

Appendix: School of International Liberal Studies

1. APPLICATION FORM

Access the following URL and submit your application during the designated period;

https://admissions-office.net/ja/applicant/university_recruitments/11174

2. ADMISSION POLICY

<https://www.waseda.jp/fire/sils/en/about/overview/>

3. DEGREE PROGRAM

◆ B.A. in International Liberal Studies

- The School provides two education curriculums: “Study Plan 1 (SP1)” and “Study Plan 2 (SP2)”, depending on the student’s language proficiency. You may select and apply for the curriculum suitable for you by referring to the table below and the descriptions on the following URL;

<https://www.waseda.jp/fire/sils/en/about/curriculum/>

	SP1	SP2
Definition	Students whose first language is Japanese and who have no difficulty in taking classes in Japanese (with reading, speaking, listening and writing skills in native-level Japanese in academic context)	Students whose first language is not Japanese. Those students whose first language is Japanese, however, may choose to take Study Plan 2 if they expect to experience difficulty in taking classes in Japanese, or if they have resided in a foreign country for an extended period of time.
One-Year Study Abroad	Mandatory	Optional
Major Differences in Curriculum	-First Year Seminar A (conducted in Japanese) -Cannot take Japanese Language courses	-Cannot take First Year Seminar A (conducted in Japanese) -Mandatory Japanese Language courses (exempted depending on level)

- As a rule, classes are held in English whichever Study Plan you choose and the same courses are offered to both Study Plans except for the differences mentioned in the above table.
- Your choice of Study Plan does not influence the admission decision.
- The Study Plan you indicate might be changed as a result of the screening. Your Study Plan will be indicated on the online application system at the time of result announcement.
- You CANNOT change your Study Plan after enrollment.

4. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

You must meet both A and B of the following requirements.

A	<p>Academic Transcript Submit the most recent academic transcript issued by your high school.</p> <p>*The transcripts must show your high school percentile for all subjects you have taken during Grade 10 and Grade 11 with official seal.</p> <p>*The transcripts must show Grade Rank Percentage during Grade 10 and Grade 11 and your Average Grades(総平均) must be ranked within the top 40% and your English(英文) must be ranked within the top 30% in Grade Rank Percentage.</p>
B	<p>English Proficiency Test Score Submit one of the following English proficiency test results;</p> <p>* Please refer to the Application Guide for the specific validity period of the scores.</p> <p>1. TOEFL iBT*: 86 points or higher ONLY scores sent directly from the organization will be considered valid. Arrange to have your score directly sent from ETS. (Waseda University Code:9342) - TOEFL ITP, TOEFL iBT Home Edition, TOEFL iBT Paper Edition and “MyBest Scores” are not acceptable.</p> <p>2. IELTS (Academic): 6.5 or higher ONLY scores sent directly from the organization will be considered valid. Arrange to have your score sent electronically directly from the testing organization using the following information. Institution: Waseda University Department: Admissions Center Address: 1-6-1, Nishi-waseda, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, 169-8050 Japan, Admissions Center, Waseda University Delivery Method: Electronic Score Delivery - IELTS (General training), IELTS indicator, and IELTS Online are not accepted - IELTS One Skill Retake is not accepted</p> <p>* Only test scores taken at a test center are accepted.</p>

5. ESSAYS

◆ Plans

- Enter your descriptions about both "TOPIC No. 1" and "TOPIC No. 2".

TOPIC No.1: Describe what you plan to study for 4 years at SILS, explaining the areas of study you intend to focus on and give specific reasons. (around 150-200 words)

TOPIC No.2: Describe how you see your future path after graduating from SILS. (around 150-200 words)

◆ English Essay

- Write an essay in English on your own in accordance with the following instructions.

Identify a significant international event which took place in the last year and explain why you think it was important. Explain your choice within 600 words.

*Your essay, personal statement, research plan, etc. are a chance to explain yourself to the school and should be completed by yourself. Using generative AI to create these documents and presenting them as your own work may be considered as cheating and could affect the evaluation of your application.

◆ Academic Honors & Extra-curricular Activities

- If you would like to tell us your academic honors or extra-curricular activities, choose up to three honors/activities as you think best in order. (150-200 words for each honor/activity)
- Information to be entered in these fields are limited to experience acquired **after graduating from junior high school or completing the first half of secondary schooling.**
- **Up to three activities** can be entered in the designated form. Choose the best according to your experiences.
- Prepare a PDF version of a certificate, brochure, article or other document to prove your activities. (It can be photocopies but make sure to prepare a certificate that bears the name of the applicant and period of activities / honors.) You also may use the following template.
TEMPLATE: https://www.waseda.jp/fire/sils/assets/uploads/2025/06/Template_Proof-of-Honors-and-Activities.pdf
Photographs cannot be used as certificates. **Undocumented claims are considered invalid.**
- If the certificates are written in languages other than English, attach a translation as instructed in "STEP 2 Prepare the Necessary Documents".

6. SCHOOL FEES

(in Japanese yen)

	2026	2027		2028		2029		2030
	Fall*	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Admission Fee (Registration Fee)	200,000							
Tuition Fee	745,000	745,000	845,000	845,000	845,000	845,000	845,000	845,000
Student Health Promotion Mutual Aid Association Membership Fee	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Alumni Association Membership Fee								40,000
Total	946,500	746,500	846,500	846,500	846,500	846,500	846,500	886,500

* Must be paid upon entry during the designated first enrollment period.

Notes of fees and payment:

- The amount of fees indicated above is subject to change.
- From the second year on, the School Expenses and other fees include Tuition and Waseda University Student Health Promotion Mutual Aid Association Fees (Student Health Insurance Fee). In addition, JPY 40,000 for the Alumni Association Membership Fee (automatic enrollment in the Alumni Association for up to 10 years after graduation) is required for the fourth year.
- Waseda University uses an automatic account transfer system for payment of School Expenses and other fees. School Expenses and other fees for the spring semester are scheduled to be deducted from your registered bank account on May 5. From the second year on, School Expenses and other fees for the fall semester will be deducted from your registered bank account on October 5. If financial institutions are closed on May 5 or October 5 due to public holiday or the like, the account transfer will be processed on the next following business day.