Fukuoka Women’s University

Fukuoka Women’s University, founded in 1923, is the first Japanese public women’s college. With the aim of fostering a global perspective and capability for leadership, we are committed to educating young people to make an active contribution to Japanese and global society. FWU is offering undergraduate and graduate courses in Japanese Language and Culture, European and North American Languages and Cultures, East Asian Research, International Relations, International Economics and Management, Environmental Substances, Life and Environment, Lifestyle and the Environment, International Environmental Policies, Food and Health Sciences.

Our home town, Fukuoka, is a pleasant coastal city and the largest metropolis on the island of Kyushu.
WJC Academic Program

WJC is a short-term study abroad program designed to provide a unique educational experience focusing on Japanese culture. Students have the choice to attend the program either for one semester or for a full year. The curriculum for the Fall Semester (September-February) focuses more on Japanese contemporary culture, while the Spring Semester (April-August) offers more subjects relating to Japanese traditional culture. Japanese language classes are available at various levels and students are able to take classes depending on their level.

Various excursions and events such as field-study trips, special lectures by guest speakers, and symposia are organized. The home visit program to local Japanese families and the Japanese student “buddy” program (JD-Mates) provide WJC students with good opportunities to socialize with students and residents of Fukuoka.

WJC grants a scholarship to exchange students from our partner universities, based on each university’s exchange agreement.

Courses and Subjects

WJC offers three elective courses as below. WJC students will sign up for one of the three options.

- **JLC: Japanese Language and Culture Course**
- **JCS: Japanese Contemporary Society Course**
- **JCC: Japanese Contemporary Culture Course**

All subjects in JLC are taught in Japanese, while all subjects in JCS and JCC are taught in English. Each subject is for 2 credits. The following subjects are planned to be offered.

**JLC Subjects 2017-2018**

- Japanese culture
- Japanese contemporary and traditional cultural sites
- Japanese contemporary and traditional cultural sites, are organized by WJC. Destinations include museums, Shinto shrines, a Kabuki theater, Kyushu Grand Sumo Tournament, Hakata doll painting experience, etc.

**JCS Subjects 2017-2018**

- Introduction to Japan and Hakata* Studies: History and Culture
- New Japanese Cinema: 1980s to Present
- Japanese Pop Culture: Short Fictions
- Images of Justice in Japanese Law
- Japanese Language through Media and Other Materials
- Norwegian Wood by Haruki Murakami
* (*Hakata* is the old name of the central area of Fukuoka City.)

For more about the courses and subjects, please visit our website: [http://www.fwu.ac.jp/international/wjc](http://www.fwu.ac.jp/international/wjc)

**Independent Study Project (ISP)**

All WJC students take an ISP to research in depth a topic in Japanese culture of their own choosing under faculty supervision. Students are required to submit a written report and give an oral presentation each semester. (2 credit)

**Study/Field Trips**

Various study/field trips, providing exposure to Japanese contemporary and traditional cultural sites, are organized by WJC. Destinations include museums, Shinto shrines, a Kabuki theater, Kyushu Grand Sumo Tournament, Hakata doll painting experience, etc.

Credit Transfer

Credits and grades earned by WJC students may be transferred to their home universities. Each case of credit transfer needs to be authorized by the home university.

Accommodation

WJC students are guaranteed accommodation in the University’s Nadeshiko Dormitory. Each unit of the dormitory has four single bed rooms, one dining area with kitchen, one lavatory, and one bathroom. WJC students will live together with Japanese students in one unit.

Monthly charge: 9,900 yen (for utility expenses)
Room cleaning: 13,000 yen for moving into the dormitory Linen rental: 16,300 yen for 1 year / 9,720 yen for 6 months

Scholarship

WJC students may be granted a scholarship funded by the Japanese Student Service Organization (JASSO) and Fukuoka Prefecture. A scholarship includes a monthly stipend of 80,000 yen and reimbursement for a round-trip airfare between your home and Fukuoka up to 100,000 yen.

“Buddy” Program

Japanese FWU students participating in the WJC buddy program are called JD-Mates. JD-Mates provide one-on-one assistance to WJC students and help them to settle in and find ways to be actively involved on campus. JD-Mates can also offer linguistic support and cultural guidance.

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The WJC program was established in 2010 as a milestone in the Fukuoka Women's University's internationalization effort. The program grants participants from each partner university a scholarship. A total of 25 to 30 students will be admitted each year from the WJC partner institutions. Only female students are eligible for WJC.

WJC is now accepting applications for Spring 2018. The details of the application procedure are provided below.

