

University of Chicago

General Information

Q1. Full name of your institution in English

University of Chicago

Q2. Brief introduction of your institution (up to 200 words) and the URL

The University of Chicago was founded in 1890 as a private university emphasizing research and graduate education. John D. Rockefeller provided the initial funding for the University, and William Rainey Harper served as its first president. Throughout its history the University has had a major presence in American higher education and has been the locus of ground-breaking research in various disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.

Within the University, the undergraduate College is devoted to the liberal arts. In addition to its well-known "Core" courses, it offers courses in a full array of academic subjects, but not including Business, Medicine, or Law (which are graduate subjects at Chicago). All undergraduates at Chicago (approximately 6,000) are students in the College.

The University occupies a 217-acre campus (designated officially as a Botanic Garden) in the neighborhood of Hyde Park, a largely residential community on the shore of Lake Michigan and approximately six miles from the city center. The majority of students live within walking distance of the University, either in campus housing or in neighborhood apartments.

For a more complete history and profile of the University, go to: <http://www.uchicago.edu/about/history/>

Q3. Student quota: number of exchange students you can accommodate from Waseda University in the academic year 2020-2021 (please refer to the agreement)

1 undergraduate student

Q4. Categories of exchange students you will accept (e.g., undergraduate students with 2 semesters completed, graduate students, master's students, doctoral students)

The College of the University of Chicago will accept a qualified undergraduate student who has completed at least two semesters of coursework at Waseda. While there is no disciplinary restriction, the student should have an informed view of which subjects are taught (at the undergraduate level) and which are not.

Q5. Do you admit undergraduate students without prior studies in the relevant disciplines?

Generally speaking, a student should have some background (minimally, one or two courses) in his or her discipline before taking up work at Chicago.

Q6. Academic calendar 2019-20 (e.g., fall semester: Sep.-Dec., spring semester: Jan.-June)

The academic year at UChicago consists of three eleven-week quarters. (Summer constitutes a fourth quarter, not considered part of the regular academic year and not available to the visiting Waseda student.)

In 2019-20 the dates of the three quarters are these:

Autumn Quarter	Oct 1 to Dec 14, 2019
Winter Quarter	Jan 6 to Mar 21, 2020
Spring Quarter	Mar 30 to Jun 13, 2020

Entering students, including non-degree visiting students, are normally expected to arrive on campus nine or ten days before the beginning of the quarter for Orientation Week.

Q7. Is enrollment open to students of any nationality including your own country? If "no", please specify all restrictions.

There is no restriction as to nationality.

Admission Requirements

Q8. GPA requirement on the 4-point scale (Please also indicate any other specific requirements regarding grades.)

3.0

Q9. Language(s) of instruction:

English

If it is English, please answer Q9-a and Q9-e

If it is other than English, please answer Q9-b, Q9-c and Q9-e.

If it varies from program to program, please answer all questions below.

Q9-a. TOEFL requirements: Please specify required minimum scores on PBT, CBT and iBT. Please add section-score requirements if there are any (e.g., CBT: 22 on each section for all programs).

Undergraduates

iBT: Students are expected to have a minimum total score of 104. The minimum acceptable subscore for each part of the exam is 26.

Q9-b. *Language proficiency requirement(s) other than English (please give details if you require minimum scores of any tests, specific language proficiency certificates, or any other language requirement):*

IELTS: The minimum acceptable scores are 7 overall with four subscores of 7 each.

Q9-c. *Tuition-waived L2 beginner courses in the local language (other than English) are available for exchange students through a year? If "yes", please go to Q9-d. If "no", please go to Q9-e.*

No

Q9-d. *How many class hours per week of the L2 beginner courses in the local language (other than English) do you have?*

Q9-e. *Is there any possibility that you may accept an exchange student whose language proficiency does not meet your admission requirement? If "yes", please go to Q9_f. If "no", please go to Q9_h.*

No

Q9-f. *If your answer to Q9-e is "yes", what level of language proficiency should the student preferably have before arriving at your institution? (e.g., beginner, daily conversation)*

Q9-g. *If your answer to Q9-e is "yes", please list programs and/or courses that the student may take. The programs and courses must be (1) open to exchange students, (2) tuition-waived and (3) 1-year long.*

Q9-h. *Do you offer sufficient courses in English for exchange students to meet your course load recommendations if they take only courses in English throughout the academic year?*

All courses are taught in English regardless of the subject. The College does not offer remedial courses in the English language. There are a few writing courses pitched at a sophisticated level. The visiting student should be prepared to take subject-specific courses taught in English and, in many cases, requiring the submission of written assignments.

