

2026-2027 Academic Year
Waseda Law School
Information for Exchange Students

1. Course Selection

Waseda Law School (WLS) will offer about 12 courses conducted in English in Fall 2026. Most of the courses are semester-long two-credit courses that meet once a week for one semester, spending 100 minutes each time.

Please note that the exchange students must attend 10 or more hours of courses (6 or more courses) per week in Waseda Law School. This is a legal requirement, and if the student fails to register for at least 10 hours of courses per week, the “Student” status of residence will be terminated. Please be sure to attend 10 or more hours of courses.

For your reference, the courses in Fall 2026 are as follows (tentative):

No.	Day	Period	Course	Number of Credits
1	Mon.	2	Pacific Settlement of International Disputes	2
2	Tue.	2	Civil Law in Japan	2
3	Tue.	3	Constitutional Law in Japan	2
4	Tue.	4	Comparative Financial Law	2
5	Wed.	5	[Mandatory course] Introduction to Japanese Law	2
6	Thu.	4	Civil Dispute Resolution in Japan	2
7	Fri.	2	Criminal Justice in Japan	2
8	TBA		Regulation of Financial Markets in Japan	2
9	TBA		Patent Law in Japan	2
10	TBA		Copyright Law in Japan	2
11	TBA		Global Economy and the Law relating to Secured Transactions in Japan	2
12	TBA		Comparative Studies of Intellectual Property Law	2

* You can search the syllabus at <<https://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA101.php?pLng=en>>.

* The final course list for Fall 2026 will be announced in the orientation.

2. Visa

Due to the regulations under the immigration law in Japan, a non-Japanese exchange student is required to enter Japan with a valid “Student” visa. A "Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)" will be forwarded to a student as soon as WLS receive it from Tokyo Immigration Bureau around August. The student is required to submit the CoE to Japanese Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan in your area of your country with a valid your passport to obtain a “Student” visa. Please be sure to obtain a “Student” visa before departure.

Note:

The exchange students at Waseda University must enter Japan with the “Student” status of residence even if their stay in Japan is less than 90 days. Those who enter Japan with a visa waiver status or a different status of residence have to leave Japan once, and then enter again with a “Student” visa. WLS cannot make any special arrangements for those planning to enter Japan earlier.

3. Accommodations

For your reference, we will provide the following information for accommodations offered by the Residence Life Center of Waseda University.

【English】

- Waseda University Property Management Corp.
<https://waseda-housingsupport.com/>
- Waseda University Academic Solutions Corporation
<https://www.w-as.jp/international/homestay/english.html>

Note:

Please be advised that Waseda University faces serious problems regarding lack of accommodation for exchange students. Accordingly, in many cases exchange students must look for their accommodation on their own.

4. Schedule

Fall semester classes will start on October 1 (Thu.), 2026 and the Orientation Session will be held on September 29 (Tue.), 2026. Exchange students must attend the Orientation Session. Fall semester classes end on February 2 (Tue.), 2027 at Waseda University, however the exchange students enrolled at WLS can finish their study at WLS on December 19 (Sat.), 2026 by fulfilling substitute assignments.

< Fall Semester 2026 (Tentative) >

Sep. 29 (Tue.)	Orientation session Intensive lecture on Japanese law (1)
Sep. 30 (Wed.)	Intensive lecture on Japanese law (2)
Oct. 1 (Thu.)	WLS classes begin
Oct. 7 (Wed.)	Deadline for WLS course registration
Dec. 19 (Sat.)	Last classes for exchange students
Dec. 22 (Tue.) - Jan. 5 (Tue.), 2027	Winter vacation
Feb. 2 (Tue.)	Fall semester ends
Feb. 3 (Wed.) - Mar. 31 (Wed.)	Spring vacation

5. Japanese Language Course [Optional]

The Center for Japanese Language of Waseda University (CJL) offers Japanese language courses from beginners to advanced learners. Exchange students enrolled at WLS are not required to pay for the Japanese language course fees. Please visit the following website for your reference.

CJL website: <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/cjl/en/>

6. Health Insurance

“Student” visa holders must register for the National Health Insurance (Kokumin Kenkou Hoken) at the city office where they submit a “moving-in notification” (Tennyu todoke). The insurance will cover 70% of your medical charges. If you need further information or assistance, please contact the person in charge at the city office when you register the insurance.

7. Office of WLS and Summer Vacation 2026

WLS is located in Building #8 at Waseda Campus, Waseda University. The WLS office is on the 4th floor, which opens 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. The university will be closed from August 6 to August 16, 2026.

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