004. Irvine is one of the nation's largest planned urban communities and encompasses more than 55 square miles. Irvine is the destination that has it all... one of the safest cities in America, thriving business environment, acclaimed community entertainment and recreation facilities, and, of course, great California weather. Located in Orange County, Irvine is ideally situated 73 kilometers south of Los Angeles and 97 kilometers north of San Diego. Only minutes from beautiful beaches, a couple hours from mountain skiing, and less than four hours from Las Vegas, it is in the center of the great Californian lifestyle!

Academic Study:

UCI offers over 80 undergraduate degree programs in the Claire Trevor School of the Arts, School of Biological Sciences, Paul Merage School of Business, School of Education, The Henry Samueli School of Engineering, School of Humanities, Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences, Interdisciplinary Studies, Program in Nursing, Department of Pharmacological Science, Program in Public Health, School of Physical Sciences, School of Social Ecology, and School of Social Sciences. Please note that registration restrictions apply to all ASAP CS-L program participants who want to enroll in any UCI undergraduate credit courses. The UCI ASAP CS-L Program will help WU-UCI students provide guidance and assist the ASAP CS-L program participants in selecting undergraduate-level classes and/or alternative course plans that suit their needs based on the program study plan. Hence, the ASAP CS-L program participants are required to bring copies of their unofficial Waseda transcripts upon their program arrival in Irvine.

Students who have demonstrated their English proficiency by submitting TOEFL 80, IETLS 6.5 or equivalent scores before the program start date are exempt from the UCI DCE ESL placement test. All other students are required to take the UCI DCE ESL placement test before the start of their first class. The UCI ASAP CS-L Program will provide an updated study plan that is based on each student's ESL placement test result. Students who continue in the program after their first quarter may request more than 12 units depending on their overall academic performance and demonstration of successful completion in UCI undergraduate classes in the previous quarter and only with approval from the UCI ASAP CS-L Program.

CS-L at UCI Division of Continuing Education Program of StudyEnglish Requirement – 80 iBT/ 6.5 IELTS or above			
Quarter	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	(Sept – Dec)	(Jan – Mar)	(March – Jun)
Contents	UCI Undergraduate and/or DCE Courses 12 Units	UCI Undergraduate and/or DCE Courses 12 Units (Up to 16 with approval)	UCI Undergraduate and/or DCE Courses 12 Units (Up to 16 with approval)
CS-L at UCI Division of Continuing Education Program of StudyEnglish Requirement – 61 iBT/ 5.5 IELTS or above			
Quarter	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	(Sept – Dec)	(Jan – Mar)	(March – Jun)
Contents	Academic English and 1 (one) Continuing Education (DCE)/Professional Studies Course 12 Units	UCI Undergraduate* and/or DCE Courses 12 Units (Up to 14 with approval) *Student must submit TOEFL score of 80 or equivalent to enroll	UCI Undergraduate* and/or DCE Courses 12 Units (Up to 16 with approval) *Student must submit TOEFL score of 80 or equivalent to enroll

- A complete listing and description of English language programs can be found at www.ce.uci.edu/international
- A complete listing and description of UCI DCE/Professional Studies courses can be found at <https://ce.uci.edu/courses/>
- A complete listing and description of UCI courses can be found at <http://catalogue.uci.edu/allcourses/>

Please note: Although the UCI ASAP CS-L Program offers students a wide array of UCI undergraduate courses, popular courses or courses required for an academic major are often impacted and not available for enrollment by WU-UCI students, depending on the session. The UCI ASAP CS-L Program will offer assistance in identifying open courses and placing of students, and will provide on-going counseling services. Specific course restrictions:

- School of Business: The Management courses are not available to WU-UCI students.
- Schools of Arts, Biological Sciences, Education, Engineering, Humanities, ICS, Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences: Schools' departmental approvals are required for course enrollment.
- School of Engineering and Humanities may also require instructor's approval for course enrollment;
- Schools of Nursing, Medicine, and Law: Courses not available to WU-UCI students

Students are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated (e.g., COVID-19 and Flu) before the first day of classes at UCI. UCI student health insurance is *optional* for purchase. Proof of COVID-19 and Flu vaccination is no longer required to study at UCI.

