

2027-2028 Quota

Q1. Student quota: number of exchange students you can accommodate from Waseda University in the academic year 2027-2028 (please refer to the agreement)

3 students

General Information

Q1. Full name of your institution in English

The University of Washington (Seattle)

Q2. Brief introduction of your institution (up to 200 words) and the URL

The University of Washington is located in Seattle, on a beautifully green campus about 10 minutes away from downtown. The UW has earned an international reputation for its research and graduate programs in a host of disciplines, as well as its professional schools of Law, Medicine, and Nursing, among others. It is a leader in a variety of fields and was one of the first universities in the US to foster Asian studies, over a hundred years ago. Research is of great benefit to the broader community, and undergraduates benefit by learning from professors who are at the forefront of generating new knowledge. UW's graduate programs are among the most highly rated in the nation.

Facts & Figures

Founded in: 1861

Undergraduate students: 33,973 (Seattle campus)

Graduate students: 16,124 (Seattle campus)

Full-time faculty: 3859

Part-time faculty: 1308

Library holding: over 6 million e-journal articles and 7 million print volumes

UW Main Webpage <http://www.washington.edu>

Study Abroad visiting exchange <https://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/visitingexchange/>

Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies <https://jsis.washington.edu/>

UW Japan Studies <https://jsis.washington.edu/japan/>

The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies is an internationally recognized leader in advancing the understanding of and engagement in world issues. As one of the oldest and largest schools in the country to offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in international and area studies, we are dedicated to teaching and research that impact nations, communities, educators, and individuals. On this foundation the Jackson School builds community - not only for students but also faculty and staff – by collaborating with units across the University on high-impact learning.

The UW Japan Studies Program is a campus-wide center of funding supporting teaching, research, and students engaged in Japan Studies across many disciplines and is dedicated to furthering the understanding and knowledge of Japan. In partnership with the Jackson School the UW Japan Studies Program is the administrative home to the Waseda GLFP.

Q3. Categories of exchange students you will accept (e.g., undergraduate students with 2 semesters completed, graduate students, master's students, doctoral students)

Undergraduate only.

Current Waseda University students are invited to apply for the Global Leadership Program. Waseda students accepted to the program may enroll in Jackson School courses and will be a part of the Jackson School community but are encouraged to enroll in classes specific to their majors, and electives specific to the student's interests. Students will benefit from personalized advising through the Jackson School of International Studies, the UW Study Abroad office, and the department related to their major.

Q4. Do you admit undergraduate students without prior studies in the relevant disciplines?

Some upper-level courses have prerequisites; admittance is at the discretion of the instructor and/or the department.

Q5. Academic calendar 2027-28 (e.g., fall semester: Sep.-Dec., spring semester: Jan.-June)

<https://www.washington.edu/students/reg/2627cal.html>

Academic Calendar 2027-2028:

Autumn Quarter: September 29, 2027 - December 17, 2027

Winter Quarter: January 3, 2028 - March 17, 2028

Spring Quarter: March 27, 2028 - June 9, 2028

Q6. Is enrollment open to students of any nationality including your own country? If "no", please specify all restrictions.

Preference will be given to students who have not spent a significant period of education in the U.S.

Admission Requirements

Q7. GPA requirement on the 4-point scale (Please also indicate any other specific requirements regarding grades.)

3.0 / 4.0

Q8. Language(s) of instruction:

English

If it is English, please answer Q8-a and Q8-e

If it is other than English, please answer Q8-b, Q8-c and Q8-e.

If it varies from program to program, please answer all questions below.

Q8-a. TOEFL requirements: Please specify the required minimum score on the 1–6 TOEFL scale (instead of the previous 0–120 scale). If there are any minimum section-score requirements, please specify those as well.

Undergraduates

TOEFL (iBT): minimum 76, recommended 105 (prior to Jan. 21, 2026)

TOEFL: minimum 4, recommended 4.5 (effective Jan. 21, 2026)

Q8-b. Language proficiency requirement(s) other than English (please give details if you require minimum scores of any tests, specific language proficiency certificates, or any other language requirement):

IELTS: minimum 6.0, recommended 7.0

Duolingo: minimum 110, recommended 125

Q8-c. Tuition-waived L2 beginner courses in the local language (other than English) are available for exchange students through a year? If "yes", please go to Q8-d. If "no", please go to Q8-e.

None

Q8-d. How many class hours per week of the L2 beginner courses in the local language (other than English) do you have?

N/A

Q8-e. Is there any possibility that you may accept an exchange student whose language proficiency does not meet your admission requirement? If "yes", please go to Q8-f. If "no", please go to Q8-h.

