

Waseda Customized Study Programs (Language Focused Programs) at

University of Oregon

Location: Eugene, Oregon, USA

Title: Authentic College Experience in a College Town: Studies in Business, Economics, Sciences, Social Sciences, Liberal Arts, and Exploring

Language Requirements:

Test	English Language Learning
TOEFL iBT (taken after January 2026)	3.5
TOEFL iBT (taken before January 2026)	61
IELTS	5.5
DET	100

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

GPA: Is there specific GPA (on the 4-point scale) requirements for the CS-L students? 2.5

Dates:

Fall Term	International Student Orientation: September 20-21, 2027 Classes Start: September 27, 2027 Classes End: December 3, 2027 Finals Week: December 6-10, 2027
Winter Term	International Student Orientation: January 1-2, 2028 Classes Start: January 3, 2028 Classes End: March 10, 2028 Finals Week: March 13-17, 2028
Spring Term	International Student Orientation: March 23-24, 2028 Classes Start: March 27, 2028 Classes End: June 2, 2028 Finals Week: June 5-9, 2028

-The date of course registration starts (for the first term) about:

UO classes: typically mid to late May. English language courses: after arrival

-The date of housing registration (for the first term):

Host families are selected by the Global Education Oregon (GEO) team. Complete the host family application by April 30, 2027. Students should apply for homestays as soon as possible after acceptance. On-campus student residence halls (dormitories) are also available for a variable-rate fee.

-The arrival day to your institution: before orientation and start of classes, usually mid-to late September

KEYWORDS (minimum one to maximum four words or catch-words):

1. "Integrated College Life"
2. "Innovative Learning"
3. "Cultural Immersion"
4. "Academic Excellence"

Costs:

Estimated tuition and other mandatory fees: \$ 40,500

Estimated room and boarding expenses per month: \$1,600-\$1850

Insurance fee: \$ 3,888

Summary:

The Oregon-Waseda CS-L Program offers a dynamic and adaptable learning experience tailored to accommodate the diverse academic backgrounds and language proficiencies of Waseda students. Oregon-Waseda CS-L students who pursue English Language courses will participate in [UO's Global Welcome \(UOGW\) program](#), which allows international students robust language support courses available at Lane Community College (English language learners), while the remaining CS-L courses will be university courses at the University of Oregon (for academic students); all CS-L students will also receive integrated intercultural communication through the Oregon Experience Program (part of UO's [Global Experiential Learning programs](#)). This CS-L program welcomes students across a broad spectrum of English proficiency levels. Our primary aim is to seamlessly integrate Waseda students into the vibrant academic and social life of the University of Oregon and its community, transitioning them from language and cultural support to full independence over three terms.

Students have access to hundreds of undergraduate courses across various disciplines, allowing them to customize their academic journey. Program advisors work closely with each student to tailor their course selections to align with personal goals—whether that's maximizing credit transfers to Waseda or exploring unique courses not readily available at home. The three-term structure provides multiple opportunities for students to select new classes and engage in diverse activities.

Beyond academics, the program emphasizes cultural immersion, offering numerous opportunities for interaction with Americans both on campus and in the local community. During the Fall term, students live with host families, with the option to choose their preferred housing arrangements in subsequent terms. Students are encouraged to participate fully in campus life, join community volunteer projects, enroll in classes with American and other international students, engage in sports, and join social groups and clubs. They also have access to a wide array of campus and community events. The Program Coordinator who leads the CS-L program is part of a broad Global Education Oregon (GEO) program coordination team that will provide students with a welcome party, additional orientation, lessons on how to register for classes, intercultural communication course, support with day-to-day logistics (such as reading housing rental contracts, setting up phone contracts, understanding syllabus, etc.), and a spring field trip. These activities allow students to practice their language skills in day-to-day contexts.

Additionally, students are invited to explore Oregon's stunning natural landscapes. The Pacific Coast is just an hour to the west, while mountains ideal for hiking, skiing, and snowboarding are 1.5 hours to the east. The University of Oregon's Outdoor Program organizes trips throughout the year, offering students the chance to experience the region's breathtaking outdoor environments.

Academic Study

The program features three academic terms – fall, winter, and spring – which give students opportunities to either take intensive English classes at Lane Community College ([UO Global Welcome](#)) or take Academic English classes at the University of Oregon ([AEIS Program](#)) which is offered by the regular academic program. All Waseda students will also register for LING 410 Intercultural Course (1-credit)

with weekly meetings with the Program Coordinator from Global Education Oregon to monitor students' progress and support intercultural communication.

Group 1: English Language Learners

Waseda students with less than 61/3.5 iBT or IELTS 5.5, referred to as Group 1, will take English language courses at Lane Community College where they will pursue non-credit courses. There are two levels from intermediate to advanced. There are approximately 20 University of Oregon international students in this program with additional international students who are based at Lane Community College.

