

Waseda Univeristy

First semester of exchange	Autumn semester 2025
Study level	Graduate (Master)
Home faculty at GU	School of Business, Economics and Law
Studies at GU	Master of Science in Economics

Courses during exchange

- Applied Microeconometrics
- Analysis of the Japanese Economy
- Theory of Environmental Economics
- Topics in Global Economic History
- Development Economics
- Industrial Ecology
- Spatial Economics

Studies

The structure was completely different in Tokyo. I had all courses at the same time, instead of having on at the time. This made it more difficult to plan the time and it was very stressful in the end when I had a lot of exams.

Arrival, orientation and housing

It was a lot of events in the beginning, which made it easier to meet new people and settle in faster.

Finances

Some things are cheaper in Tokyo compared to Sweden and some things are more expensive. It is cheaper when it comes to eating out and shopping general things, but the living cost increased a lot for me anyway. It costs more to cook food at home and renting a room in Tokyo if extremely expensive. Especially since I still had to pay my rent in Gothenburg. My dormitory room was 6500-7000 per month.

Life in a new country/culture

Really good! Japan is a great country to visit and there is so much to see if you have time and money enough. It is difficult with the language barriers, but even though peoples' English knowledge is limited, you'll get around that by using Google Translate and Google Lens to translate the signs.

Overall exchange experience

I'm overall very happy with the experience!