No

Q8-f. If your answer to Q8-e is "yes", what level of language proficiency should the student preferably have before arriving at your institution? (e.g., beginner, daily conversation)

N/A

Q8-g. If your answer to Q8-e is "yes", please list programs and/or courses that the student may take. The programs and courses must be (1) open to exchange students, (2) tuition-waived and (3) 1-year long.

N/A

Q8-h. Do you offer sufficient courses in English for exchange students to meet your course load recommendations if they take only courses in English throughout the academic year?

Yes

Other Information

Q9. Programs and/or courses not open to exchange students from Waseda University

The following subject areas are competitive, and students should have a backup plan if they want to take courses through these departments: Architecture, Business, Communications, Computer Science, Design, Economics, Engineering, Law, Math, Psychology

The following departments have restrictions and are not open to visiting exchange students:

- Professional programs and [fee-based programs](#) including those offered by the Foster School of Business, Information School, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and School of Pharmacy
- Art/Design studio courses

Access to all other courses is on a space-available basis, provided students meet prerequisites.

Q10. Types of accommodation available to exchange students and estimated fees

Note: costs vary widely depending on room occupancy, dormitory of choice, particular type of meal plan.

- On-campus dormitories: <https://hfs.uw.edu/housing-agreements/Rates>. For full information on options, see <https://hfs.uw.edu/Home>
- Off-campus apartment or house can range from \$600-2000 per month depending on type of housing.

Q11. How much will estimated room and board fees be for a 10-month stay? Please tell us a rough overall amount in your currency (ex. 5000 euro).

USD \$18,858

Q11-a. Please break down the overall amount answered in Q11.

<https://admit.washington.edu/costs/coa/>

Costs listed below are estimates for the academic year (fall, winter, spring quarter). Actual Student expenses may vary

Undergraduates

Tuition: covered by waiver

U-Pass: \$243 (public bus/train pass)

Room & Board (on-campus): \$18,858

Health Insurance: \$1,611 (see below for information on possible waiver of required insurance)

Books and Supplies: \$900

Personal Expenses: \$2,508

Q12. Number of courses you would recommend an exchange student should take during one semester.

Average is 3 courses (15 credits) per quarter. Minimum for visa purposes is 12 credits per quarter.

If students register for more than 18 credits, they will need to pay the per-credit tuition cost for any credits after 18.

Q13. Mandatory fees Waseda students must pay to your institution

1. U-pass (bus/train pass): \$243 annually
2. Insurance: approximately \$1,611 for the year * (students who have comparable insurance coverage may be eligible to apply for an insurance waiver upon arrival)

Q14. Insurance plan: Is an exchange student required to purchase a compulsory insurance plan (e.g., health insurance plan) designated by your university or country? If "yes", how much does it cost?

Yes

Insurance: \$1,611 for the three quarters

Q14-a. If your answer to Q14 is "yes", is a waiver available, provided that the student purchases an insurance plan designated by Waseda University? Please state specific "conditions" if any.

Yes, students must meet certain criteria and show proof of comparable coverage to obtain the waiver.

For the most updated information, please refer to the ISHIP website:

<https://iship.washington.edu/insurance-program/insurance-waiver/>

Application Information

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Q15. Application documents

Step 1: Apply through the WASEDA GLFP process:

GLFP applicants must be nominated by Waseda home institution to be invited to apply for the general UW Visiting Exchange Student application.

Step 2: UW Exchange Application:

Exchange students must be officially nominated by their home university. Once a student is nominated, they'll receive a link to the UW Study Abroad application. Students can get further information about the application and the exchange program details on the Visiting Student Exchange website: <https://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/visitingexchange/>

Undergraduate applicants can submit everything online, they don't need to send anything by mail.

1. Unofficial transcript
2. Verification of English Proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo)
3. Copy of information page of passport
4. Official bank letter or bank statement (only required after admission). Students will be asked to show proof of non-tuition expenses for the duration of their exchange. Details and required amounts can be found on the [Proof of Finances](#) page.

Q15-a. Application deadlines

UW Study Abroad General Application: April 1

Q15-b. Anticipated dates for notification of admission

Mid-May to early June

Q17. Any comments and other useful information (e.g., visa, orientation, local information)

Upon admission, international exchange students will receive a DS-2019 form to apply for a J-1 visa.

International Student Orientation is normally scheduled for mid-September (The date will be confirmed once students are admitted). Students who plan to live in the residence halls may apply for Early Arrival Housing in August and move into a temporary room during orientation until the residence hall move-in date.