Group 2: Regular University Students

Waseda students with TOEFL score exceeding 61/3.5 iBT or IELTS 5.5, referred to as Group 2, may take *Academic English for International Students* (AEIS) courses if they need additional language support while they are enrolled in other regular academic university courses. AEIS is a credit program in the regular academic program for students. There are approximately 10 international students in this program. AEIS courses are not required but students are encouraged to enroll to ensure academic success in regular UO courses. AEIS courses include:

- AEIS 101 Academic Oral Communication I (beginning)
- AEIS 102 Academic Oral Communication II (intermediate)
- AEIS 107 Reading Academic Discourse
- AEIS 110 Written Discourse I (beginning)
- AEIS 111 Written Discourse II (intermediate)
- AEIS 112 Written Discourse III (advanced)

Each Waseda student's program looks slightly different depending on his or her language level and areas of interest.

Here are two common course sequences for Group 1 and Group 2.

Group 1 - less than 61 TOEFL iBT if taken *before* January 2026 or 3.5 if taken after January 2026, 5.5 IELTS)

Fall Term

- **English Language Learning Courses:** 15-20 hours per week. These courses are not granted university credit. Students are placed in the appropriate classes such as Reading and Writing, Oral Skills, and/or Grammar based on test results. They are completely integrated with other international students.
- **Conversation Partners:** 1 hour per week. Non-credit. Each student assigned a UO conversation partner for 1:1 exchanges (Sign up during orientation), meeting once a week in an informal setting on campus. This is an opportunity to practice English, learn about American culture and the campus, and make friends.
- **Physical Education:** 2 hours per week. Credit or non-credit. It is recommended that students enroll in courses such as tennis, yoga, or dance as a way to relax and meet people.
- **Intercultural Communication.** 1 hour per week. 1 credit. Meeting with Program Coordinator and other international students.

Winter Term

Students taking English language courses fall term will be tested at the end of the term. If a student's TOEFL is not yet 61/3.5 iBT or 5.5 IELTS, they will move up to the next level of their English language learning program if the final grade is more than 80%. If their score is 61/3.5 iBT or 5.5 IELTS or over, they are admitted to the UO and take courses like those that Group 2 takes during Fall term. A typical Winter term, depending on language ability, might include:

- **Academic English for International Students (AEIS):** 4-8 hours per week. LCC credit. One or two AEIS courses are recommended depending on the level of courses completed at Lane Community College and placement test results. At least one AEIS writing course is highly recommended: either AEIS 110, 111, or 112. This course is critical because most UO courses that Waseda students will take have writing as a prerequisite and have many writing assignments during the term.
- **UO academic courses:** 10-12 hours per week. UO credit. A university course may be selected instead of a second AEIS course. Students work closely with advisors to select courses that are not too difficult their first term. Examples of courses popular with previous Waseda students include:
 - BA399: Cross-Cultural Negotiation,
 - ACTG211 Introduction to Accounting,
 - MKTG199 Internet for Business,
 - ECON202 Macroeconomics,
 - PS101 Modern World Governments,
 - PS205 Introduction to International Relations,
 - PS326 US Foreign Policy,
 - ES102 Introduction to Ethnic Studies,
 - GLBL251 Conflict of Global Resources, and
 - SOC204 Introduction to Sociology.

Spring Term

Students who are admitted to UO from winter term will have the same options as all university students. They are encouraged to take 12-16 hours of credit courses and work closely with advisors to make choices. Students taking English language courses winter term will be tested at the end of the term. If a student's TOEFL is not yet 61/3.5 iBT or 5.5 IELTS, they will move up to the next level if the final grade is more than 80%. If their score is 61/3.5 iBT or 5.5 IELTS or over, they are admitted to the UO and take courses similar to those that Group 2 takes during Fall term.

Group 2 (Group 1 - higher than 61 TOEFL iBT if taken *before* January 2026 or
3.5 if taken after January 2026, 5.5 IELTS)

Fall Term. (12 credits)

- **Academic English for International Students.** 4 hours per week. LCC credit. The appropriate AEIS course depends on placement testing and student interest. One AEIS writing course is highly recommended: either AEIS 110, 111, or 112. This course is critical because most UO courses that Waseda students will take have writing as a prerequisite and have many writing assignments during the term. If students do not need writing, there are other courses to choose from that focus on different academic skill areas. Waseda students are integrated with other international students.
- **Physical Education.** 2 hours per week. Credit or non-credit. PE is recommended but not required.
- **Intercultural Communication.** 1 hour per week. 1 credit. Meeting with GEO Program Coordinator and other international students.

Winter Term.

