

**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
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) (limited number of students)  
Up to 100,000 JPY
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**

- Closed for WJC 2015 Fall /2016 Spring program.
- WJC 2016 Fall/ 2017 Spring information will be updated in October, 2016.

**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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