Other Information

Q10. *Programs and/or courses not open to exchange students from Waseda University*

All undergraduate courses are available to the Waseda exchange student, subject to the normal restrictions that apply equally to degree-seeking students (class size limits, prerequisites, instructor permission, etc.). Please note that the College does not offer courses in Engineering, Business, Law, or Medicine, but visiting and exchange students can register for one course only per quarter in any of the following professional schools: Booth School of Business, the Law School, the School of Social Service Administration, and the Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies. Also, exchange students should be warned that Economics at Chicago is taught essentially as an advanced branch of mathematics and that even the introductory Economics sequence requires the completion of a full year of university-level Calculus. Students may refer to the College Catalog (<http://collegecatalog.uchicago.edu/>) to get a sense of the available courses.

The Waseda exchange student shall have full access to athletic facilities, student clubs, and Regenstein Library (an open-stack research library of 11,000,000 print and electronic volumes).

Q11. *Types of accommodation available to exchange students and estimated fees*

On-campus housing (residence halls) will not be available for 2019-20. Exchange students may elect to procure their own housing (normally a shared apartment) in the University neighborhood.

Q12. *How much will estimated room and board fees be for a 10-month stay? Please tell us a rough overall amount in your currency (ex. 5000 euro).*

Between \$13,500 – 17,000

Q12-a. *Please break down the overall amount answered in Q12.*

Room: \$8,000 to \$10,000 depending upon room type

Board: \$5,500 to \$7,000

These figures do not of course include round-trip transportation between Japan and the United States, books and supplies, and personal expenses. Nor do they include the University's student health insurance (required unless the student comes with an insurance policy of similar coverage), and other school fees.

The UChicago Office of Financial Aid estimates Books & Supplies at \$1800 and Personal Miscellaneous at \$2,175. The University medical insurance (USHIP) has an annual premium of \$4,566 for 2019-20.

Q13. *Number of courses you would recommend an exchange student should take during one semester.*

Visiting and exchange students are required to take a minimum of three courses per quarter but can take up to four courses per quarter, ranging from nine - twelve for the three-quarter academic year. A student taking fewer than three courses per quarter would be considered a part-time student, and his or her student visa would become invalid. Registration for a fourth course per quarter would not generate an additional tuition charge for the exchange student.

Q14. *Mandatory fees Waseda students must pay to your institution*

Student Life Fee is now called Student Services Fee and is \$446 per quarter

Student Insurance \$4,566 for 2019-20

College Class Fee has been waived for all ISALs starting 2019-20, so no College Class fee for 2020-21.

Q15. *Insurance plan: Is an exchange student required to purchase a compulsory insurance plan (e.g., health insurance plan) designated by your university or country? If "yes", how much does it cost?*

No, but all registered students are required to carry health insurance. Most international students will subscribe to the University of Chicago's student health insurance plan. It is possible to waive the University insurance if the student demonstrates that he or she is covered by a comparable non-University plan.

Q15-a. *If your answer to Q15 is "yes", is a waiver available, provided that the student purchases an insurance plan designated by Waseda University? Please state specific "conditions" if any.*

The student may apply for a waiver of the University student insurance if he or she demonstrates a comparable coverage from an independent insurance provider. For further information, please consult this website: <http://wellness.uchicago.edu/page/u-ship-information>.

Application Information

Q16. *Application documents*

Student-at-Large (visiting student) application (including a statement of purpose)

Waseda academic transcript

One letter of recommendation

At this point we still use a paper application for exchange students. At some point this will likely become an on-line application.

Q16-a. Application deadlines

April 15

Q16-b. Anticipated dates for notification of admission

Mid-May

Q17. Any comments and other useful information (e.g., visa, orientation, local information)

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Exchange students are admitted in the autumn quarter only. A week-long orientation for entering degree-seeking and visiting students precedes the first day of classes. The Waseda student should plan to be in residence at the University that week. For the 2019-20 academic year, orientation will begin on Saturday, September 21; classes will begin on Tuesday, October 1.

For further information, the Waseda candidate may wish to consult the websites for the University (<http://www.uchicago.edu/>) and the College (<http://college.uchicago.edu/>).