- 12 credits is recommended but can take up to 13 credits.
- For students who received A's and B's for fall courses, Academic English for International Students. 4 hours per week. UO Credit. Students may choose which of several courses they would like to take depending on their language proficiency needs and advising at the end of the previous term. A student in AEIS110 (writing) may want to continue in the next course in the sequence, AEIS111. Or, if he/she is having difficulty with speaking or listening, may want to take an oral communication course (AEIS105) or lecture comprehension course (AEIS103). Waseda students are integrated with other international students.
- **UO courses.** 8-12 hours per week. Credit. Waseda students are fully integrated with UO students. Examples of courses popular with previous Waseda students include:
 - BA399: Cross-Cultural Negotiation,
 - ACTG211 Introduction to Accounting,
 - MKTG199 Internet for Business,
 - ECON202 MacroEconomics,
 - PS101 Modern World Governments,
 - PS205 Introduction to International Relations,
 - PS326 US Foreign Policy,
 - ES102 Intro. to Ethnic Studies,
 - GLBL251 Conflict of Global Resources, and
 - SOC204 Introduction to Sociology.

Spring Term.

- 12-16 credits (At least 12 credits but no more than 16 credits)
- **UO courses.** 12-16 hours. By Spring term most students are ready to take 16 credits and will have a good idea of the variety of courses available by talking with advisors, department professors, and other students. Some students may choose to continue with language support in AEIS in addition to their university courses. Waseda students are fully integrated with UO students.

Housing and Meal Plan

There are two options: host families and residence halls (dormitories). In Fall term, all Waseda students live with host families. For winter and spring terms, students may choose to continue with host families or move into the dormitories or live by themselves. Please note that placement in the dormitories is subject to availability. (Placement in the dormitories is generally available but not 100% guaranteed.)

*There may be a case that Waseda students live with Japanese students in the same room and/or unit.

*Though all Waseda students should plan to stay with Host family at least in Fall term, alternate options will be available if host families are not. If you cannot be placed with a host family, you will need to apply for the residence halls or seek off-campus housing by yourself with assistance from UO.

Host families in the Eugene-Springfield area are carefully selected and interviewed by host family staff to ensure a welcoming environment. All homes are conveniently located near public bus routes, allowing students access to the university with the complimentary bus pass provided by the University of Oregon. Host families offer breakfast and 6-dinners, while students are responsible for their own lunch. Living with a host family provides an excellent opportunity to enhance language skills and immerse oneself in the local culture.

If a student wishes to move out of their host family during the fall term, they must coordinate with the GEO Program Coordinator, and obtain approval from Waseda. A penalty of \$300 USD may apply if the request is approved. For those deciding to move out after the fall term, notification must be given to the host family before December to avoid a penalty fee.

Students opting for housing alternatives such as private residences must manage all related responsibilities, including contracts, utilities, safety, and deposits.

The University of Oregon features eight main residence halls on campus and two just off campus, all within a short walking distance to classes. Waseda students can explore dormitory options at any time through virtual tours. During the International Student Orientation (ISO) in the fall term, students can also tour these facilities and apply for housing for the winter and spring terms. Accommodation options include single, double, triple, and suite-style rooms.

When applying for residence halls, students can choose their own roommate or complete a computer application form to be matched with a compatible UO student based on shared interests. Residence hall living includes meal plans with access to various on-campus cafeterias and restaurants, allowing students to select a plan that matches their dining habits.

Opportunities for Learning Through Experience

The overall program offers many opportunities for Waseda students to be integrated into campus and community life on a daily basis. Some of the activities that will foster integration are:

- **Courses.** While Waseda students have one Intercultural Communication Course specially designed for them, they will primarily be integrated with other international students (English Language Learning or AEIS courses) and/or with American students in all of their non-English courses and activities. At English courses and in AEIS courses, students will be spread out across available classes to avoid having many Waseda or Japanese students in the same courses.
- **Conversation partners.** Waseda students who are in English program have a UO student conversation partner for two hours per week their first term. Partners give students practice in informal language and culture exchange. Waseda students in the regular academic program have the option to join the Conversation Friends program, supported by the Division of Global Engagement, where they will be matched with a community member of the same gender, with ages ranging from high school to retirees.

- **Housing.** Students are initially placed with host families, one per family. In winter and spring terms they may choose to live in university dormitories with roommates who are also UO students. Students have to make their accommodation decision by mid-November. Program Coordinator will assist applications process for students who wish to stay in the UO residence hall.
- **Campus activities.** Students are encouraged to attend activities on campus, join student associations and clubs, attend dormitory group events, join sports teams, participate in the Outdoor Program, gain on-campus jobs, and use the gym. There are many resources on campus that will bring students in contact with other students.
- **Welcome party and field trips.** The Program Coordinator will invite students a welcome party when they arrive and a spring field trip to see different regions of Oregon.

