

Waseda American and International Studies Program (AISP) formerly IIS-ISP

University of California, Berkeley

Location: Berkeley, California

Language Requirements

- A minimum TOEFL score of 90 (iBT) or IELTS Academic Format score of 7.0.

Dates (tentative beginning, ending dates; include vacations longer than a few days):

-Recommended date of arrival: August 16, 2027 (date subject to change as this is based on 2027-28)

-Registration for accommodations (fall term): March 1, 2027 (date subject to change as this is based on 2027-28)

-First day of classes (fall term): Late August

-Last day of final exams (fall term): Mid-December

-First day of classes (spring term): Mid-January

-Last day of final exams (spring term): Mid-May

The complete UC Berkeley academic calendar is available at: <http://registrar.berkeley.edu/calendar>

(Please note that different registration/enrollment deadlines apply to participants in the Waseda AISP program at UC Berkeley.)

Selected summer courses available in advance of the program. Detailed information available upon request.

Summary:

Waseda AISP students at UC Berkeley study under a special arrangement offered by the Political Science Department. Students will take courses offered by the Political Science Dept. Once the applicants are accepted into AISP, they register at the University under concurrent enrollment status. The Concurrent Enrollment Program (UC Berkeley Extension) assists Waseda students with the documentation to obtain a non-immigrant visa document (I-20).

Academic Study

Students will take three courses per semester (12 units/semester) in Political Science. While course offerings vary each semester, and are subject to change, the requirement in the past was as follows:

Fall (example based on Fall 2025):

- Students will take 2 of the following Political Science Courses
 - Political Science 1: Introduction to American Politics - 4units
 - Political Science 5: Introduction to International Relations - 4units
- Students will choose from a set of 4-unit Political Science courses for their 3rd course.

Course List is subject to change based on department offerings

Spring (example based on Spring 2026):

- Students will take 2 of the following Political Science Courses
 - Political Science 1, Introduction to American Politics - 4 units (New Students Only)
 - Political Science 2, Introduction to Comparative Politics - 4 units (New and Full Year Students)
 - Political Science 149E, The Politics of Southeast Asia: Crisis, Conflict and Reform -4 units (New and Full Year Students)
- Students will choose from a set of 4-unit Political Science courses for their 3rd course.

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Students must complete a minimum of 8 units per semester chosen from the required courses to receive the completion certificate. Students must complete 12 units in total to maintain a student visa. Please note that space in many courses may be restricted and that we are unable to guarantee admission outside of the required courses.

Students wishing to take more than 12 units will be charged for the additional units (\$885/unit). ****Fee may be subject to change***

Students will receive a grade report after the completion of coursework at the end of each term and a certificate of program completion at the end of their stay.

Nationality

Enrollment is open to students of any nationality including the United States.

GPA

GPA requirement on the 4-point scale (Please also indicate any other specific requirements regarding grades). AISP does not have a specific GPA requirement. We rely on partner universities to refer students with the academic and language skills to succeed in a very rigorous program with intensive reading and writing requirements.

Housing and Meal Plan

Students are strongly encouraged to live at the UC Berkeley International House. They will live in double rooms. The Meal plan included in I-House accommodations includes 211 meals per Fall semester and 216 meals per Spring semester. Meals unused in Fall will not carry over to the Spring semester. Additional meals can be pre-purchased in blocks of 30 or 100 through ihdining@berkeley.edu.

Founded in 1928, International House is a residential and program center at the University of California at Berkeley dedicated to fostering peaceful interaction, understanding and friendship among people of all nations, races and cultures. I-House is a campus and community center of cultural exchange, providing residence for approximately 300 US and 300 international students and scholars. International House offers an extensive program of cultural, social, and recreational activities which include cultural celebrations, seminars, language tables, slide shows, coffee hours, parties, tours, and dance & aerobics classes. There is also a cafe that is open to the public. Additional information is available at <http://ihouse.berkeley.edu>

Please note that housing at International House is on a space available basis. It is important to apply immediately upon program acceptance to increase the chances of room availability.

Opportunities for Learning through Experience Facilitation Plan

Waseda students will have regular access to a program advisor in AISP. They are invited to participate in seminars and talks on campus and meet together regularly through AISP. In addition, students are part of the International House community of residents. The International House Program Office provides educational, cultural, social and recreational services for residents and members of International House. The Program Office specifically offers programs which contribute to building a sense of intercultural community for residents within the House; ongoing programs open to International House members; and activities strengthening linkages with the campus and the community. Community exploration trips provide students and scholars with the opportunity to understand the great diversity of the Bay Area with cultural performances and tours beyond the Bay Area.

Waseda students will have access to the UC Berkeley Cal 1 Card. This entitles you to a host of campus services including the Class Pass for public transportation, library privileges, access to the Recreational Sport Facility (RSF), and the ability to purchase dining points to use with CalDining. The Cal 1 Card is \$375 each term. (***Fees subject to change.***) ***Transcripts***

The Academic Transcripts for Waseda students will be issued by UC Berkeley University Extension Division and will be sent to their home country address. As a Concurrent Enrollment student, students will be enrolled in Berkeley-equivalent courses through University Extension.)

Web Page

University of California, Berkeley	http://www.berkeley.edu/
Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science	http://polisci.berkeley.edu/
UC Berkeley Extension's Concurrent Enrollment	http://extension.berkeley.edu/static/studentservices/concurrent/
International House	http://ihouse.berkeley.edu

Program Fees Per Student for 2027-2028***

Fee Name	Per Academic Year
Program Fee + Course Fee**	\$32,600
Housing(included meals)***	\$24,948
Other mandatory fee (Health Coverage)	\$1200 per semester
Other mandatory fee (Student fee)	\$500 per semester

**** The course fee is the minimum expected amount based on 2027-28. For some courses, such as conducted with a lab delivery format or instruction method, additional fees will be charged.**

***** Pending final housing fees and course unit fees.**

****** Tuition and any Fees are subject to change when you study abroad**