

**Fukuoka Women's University, Japan**  
**The World of Japanese Contemporary Culture**  
**(WJC) Program 2016 Fall-2017 Spring**  
**General Information**

Fukuoka Women's University is offering its short-term study abroad program to ambitious students focusing on Japanese culture from September, 2016 to August, 2017. The students can choose to participate in the program for either 1 year or 1 semester (starting September 2016 or April 2017).

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**

**2016 Fall (tentative)**

Expected arrival dates Semester: September 20, 2016

*Orientation:* September 22, 2016

*Opening ceremony:* September 23, 2016

*Closing ceremony:* February 10, 2017

**2017 Spring (tentative)**

Expected arrival dates Semester: End of March, 2017

*Orientation:* Early April, 2017

*Opening ceremony:* Early April, 2017

*Closing ceremony:* Early August, 2017

**Scholarship details**

1. Amount of scholarship (limited number of students)  
80,000 JPY per month
2. Duration of scholarship  
Either *1 year* (September, 2016 – August, 2017) or  
*1 semester* (September, 2016 –February, 2017 OR April, 2017- August 2017)
3. Reimbursement of Air fare (round-trip)  
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  
Acceptable for TOEIC (Over 600) and IELTS (Over 5.0) instead of TOEFL.
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.
3. JLPT N2 or higher equivalent will be required for the student who will choose Course 1 (JLC). \*No Japanese requirements for Course 2 (JSC) and Course 3 (JCC) student.

### 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. JLPT Score or Proof of your Japanese equivalent by teachers  
(Only for Course 1 students.)
7. Essay (motivation for application)
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. December 11th, 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](mailto:otsu@fwu.ac.jp)) and So OTA (Mr.)([otasoo@fwu.ac.jp](mailto:otasoo@fwu.ac.jp)) ***Applications directly sent by applicants to FWU will not be accepted.***

#### 2. December 31st, 2015

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 early February, 2016.

### Course Information (\*provisional; based on 2015 Fall-2016 Spring 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.

#### **2. (Afternoon) Culture Class (2 credits / class)**

WJC offers a variety of classes about Japanese cultures such as popular culture, literature, Hakata history, economics, politics, law, art, manga, and movie and so on. Based on the class range, WJC are offered 3 courses as bellows;

- Course 1 Japanese Language and Culture Course (JLC)  
(Language: Japanese. Focus on Japanese Culture. Equivalent of JLPT N2 or higher required)
- Course 2 Japan's Contemporary Society Course (JCS)  
(Language: English. Focus on Japanese Society.)
- Course 3 Japan's 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. 2015 Spring&Fall 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 (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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