

Fukuoka Women's University, Japan
The World of Japanese Culture (WJC) Program
2012
General Information

Fukuoka Women's University is offering its short-term study abroad program to ambitious students focusing on Japanese culture from April, 2012 to March, 2013. The students can choose to participate in the program for either 1 semester or 1 year (starting April or October 2012).

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

Students can opt for an Independent Study Project either focusing on contemporary or traditional topics.

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 27 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.

(Program details)

2012 WJC Spring Semester

Expected arrival dates: between March 28 and April 3, 2012

Opening ceremony: April 4, 2012

Orientation: April 4-5, 2012

Closing ceremony: August 2012 (date TBN)

(Scholarship details)

1. Amount of scholarship (limited number of students)
80,000 yen per month (1,000 US \$)
2. Duration of scholarship
Either *1 year* (April, 2012 – March, 2013 OR October, 2012 – August, 2013) or *1 semester* (April 1 – August 31, 2012 OR October 1 – March 20, 2013)
3. Reimbursement of Air fare (round-trip)
Up to 100,000 yen
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

(List of documents required for admission)

1. Application form
2. Essay (motivation for application)
3. Academic Records
4. Recommendation letters (two academic advisors)
5. TOEFL Score (not required for native English speakers)
6. Copy of passport

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

(*provisional; based on 2011 WJC program curriculum)

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

I. April – August

WJC Traditional

- I.1. Japanese Language Courses (Beginner, Pre-intermediate, Intermediate, Advanced)
- I.2. Japanese Society through Manga and Anime
- I.3. Introduction to Japanese Cinema: Silent Era to Bubble Era
- I.4. Japanese Language through Media and Other Materials
- I.5. Hakata: History and Tradition
- I.6. Topics in Food Economic and Business
- I.7. Portrayals of Women in Modern Japanese Fiction: Beyond Stereotypes

II. October – March

WJC Contemporary

- II.1. Japanese Language Courses (Beginner, Pre-intermediate, Intermediate, Advanced)
- II.2. Japanese Communication through Manga and Anime after 1980
- II.3. “New” Japanese Cinema: 1980s to Present
- II.4. Japanese Pop Culture: Short Fiction by Haruki Murakami
- II.5. Understanding Contemporary Japanese Society and Culture through Japanese Rap Music
- II.6. Emerging Theatrical Pop-culture in the Modern Urban Areas
- II.7. Food and the Modern Pop Cultures

(Other activities)

- 1. Field trips (Kagoshima Open Air Museum, Kumamoto castle, sumo, baseball, art museums, Nissan factory visit, etc.)
- 2. Guest speakers: writers and manga artists
Japanese famous authors and culture creators discuss current issues with students
- 3. Home visit program
Japanese families are introduced to exchange students for monthly visits

4. Japanese student buddy system(JD-Mates)
FWU students called 'JD-Mates' will support exchange students.
5. Japanese language only "Survival Camp"
Excursion where students can only use Japanese
6. Independent Study (2 credits)
Students are required to research a topic related to Japanese culture.
Academic advisors assist them with their research.

(Application deadline)

January 10th, 2012

All documents should be collected by and sent through the relevant office of the home university to cbruno@fwu.ac.jp . Applications directly sent by applicants to FWU will not be accepted.

Hard copies of the selected people will be expected to reach our office by mid January 2012.

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