

2026-2027 Quota

Q1. Student quota: number of exchange students you can accommodate from Waseda University in the academic year 2026-2027 (please refer to the agreement)

1 student

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 UChicago (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. Most 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. 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.

Q4. Do you admit undergraduate students without prior studies in the relevant disciplines?

A student should have some background (minimally, one or two courses) in his or her discipline before taking up work at UChicago.

Q5. Academic calendar 2026-27 (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 2024-25 the dates of the three quarters are these:

Autumn 2026: September 28, 2026—December 12, 2026

Winter 2027: January 4, 2027—March 13, 2027

Spring 2027: March 22, 2027—June 5, 2027

You can check the academic calendar for future years at <https://www.uchicago.edu/academics/calendar/>

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

Q6. 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

Q7. GPA requirement on the 4-point scale (Please also indicate any other specific requirements regarding grades.)

3.0

Q8. Language(s) of instruction:

English

If it is English, please answer Q8-a and Q8-e.

If it is other than English, please answer Q8-b, Q8-c, and Q8-e.

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

Q8-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).

IBT: Students are expected to have a minimum total score of 104. The minimum acceptable sub-score for each part of the exam is 26. We will accept My Best Score as well.

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

DuoLingo: The minimum acceptable score is 135 overall with sub-scores of 135 each.

Q8-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):

Q8-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 Q8-d. If "no", please go to Q8-e.

Q8-d. How many class hours per week of the L2 beginner courses in the local language (other than English) do you have?

Q8-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 Q8_f. If "no", please go to Q8_h.

No. The College does not offer remedial courses to improve English language proficiency. There are a few writing technique 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.

Q8-f. If your answer to Q8-e is "yes", what level of language proficiency should the student preferably have before arriving at your institution? (e.g., beginner, daily conversation)

Q8-g. If your answer to Q8-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.

Q8-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.

Other Information

Q9. 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, Law, or Medicine, but visiting and exchange students can register for courses in most of the professional schools including the following: 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) whenever these activities and offices are available to the general student body.

Q10. Types of accommodation available to exchange students and estimated fees.

On-campus housing (residence halls) is not available. Exchange students need to procure their own housing (normally a shared apartment) in the University neighborhood.

Q11. 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).

Estimated \$18,000 for AY 2025-26.

Q11-a. Please break down the overall amount answered in Q11.

Room: \$10,000 to \$12,000 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 provides proof of another insurance policy of similar coverage), and other required school fees. The UChicago

Office of Financial Aid estimates Books & Supplies at \$1800 and Personal Miscellaneous at \$2,000. The University medical insurance (USHIP) has an annual premium of \$5,145 for 2025-26.

Q12. 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 and maximum of four courses per quarter, ranging from nine to twelve courses for the three-quarter academic year. If a student took fewer than three courses per quarter, they would be considered a part-time student, and their student visa would become invalid.

Q13. Mandatory fees Waseda students must pay to your institution.

Student Services Fee is \$541 per quarter for 2025-26.

UPass (a Chicago area discounted rate transportation pass) is \$106 per quarter for 2025-26.

2026-27 is not yet set at this time.

Q14. 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 USHIP (annual premium is \$5,145 for 2023-24). It is possible to waive the University insurance if the student demonstrates that he or she is covered by a comparable non-University plan.

Q14-a. If your answer to Q14 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 comparable coverage from an independent insurance provider. For further information, please consult this website:

<http://wellness.uchicago.edu/page/u-ship-information>.

Application Information

Q15. Application documents

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

Waseda academic transcript

One letter of recommendation

Student CV or resume

Language proficiency test scores

Applications are now submitted through an online portal. Dates for portal opening and deadline closure will be sent to partners ahead of time.

<https://prospects.uchicago.edu/register/?id=d592d0a4-7f91-4b01-a1e7-831ca49ceb98>

Q15-a. Application deadlines

April 15

Q15-b. Anticipated dates for notification of admission

Mid-May

Q16. Any comments and other useful information (e.g., visa, orientation, local information)

The coordinator will manage the application and admission process for all international exchange students. She will also coordinate with other offices at the University the transition of exchange students to UChicago, including with the Office of International Affairs, which provides the documents necessary to secure a US student visa. Her contact information is:

Madison Mansour

International Partnerships Program Coordinator

The University of Chicago

Mansour2@uchicago.edu

(773) 702-7331

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. Orientation dates for September 2024 are not set at this time. 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/>).