

Fukuoka Women's University, Japan
The World of Japanese Contemporary Culture
(WJC) Program Fall 2018 - Spring 2019
General Information

Fukuoka Women's University is offering its short-term study abroad program to ambitious international students focusing on Japanese culture from September 2018 to August 2019. Students can choose to participate in the program for either 1 year or 1 semester (starting September 2018 or April 2019).

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. Based on the availability of student positions and the number of applications from partner universities, a total of 25 to 30 students will be selected as participants. Only female students are eligible for WJC.

It is desirable (and important for us to maintain diversity of a student body) that applicants come from various academic fields, such as liberal arts, social sciences and natural sciences as well as Japanese studies majors.

WJC Program schedule

Fall 2018 (tentative)

Expected arrival dates Semester: September 17, 2018

Orientation: September 20, 2018

Opening ceremony: September 20, 2018

Closing ceremony: February 8, 2019

Spring 2019 (tentative)

Expected arrival dates Semester: End of March, 2019

Orientation: End of March, 2019

Opening ceremony: Early April, 2019

Closing ceremony: Early August ,2019

Scholarship details

1. Amount of scholarship (limited number of students)
80,000 JPY per month
2. Duration of scholarship
Either *1 year* (September, 2018 – August, 2019) or
1 semester (September, 2018 –February, 2019 OR April, 2019- August 2019)
3. Reimbursement of Air fare (round-trip)
Up to 100,000 JPY
4. Accommodation fees at student dormitory
Waived (Utility fee of 9,900JPY/month is not waived.)
5. Tuition fees
Waived according to the student exchange agreement or memorandum

Requirements for applications

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 2.3/3.0
* If academic transcript does not show the student's GPA, an additional letter is required stating the student's grade equal a GPA of 2.3/3.0 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 beginner Japanese courses in Spring semester.

List of documents required for applications

1. Application form * attachment
2. Academic transcript
3. Proof of GPA 2.3/3.0
4. Recommendation letters (2 academic advisors)
5. TOEFL score (not required for native English speakers)
6. JLPT score or proof of Japanese proficiency by teachers
(Only for JLC applicants)
7. Essay (personal statement)
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. February 16th, 2018

Scanned for all applicant's required documents should be collected by and sent through the relevant office of the home university to So OTA (Mr)(otaso@fwu.ac.jp)

Applications directly sent by students to FWU will not be accepted.

2. February 28th, 2018

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 March, 2018.

Course Information (*provisional; based on Fall 2017 - Spring 2018 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 week.

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 2017 & Fall 2017 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 Project (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"**
Weekend program where students can only use Japanese
 - 6-2. **English Village**
Weekend program where students can only use English
WJC students are expected to support the program.
 - 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.

Accommodation

WJC students are guaranteed accommodation in the University's *Nadeshiko* Dormitory (International Friendship House). 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.

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