Facilitation Plan

When students first arrive, they are picked up by the program coordinators and/or by the homestay families. Then, there is a week of orientation: the first 2 days is for all international students followed by a half week for all new UO students, and an additional week of orientation at Lane Community College for students whose TOEFL scores are below 61/3.5 iBT or 5.5 IELTS. They meet with the Program Coordinator and University of Oregon faculty and staff several times during orientation weeks to plan their program for fall term and to get to know the UO campus and the city of Eugene.

Meetings are held at the end and beginning of each new term to review progress and plan for the following term. All students maintain contact with the Program Coordinator by e-mail and are encouraged to drop by the Coordinators' offices at any time. Faculty teaching in the English learning program and the AEIS program help monitor the progress of Waseda students and are in contact with the Program Coordinators. At the end of the yearlong program, all student records are reviewed, and students attend a graduation ceremony and receive certificates.

Credits and Grading

There are two kinds of courses in the Waseda CS-L program: credit and non-credit. Credit courses are those courses offered through the University of Oregon for all UO students and are listed in the UO Catalog and on-line. Non-UO credit courses are the English program courses. All students must be in compliance with full-time status required for their student visas. Both the credit and non-credit courses in this program count toward full-time status. Only one web-based/online course (4 credits) will be allowed each term.

The grading system in University of Oregon is different from Japan. Group 1 students need to have at least 80% (P) (on a 100% system) in order to move up to the next level. Group 2 students need to have 70%(C-) in order to pass the course. Students also have to maintain at least 2.0 GPA each term in order to be enrolled in UO. When a student fails to do so, an academic probation letter will be mailed to the student.

The University of Oregon is on a "quarter" system, not a semester system; therefore, these are quarter credits. The following is an average credit load for the Waseda program, though individual students may take fewer or more credits. Students enrolled in the AEI for Fall term do not receive any UO credits.

Fall term:	12 credits
Winter term:	13 credits
Spring term:	16 credits
Total	41 credits (conversion to semester hours depends on Waseda)

* As an international student, a minimum of 12 credits a term is required to meet the visa requirement.

Campus resources

- **Health and Insurance.** Helping students stay healthy is our top priority, knowing that wellness contributes to academic and personal success. Waseda students will have access to on-campus board-certified primary care team, which includes doctors specialized in mental health, various therapies, dental care, pharmacy, and health promotion. Waseda students will be required to purchase the UO Student Insurance, a comprehensive and federally certified Student Health Benefits Plan (SHBP), which will help cover unexpected medical expenses that may arise.
- **Accessible Education.** Our Accessible Education Center is fully dedicated to facilitating and supporting accessible education through access and full inclusion of any Waseda student with disabilities. This includes technology access and usability, accommodations, counseling, and temporary transportation.
- **Tutoring.** Waseda students will have full access to our Tutoring and Academic Engagement Center which assists students with upgrading their study routines, tutoring (language, math, science and writing), workshops and create low-stress and high-success strategies.
- **Career.** The Program Coordinator can provide guidance on the kinds of skills employers are seeking in candidates and how studying and interning can help stand out in the pool of job applicants in Japan. In coordination with community and campus partners such as the Career Center, Waseda students will be able to create the perfect conditions to land a good internship during or after the program is over.
- **Physical Exercise.** The university provides full access to the Recreation Center which provides strength and conditioning spaces, physical activity programs such as personal and group training, PE classes, intramural sports and many more programs to promote health, fitness and active recreation. The Center provides all the tools necessary for a healthy activity, including sports equipment, lockers, towels and more.

Web Pages

UO website: <http://uoregon.edu>

UO Division of Global Engagement: <https://international.uoregon.edu/>

UO Exchange & Visiting student programs: <https://iss.uoregon.edu/visiting-students>

UO Global Education Oregon Experiential Education: <https://geo.uoregon.edu/experiential-learning>

UO Global Welcome: <https://gsi.uoregon.edu/uo-global-welcome>

UO Catalog: <http://catalog.uoregon.edu/>

UO Majors: <http://admissions.uoregon.edu/explore/majors> UO Classes: <http://classes.uoregon.edu/>

UO Grading: http://registrar.uoregon.edu/grading_system

UO Sports Club: <http://clubsports.uoregon.edu/>

UO Outdoor Program: <http://outdoorprogram.uoregon.edu/> UO International Resource Center: <https://mills.uoregon.edu/>

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Conversation Friend program: <https://ffisoregon.org/conversation-friend-information/>

UO Housing: <https://housing.uoregon.edu/>

UO Insurance: <https://health.uoregon.edu/international-student-plan> UO Health and Counselling Center: <https://health.uoregon.edu>

UO Accessible Education Center: <https://aec.uoregon.edu>

UO Tutoring and Academic Engagement Center: <https://engage.uoregon.edu> UO Rec Center: <https://rec.uoregon.edu>