

JAPAN

Waseda Graduate School of Business and Finance

The Graduate School of Commerce (GSC) at Waseda University was established in 1882 when the university was founded. In 2007, the GSC integrated two programs to form an MBA degree program. In 2016, the MBA program was spun off from the GSC and merged with the Graduate School of Finance, Accounting and Law to form the Graduate School of Business and Finance.

The school has educated thousands of talented people who have become leaders in business, industry, politics and socio-cultural fields not only in Japan but also in many other parts of the world. WBS is one of only two business schools in Japan that have been accredited by both EQUIS and AACSB. The WBS International MBA Program has been ranked third in Japan while the Master of Science in Finance Program has been placed first in Japan by the QS World University Rankings 2025

The school's mission is to create actionable management knowledge, to develop insightful leaders with global perspectives and to form a learning community. Since business and economic activities transcend national borders, the school promotes an international understanding through academic exchange programs and educates young people with a clear focus on international business.

The school is located in Tokyo, the business and political center of the world's third largest economy and a hub that connects to the rest of Asia. Tokyo is home to most of the Fortune 500 Japanese firms and most Japanese subsidiaries of Fortune 500 multinational firms.

FACILITIES/HOUSING

Waseda School of Business is located in Shinjuku-ku, a major commercial and administrative center in Tokyo.

Exchange students can apply for a space in the Waseda University International Dormitories (WID). These dormitories are offered exclusively to local and international students of the Waseda University. The Kyoritsu Maintenance, a housing agency, operated these WID. For more housing information can be found at <https://wasedalife.com/?lang=en>.

Some students choose to stay in private apartments, shared housing or with home-stay families. The Waseda University Student Housing Center also posts information on apartment and shared housing on its website <https://waseda-housingsupport.com/>.

SEMESTER DATES (Approximate Dates)

Fall Semester:	Orientation week: Mid-September
	Class starts: Early-October
	Class ends: Late-January (including final exams)

Spring Semester: Orientation week: Late-March
 Class starts: Early-April
 Class ends: Late-July (including final exams)

**Note: If students study at Waseda in Fall, they cannot study at USC following Spring semester.*

WORKLOAD

Students can take elective and bilingual courses offered in the MBA program and elective core subjects offered in the Master of Science in Finance Program. Normally one Waseda course is worth 2 Waseda units. Marshall students must take a minimum of five courses with a maximum of seven courses.

UNIT VALUE AND CONVERSION

1 Waseda unit = 1 USC unit
 Minimum: 10 Waseda/USC units Maximum: 14 Waseda/USC Units

MINIMUM PASSING GRADE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN USC CREDITS

B (70-79%) or better

ESTIMATED COSTS This is an estimated student budget. All costs are subject to change without notice.

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Tokyo, Japan	
Item	Estimated Amt in US Dollars
USC MBA Tuition Rate (Maximum 14 units x \$2421* per unit)	\$33,894.00
Room and Board	\$6,000.00
Food	\$3,000.00
Books and Supplies	\$1,200.00
Airfare	\$2,000.00
Local Transportation	\$1,500.00
USC Health Insurance*	\$1,977.00
Insurance at Host Institute	\$300.00
Visa	\$100.00
Passport	\$140.00
Vaccinations/Health Fees	\$300.00
Miscellaneous/Personal	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$52,411.00

**Rate based on Spring 2025*

Further information can be found at Waseda University's website:

<https://www.waseda.jp/fcom/wbs/en>