

WJC Academic Program

WJC is a short-term study abroad program designed to provide a unique educational experience focusing on Japanese culture. Students can choose 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 offered at various levels, and we work to ensure that students take classes appropriate for their level.

Various excursions and events such as field-study trips, special lectures by guest speakers, and symposia are organized. The home visit program with 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.

FWU offers scholarships to exchange students from partner universities based on each university's exchange agreement.

■ Tracks and Courses

WJC offers three tracks. Students can choose from the following three options.

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

All courses in JLC are taught in **Japanese**, while courses in JCS and JCC are taught in **English**. Each course is for 2 credits. The following is a tentative list of courses that will be offered.

JLC Courses

- 日本文化・博多学入門
- ポップカルチャーが表象する現代日本社会
- 宮崎駿の世界ー日本アニメの文化人類学的考察
- 観光人類学で見る日本の観光ー地方都市の可能性
- 日本の古典を読む
- アートとグローバル化ー地方発信型アーティストの事例
- 日本文化と余白
- メディアに見る日本語

JCS Courses

- Introduction to Japan and Hakata* Studies: History and Culture
- Food and Environment in the Modern Japanese Society

- Comparative Food Culture
- Global Issues in the Contemporary World
- Environmental Issues and Policies in the Globalization
- Japanese Society through Manga and Anime

JCC Courses

- Introduction to Japan and Hakata* Studies: History and Culture
- New Japanese Cinema: 1980s to Present
- Introduction to Japanese Cinema: Silent Era to Bubble
- Women in Japanese Art: Representation, Self-Representation and Agency
- Reading Japanese legends and stories by Lafcadio Hearn/Koizumi, Yakumo
- Architecture in Japan: Intersection of Tradition, Regionalism, and Internationalism

(* 'Hakata' is the name of the old central area of Fukuoka City.)

For more information about the courses, please visit our website:<http://www.fwu.ac.jp/international/wjc.html>

■ Independent Study Project (ISP)

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

■ Study/Field Trips

Various study/field trips, providing exposure to Japanese contemporary and traditional cultural sites, are organized by WJC. Itineraries include museums, Shinto shrines, Kabuki theatrical performance, 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 bedrooms, one dining area with kitchen, one lavatory, one bathroom and one washing machine. WJC students will live together with Japanese students in one unit.

Monthly charge: 9,900 yen for utility expenses (rent waived)
Room cleaning fee: 13,000 yen (one-time fee at the time of move-in)
Linen rental fee: 16,300 yen for 1 year / 9,720 yen for 6 months

Scholarship

WJC students may be granted a scholarship by the Japanese Student Service Organization (JASSO) and Fukuoka Prefecture. The scholarship includes a monthly stipend of 80,000 yen and reimbursement of the round-trip airfare (up to 100,000 yen) for the flight from the student's home country to Fukuoka.

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 to help them 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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Partner Institutions

- University of Dhaka (Bangladesh)
- University of Leuven (Belgium)
- University of Prince Edward Island (Canada)
- Dalian University (China)
- Tongji University, College of Foreign Languages and Women's College (China)
- Juraj Dobrila University of Pula (Croatia)
- University of Munich (Germany)
- JAMK University of Applied Sciences (Finland)
- The University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès (France)
- University of Iceland (Iceland)
- Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi (India)
- Bogor Agricultural University (Indonesia)
- Dharma Persada University (Indonesia)
- Gadjah Mada University (Indonesia)
- Dong-A University College of Engineering (Korea)
- Ewha Womans University (Korea)
- Pusan University of Foreign Studies (Korea)
- Seoul National University, College of Human Ecology (Korea)
- University of Malaya (Malaysia)
- Ateneo de Manila University (Philippines)
- University of Warsaw, Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies (Poland)
- University of Peradeniya (Sri Lanka)
- Lund University, Faculty of Humanities and Theology (Sweden)
- Lund University, Faculty of Engineering (Sweden)
- Tamkang University (Taiwan)
- National Dong Hwa University (Taiwan)
- Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)
- Mahidol University (Thailand)
- Thammasat University (Thailand)
- The University of Manchester, Faculty of Humanities (U.K.)
- California State University, Northridge (U.S.A.)
- Spelman College (U.S.A.)
- University of Hawaii - West O'ahu (U.S.A.)
- Vietnam National University, Hanoi (Vietnam)



Fukuoka Women's University

Fukuoka Women's University (FWU) was founded in 1923 as 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, Life and Environment, Lifestyle and the Environment, International Environmental Policies, Food and Health Sciences, and Environmental Substances.

Our hometown, Fukuoka, is a pleasant coastal city and the largest metropolis on the island of Kyushu.



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