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About Waseda

As the second private college to be founded in Japan, Waseda University is considered one of Japan's most prestigious universities, consistently ranking among the top universities in Japan. The university has many notable alumni, including seven Japanese Prime Ministers and many CEOs throughout the world.

Established in 1882 as the Tōkyō Senmon Gakkō or Tōkyō College by Ōkuma Shigenobu, the school was renamed Waseda University in 1902 after the founder's hometown village. The university consists of 13 undergraduate schools and 23 graduate schools and is one of the 13 universities to make up the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's "Global 30" Project.

International Studies Program

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Global Leadership Fellows Program at Waseda University

Junior Year Abroad in Tokyo, Japan





“Japanese university culture seems to center around applying assigned texts to uses outside of their initial presentation. As a student of development, this is key to understanding how theory can be applied to help solve the world’s current problems. Based on my brief experience with the Global Leadership Fellowship, I am re-energized to seek out ways in which learning inside Hopkins classrooms can be applied to my academic interests.”

Elyse Oliver, Class of 2018
International Studies & Sociology

Waseda GLFP

The **Global Leadership Fellows Program (GLFP)** is a unique junior year abroad program at Waseda University in Tokyo. The aim GLFP is to nurture leaders who can function confidently in an increasingly borderless world and make decisions that are principled, balanced, and informed. GLFP selects students of ambition and ability from Waseda and several prominent American universities, brings them together, immerses them in one another's culture, and through imaginative pedagogical techniques turns them into budding leaders who:

- understand and appreciate both Asian and western histories, cultures, values and societies
- possess high intelligence and strong communication skills
- are capable of critical analysis and able to develop persuasive arguments
- have a clear moral sense, courage and a desire to serve community and society

Course of Study

1. Disciplinary courses

Students will choose from courses offered in the schools of Political Science & Economics, International Liberal Studies, Science & Engineering, Commerce, and Social Science. Students may also take Japanese language.

2. Courses in Global Leadership Studies

These courses will focus on Asian and western history, culture, religion, political science, economics, business, technology, leadership studies, and ethics.

3. U.S.-Japan Zemi

The zemi is a unique Japanese-style collaborative seminar and small-group pedagogical method. In small groups, students focus on a specific issue in the Asia-Pacific region that has global significance. They will conduct research, debate, plan joint projects and devise field studies on this issue. The zemi is not only a seminar; it's a community.

4. Global Leadership Fellows Seminar

The seminar is designed to broaden students' perspectives on leadership, and challenges them to practice the art of leadership itself.



“I was thoroughly impressed with Waseda University’s efforts to live up to its mandate as an international university, and it led me to think that future Hopkins GLFP participants can definitely benefit and foster successful leadership skills through the program.”

Danny Jeon, Class of 2018
International Studies &
East Asian Studies major

Application Information

Academic Year: September 25th to July 31st

Application Deadline: March 1st

More information on the academic calendar and breaks can be found at:

<http://www2.cie-waseda.jp/glp/us/calendar/>

Eligibility:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Compelling interest in global issues and a desire to assume a leadership role in the student's major or desired profession
- No Japanese language required

Housing

Students will live in a dorm called the Waseda Hoshien International House, which is about a 5 minute walk from the Waseda campus. All students will have single rooms.

For more information, contact **Jessica Fedderly**, Academic Program Coordinator for East Asian Studies & International Studies, at jfedderly@jhu.edu.

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