

Fukuoka Women's University, Japan
The World of Japanese Contemporary Culture
(WJC) Program 2015 Fall-2016 Spring
General Information

Fukuoka Women's University is offering its short-term study abroad program to ambitious students focusing on Japanese culture from September, 2015 to August, 2016. The students can choose to participate in the program for either 1 year or 1 semester (starting September 2015 or April 2016).

During the Fall Semester (September – February) the program will be focusing on Japanese contemporary culture, and throughout the Spring Semester (April – August) emphasis is placed on Japanese traditional culture.

The WJC program was established to commemorate the reform of Fukuoka Women's University into a globalized university in 2010. The program grants participants from each partner university a scholarship. Based on the availability of student positions and the number of applications from all 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 our program's diversity) 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

2015 Fall

Expected arrival dates Semester: September 23, 2015

Opening ceremony: September 25, 2015

Orientation: September 24, 2015

Closing ceremony: February 12, 2016

2016 Spring (tentative)

Expected arrival dates Semester: End of March, 2016

Opening ceremony: Early April, 2016

Orientation: Early April, 2016

Closing ceremony: Early August, 2016

Scholarship details

1. Amount of scholarship (limited number of students)
80,000 JPY per month (*budget pending*)
2. Duration of scholarship
Either *1 year* (September, 2015 – August, 2016) or
1 semester (September, 2015 –February, 2016 OR April,2016- August
2016)
3. Reimbursement of Air fare (round-trip)
Up to 100,000 JPY (*budget pending*)
4. Accommodation fees at student dormitory
Waived (The utility fee of 9,900JPY is not waived.)
5. Tuition fees
Waived according to the student exchange agreement or memorandum

Requirements for exchange students

1. TOEFL PBT (not required for native English speakers) : Over 500
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.

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. Essay (motivation for application)
7. Independent Study Project (ISP) proposal sheet *Attachment
8. Certificate of Health *Attachment
9. Copy of passport

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Application deadline

1. **January 23rd, 2015**

Scanned for all applicant's required documents should be collected by and sent through the relevant office of the home university to Yuko OTSU (Ms.) (otsu@fwu.ac.jp) and Hiroki BABA(Mr)(h-baba@fwu.ac.jp)

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

2. **January 30th, 2015**

Hard copies of the selected people will be expected to reach our office no later than the day.

Course Information (*provisional; based on 2014 Fall-2015 Spring WJC program curriculum)

In principle, all lectures are 2 credits (per 22.5 class hours)

Please see the attachments; class syllabus abstracts.

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. Japanese language only "Survival Camp"
Excursion where students can only use Japanese.
School visit and one-night home stay at Japanese Family.
7. English Village
Supporting the weekend experience for studying abroad for FWU students

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