Housing and Meal Plan:

Depending on each individual student's needs and the type of experience the student wants during their studies at UCI, there are three housing options:

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Please keep in mind that students applying to this program would need to fix accommodation for themselves.

- Off-campus **apartments**, which normally come fully furnished and allow students to interact with and explore the local community.
- Homestay with *an American Family, which provides* students to have the opportunity to live with an English-speaking family in the Irvine area. Homestays are typically further away from campus, and can involve a moderate bus commute. All homestay students are given a furnished room and have the option of having breakfast and dinner provided by the host family. The homestay fees should be paid by check or money order and sent to the homestay organizations only.
- On-campus dormitory is only available in summer to ASAP CS-L Program participants. Students who want to add their studies in Summer before or after their CS-L Program are encouraged to consider this housing option.

***(From CIE) Please note that the Summer program will be optional. On-campus dormitories will not be an option for your accommodation throughout the program.**

UCI meal plan is optional for students to purchase.

Opportunities for Learning Through Experience:

UCI ASAP CS-L Program aims to providing WU students an American experience that will allow them to integrate with other students, campus life, and Orange County culture. From the moment they first arrive, we have orientation sessions and workshops to help them become acclimated. Campus amenities available include access to our state-of-the-art libraries, computer labs, student center, and recreation center. Coastal Southern California is the ideal environment for students to study, live, and play. WU-UCI students find many lifestyles to choose from in Orange County. Whether it's our 42-mile coastline and beaches, hiking in the canyons and mountains, incredible shopping, playhouses and museums or theme parks, there is a favorite for everyone. We strongly encourage WU-UCI students to take full advantage of their education at UCI, to gain the unique experience by living in the Orange County, and to connect with students from other countries to make everlasting friendships.

Facilitation Plan:

WU-UCI students will be introduced to the student services and support staff at the orientation and will be expected to check-in regularly with the UCI ASAP CS-L Program staff, who will monitor their progress carefully—insuring their success in the program. The UCI ASAP CS-L Program will also provide counseling services designed to help WU-UCI students adapt to life in Irvine and assist them with any problems or concerns.

Credits (24-30 semester credit hours):

Students are required to enroll in a minimum of 12 units or 18 hours of ESL per quarter in order to maintain their F-1 visa status. English as a Second Language courses will count toward the unit requirement, as well as other professional studies courses and DCE Internship.

Official transcripts are generally delivered via a secured electronic portal, *Parchment*. WU-UCI students will be instructed to order their official CS-L Program transcripts to be sent directly to Waseda University at the end of the program.

Program Expectations:

WU-UCI students are expected to perform to their best ability and to seek advice from the UCI CS-L Academic Advisors if they begin to find their courses too difficult. Students who fail any class with a grade of C- or below will be placed on academic probation and must improve their grades during the next quarter to remain in the program. Program completion requires students whose overall GPAs is at least 2.0 at the end of the CS-L program and is meeting the F-1 visa regulations (e.g., attendance, full-time status) at all times throughout their studies. Students who have successfully completed the program will receive a certificate. A program completion acknowledgement letter from the director for the CS-L program at UCI is available upon request. Moreover, students who successfully complete the CS-L program will be eligible to stay in the U.S. for up to 60 days after their program end date.

Web Page:

www.ce.uci.edu/international

Cost:

Estimated Tuition and Required Application and Student Services fees: \$24,600 USD for the entire 10-month duration of the program. *Optional* UCI health insurance plan is available for purchase, which is \$675 USD for one quarter / 3 months.

Approximated Living Expenses: \$21,500 USD for the entire 10-month duration of the program. Students will pay living expenses by themselves as usual and it will not be included in the invoice to Waseda University.