**WJC Program schedule**

**Spring 2018 (tentative)**

- Expected arrival dates Semester: March 22, 2018
- Opening ceremony: Early April, 2018
- Closing ceremony: Early August, 2018

**Scholarship details**

1. Amount of scholarship (limited number of students)
   80,000 JPY per month
2. Duration of scholarship
   1 semester (March, 2018 - August 2018)
3. Reimbursement of Air fare (round-trip)
   Up to 100,000 JPY
4. Accommodation fees at student dormitory
   Waived (The utility fee of 9,900 JPY is not waived.)
5. Tuition fees
   Waived according to the student exchange agreement or memorandum

**Requirements**

1. TOEFL iBT (not required for native English speakers) : Over 61
   Acceptable for TOEIC (Over 600) and IELTs (Over 5.0) instead of TOEFL.
2. Total GPA : Over 3.0/4.0
   * If academic transcript does not show the student's GPA, an additional letter is required stating the student's grade equal a GPA of 3.0/4.0 or more.
3. JLPT N2 or higher equivalent will be required for the student who will choose JLC.
   * No Japanese requirements for JSC and JCC students.
4. JLPT N5 or higher equivalent will be required for all applicants since we do not have an elementary Japanese courses in Spring 2018.

**List of documents required for admission**

1. Application form  * Attachment
2. Academic Records
3. Proof of GPA 3.0/4.0
4. Recommendation letters (two academic advisors)
5. TOEFL Score (not required for native English speakers)
6. JLPT Score or Proof of your Japanese equivalent by teachers
   (Only for JLC students.)
7. Essay (motivation for application)
8. Independent Study Project (ISP) proposal sheet (Type written) *Attachment
9. Certificate of Health *Attachment
10. Copy of passport

*Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**Application deadline**

1. **August 31st, 2017**
   Scanned for all applicant’s required documents should be collected by and sent through the relevant office of the home university to Yuko TSUBAKI (Ms.) (otsu@fwu.ac.jp) and So OTA (Mr)(otaso@fwu.ac.jp)  **Applications directly sent by applicants to FWU will not be accepted.**

2. **September 10th, 2017**
   Hard copies of the selected people will be expected to reach our office no later than the day.

**Determination of Participants**

The determination of participants and scholarship recipients will be informed around October.

**Course Information** (*provisional; based on Spring 2017 WJC program curriculum*)

1. **(Morning) Japanese Language Class (credits: depends on the class level)**
   Usually, 4 Japanese language courses (Beginner (L1) - Advanced (L4)) are offered in each semester. (Beginner course (L1) is offered only in Fall semester.) You are assigned into the most appropriate class based on the result of placement test during the orientation.

2. **(Afternoon) Culture & Society Class (2 credits / class)**
   WJC offers a variety of subjects about the Japanese culture and society such as literature, economics, politics, law, art, manga, movie, Hakata local culture and so on. Those subjects are classified under the 3 elective courses depending on the main theme:
   - Japanese Language and Culture Course (JLC)
     (Language: Japanese. Focus on Japanese Culture. Equivalent of JLPT N2 or higher required)
   - Japanese Contemporary Society Course (JCS)
     (Language: English. Focus on Japanese Society.)
   - Japanese Contemporary Culture Course (JCC)
     (Language: English. Focus on Japanese Culture.)

   In principle, all lectures are 2 credits (per 22.5 class hours)
   Please see the attachments: class syllabus abstracts.
   Cf. Spring 2016 & Fall 2016 syllabus is on FWU HP
   ➔ http://www.fwu.ac.jp/english/international/

**Other activities**

1. **Field trips**
2. **Guest speakers: writers and manga artists**
   Japanese famous authors and culture creators discuss current issues with students
3. **Independent Study (2 credits)**
   Students are required to research one topic related to Japanese culture during their stay. Academic advisors assist them with their research. Students can choose for an Independent Study Project either focusing on contemporary or traditional topics.
4. **Home Visit Program**
   Japanese families are introduced to exchange students for monthly visits
5. **Japanese Student Buddy System (JD-Mates)**
   FWU students called ‘JD-Mates’ will support exchange students.
6. **Experienced-Based Learning Activities**
   Students have many chances to learn Japanese culture and society through a variety of experiences as below.
   6-1. **Japanese Language Only “Survival Camp” (only Fall semester)**
   Excursion where students can only use Japanese.
School visit and one-night home stay at Japanese Family.

6-2. English Village
Supporting the weekend experience for studying abroad for FWU students

6-3. Local School Visit
Visit local junior high schools or high schools and exchange different cultures with Japanese pupils.

6-4. Dormitory Activities
Parties, language exchange, sports, lectures,...etc.

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