
Admission Policy

School of Law

At Waseda University School of Law, we seek to admit a broad range of talented and highly ambitious students who share our educational philosophy and who, by studying together based on our educational principles, aim to become leaders in their various fields and to open up new horizons with their own ability. With this in mind, we expect our newly enrolled students to have abilities going beyond ordinary examination skills and knowledge. One of these is the basic academic ability to cope with a specialist education in law after matriculating, as well as education in languages and liberal arts. Another is the ability to find links between these and to analyze and combine them logically. Our students should also be able to think for themselves and seek the truth with strong determination and no fear of any authority.

To admit students with abilities such as these, we first select candidates based on a general entrance examination, including questions specifically designed for applicants to the School of Law. As well as testing basic knowledge, we use these to test the applicants' ability to discuss that knowledge as a cohesive whole, and their ability to understand context. This indicates our desire to recruit students who have this level of attainment and ability.

In addition to the above, we positively seek to admit a diverse range of students, including those from other parts of Japan and students who have a broad vision based on wide-ranging learning. To this end, we select candidates via entrance examinations using multi-subject tests set by the National Center for University Entrance Examinations.

We also aim to admit outstanding students from all over Japan who strongly desire to join our School, and who, as well as having ample academic ability, are endowed with other qualities that are required for activity in various fields and cannot be measured through written tests alone, such as a sense of responsibility and leadership ability. For this purpose, we admit students through a variety of recommendation systems.

Besides the above, we admit students from Japan and abroad through systems of entrance examinations for foreign students and Japanese students returning from abroad, and examinations for admission at postgraduate level. Based on these systems, Waseda University School of Law provides opportunities for collective study and interaction by a diverse range of students from different origins and backgrounds, who could eventually serve as leaders in their respective fields.