

Appendix: School of Political Science and Economics

1. APPLICATION FORM

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

https://admissions-office.net/ja/applicant/university_recruitments/2649

2. ADMISSION POLICY

The School of Political Science and Economics welcomes students, from within and outside of Japan, who have achieved a high level of fundamental academic skills and possess strong intellectual curiosity and ambition to succeed in college and beyond. Specifically for the English-based degree programs, we expect students to demonstrate linguistic performance in English, the capacity to think logically, the historical and cultural knowledge required to recognize one's own place in a global setting, and the ability to tackle various kinds of challenges while interacting with people from all over the world.

Seeking diversity and excellence in our student body, the School of Political Science and Economics offers four types of admissions: (1) the general entrance examination administered by the School in Japanese, (2) the National Center for University Entrance Examination in Japan, (3) recommended admission from designated high schools, and (4) evaluation by the admissions office (AO). In particular, the School makes use of the third and fourth types to open its doors to those with educational experiences different from what is typically found in Japan.

3. DEGREE PROGRAM

- ◆ B.A. in Political Science
- ◆ B.A. in Economics
- ◆ B.A. in Global Political Economy

Each applicant is allowed to apply for only one of the degree programs above.

Be sure to read the descriptions of the degree programs on the SPSE website before making your choice.

<https://www.waseda.jp/fpse/pse/en/about/degrees/>

4. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

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

A	<p>Academic Transcript</p> <p>Submit both of the following documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Academic transcripts for all subjects you have taken during grade 10, grade 11, and the first semester of grade 12 at your high school2. "學生個人成績暨排名百分比對照表" issued by your high school in the "大學甄選入學繁星推薦" format designated by the "大學甄選入學委員會", which shows the academic grades for all semesters in grade 10, grade 11, and the first semester of grade 12<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Your "總平均" must be ranked within the top 40%, and your "英文" must be ranked within the top 30%.* "學生個人成績暨分數百分比對照表" must be original with official seal of your school. Certification offered by the "大學甄選入學委員會" is not necessary.* If you studied in several schools, submit the documents that have same content as "學生個人成績暨分數百分比對照表" of all the high schools in which you studied.
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B	<p>English Proficiency Test Score</p> <p>Submit one of the following English proficiency test results;</p> <p>* Scores more than two years old cannot be accepted. Please refer to the Application Guide for the specific dates.</p> <p>1. TOEFL (iBT)*: 86 points or higher</p> <p>ONLY scores sent directly from the organization will be considered valid. Arrange to have your score directly sent from ETS. (Waseda University Code:9342)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- MyBest Scores is not accepted- TOEFL-ITP score is not accepted <p>2. IELTS (Academic): 6.5 or higher</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- IELTS (General training), IELTS indicator, and IELTS Online are not accepted- IELTS CDI is accepted <p>3. GEPT (全民英検): Advanced Level (複試) or higher</p> <p>Submit the original score card</p> <p>* As a rule, applicants are required to submit the scores of English proficiency tests taken at a test center. However, given the complex situations under the COVID-19 pandemic, SPSE will accept TOEFL iBT Home Edition (86 points or higher), TOEFL iBT Paper Edition (86 points or higher), and Duolingo (115points or higher), ONLY IF access to a testing site is not available due to COVID-19. Upload proof for the reasons why you were not able to access the testing site (e.g. screenshot of an e-mail regarding the cancellation of test, medical certificate to prove that the applicant could not take the test due to the infection etc.)</p>
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5. ESSAYS

◆ English Essay

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

Write an essay of around 1000 words that explains why you want to study at the School of Political Science and Economics at Waseda University. In particular, describe the reasons for your selected degree (political science, economics, or global political economy) and your plans for using what you learn in the future. Your essay should reflect your own personal perspectives and experiences.

- Prepare your essay on a computer using size 12 font and double spacing.
- Place your name and the title at the top of the essay. Do not include your name anywhere else in your essay and do not include a photo of yourself in the essay.
- Add "The End" at the end of the essay. Number the pages of your essay.
- The file format must be PDF, and A4 or letter-sized printable size.

6. SCHOOL FEES

(in Japanese yen)

	2023	2024		2025		2026		2027
	Fall*	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Admission Fee (Registration Fee)	200,000							
Tuition Fee	499,500	499,500	599,500	599,500	599,500	599,500	599,500	599,500
Library Fee	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
Faculty Entrance Fee	2,000							
Faculty Annual Fee	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750
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	704,000	502,000	602,000	602,000	602,000	602,000	602,000	642,000

* 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.
- Waseda University uses an automatic account transfer system for payment of school expenses. School expenses for the fall semester are transferred on October 1. School expenses for the spring semester are transferred on May 1 in the second and subsequent years. If financial institutions are closed on May 1 or October 1, the account transfer will be processed on the following business day.
- Some specific courses may require additional fees for field work. Examples are as follows:
 - Sport, Field Practice Fee 1,500–40,000 yen ... For Health and Physical Education courses
 - Teacher Training Course Auditing Fee 1,000 yen/credit ... For teaching licenses
 - Librarian Training Course Auditing Fee 7,000 yen ... For librarian certification (including certification for school librarians)
- The school expenses and other fees required for the second and subsequent years include tuition and Waseda University Student Health Promotion Mutual Aid Association Fees (student health insurance fee). In addition, 40,000 yen for the alumni association membership fee is required in the fourth year.
- If you are currently enrolled in, graduated from, completed, or withdrew from an undergraduate, graduate, or specialized program of Waseda University, you are not required to pay the admission fee (registration fee). For more information, refer to the handbook on enrollment procedures sent to successful applicants.