Waseda University
Tokyo, Japan
www.waseda.jp/top/index-e.html

Fast facts
- Language of instruction: English and Japanese
- Number of students enrolled: 53,000
- Number of campuses: 7
- Academic year: September - August
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: September - February
- Spring Semester Equivalent: April - August

Location and Language

Studying at Waseda offers the opportunity to live in Tokyo, Japan’s capital city, home to the most extensive mass transit system in the world.

Waseda University's main campus is located in the Nishi-Waseda district of Shinjuku, Tokyo.

Exchange students from Nottingham normally study in the School for International Liberal Studies (SILS) where classes are taught in English. The majority of SILS courses deal with topics in Asian culture, history, society, politics, economy, geography, arts and literature. Waseda also provides the opportunity for students to learn Japanese at regular language classes which run from elementary level. However other academic disciplines are increasingly teaching in English.

Things to do

According to Lonely Planet, Tokyo is one of the best destinations in the world for food, nightlife and shopping. Top Attractions: Tsukiji Central Fish Market, Akihabara Electric Town (Denki-Gai), Golden Gai, Shibuya shopping district and Ueno Zoo (Ueno Dōbutsu-en)

Travel opportunities

Tokyo has two large airports: Narita for international flights and Haneda for mostly domestic flights including shuttle services to and from Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong. The capital offers an excellent base for exploring Japan including cities such as Osaka. Mount Fuji, an iconic snow-topped volcano and the highest peak in Japan, is a popular tourist destination and is located to the west of Tokyo.

Climate

The average annual temperature in Tokyo is 16°C, August being the hottest month and January the coldest. There is about a 20°C difference between summer and winter.

Finance 2018/19

Bursaries available:
- Means tested Global Travel Bursary of £750 dependent on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the financial webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme).
- The JASSO scholarship may provide generous funding to one student from the University of Nottingham each year. One undergraduate student per cohort is nominated for the scholarship depending on academic performance. Further information is available here: http://www.jasso.go.jp/study_j/scholarships_e.html

Approximate living costs per semester:

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Approximate living costs compiled from external sources and the partner university website.

Waseda University recommend that you prepare at least 160,000 Yen per month to cover all living costs. Deflation and market pressures have helped to make costs in Tokyo comparable to most other large cities around the world.

Accommodation

- Most students are allocated a room in one of the dormitories for international students located near campus. Students apply for housing once they have been accepted to study at Waseda and allocations will be made on arrival.
- Some students choose to live in apartments, which must be arranged independently. Students who wish to live in private accommodation should be very aware of accommodation costs.

Further information about accommodation is available from:

Application success rate

2016/17 = 25%
2017/18 = 40%
(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)