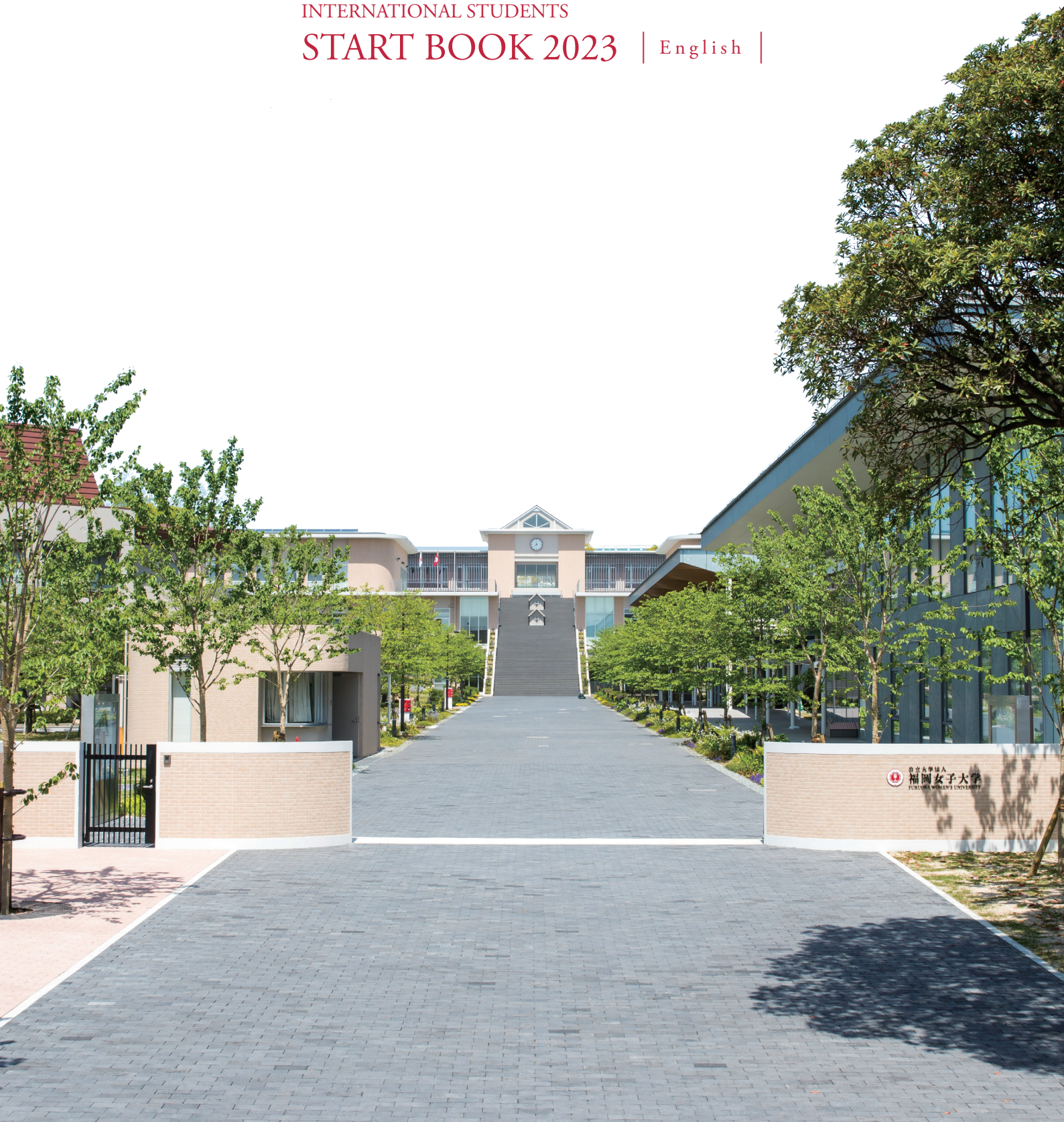




FUKUOKA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Q What can I study at Fukuoka Women's University?

A Fukuoka Women's University is a one-college institution. Its International College of Arts and Sciences has three departments offering broad-based, holistic education that integrates the humanities and sciences with the aim of providing students with the specialized knowledge and wide-ranging skills necessary to thrive in an international environment.



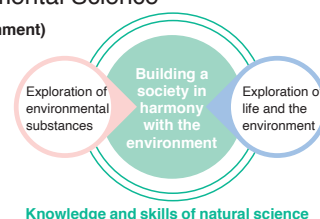
Department of International Liberal Arts

Students are free to select courses that align with their personal learning goals, ranging from academic disciplines such as ideology and culture, literature, language and language education, history, economics, politics and law, business management, and sociology, to area-focused courses that include Japan, Asia, Europe, the Americas, and global studies. These courses are designed to foster the ability to think logically, multi-dimensionally, and creatively. Students are also expected to develop autonomy and self-regulation, problem-solving skills, and leadership capabilities.

Department of Environmental Science

Course of Natural and Environmental Science (Environmental Substances/Life and Environment)

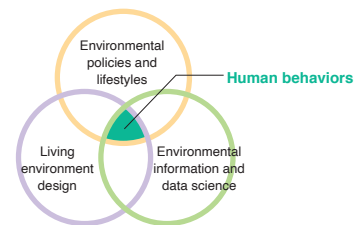
This course explores phenomena related to substances and life with the aim of building a society in harmony with the environment.



Course of Environmental Management

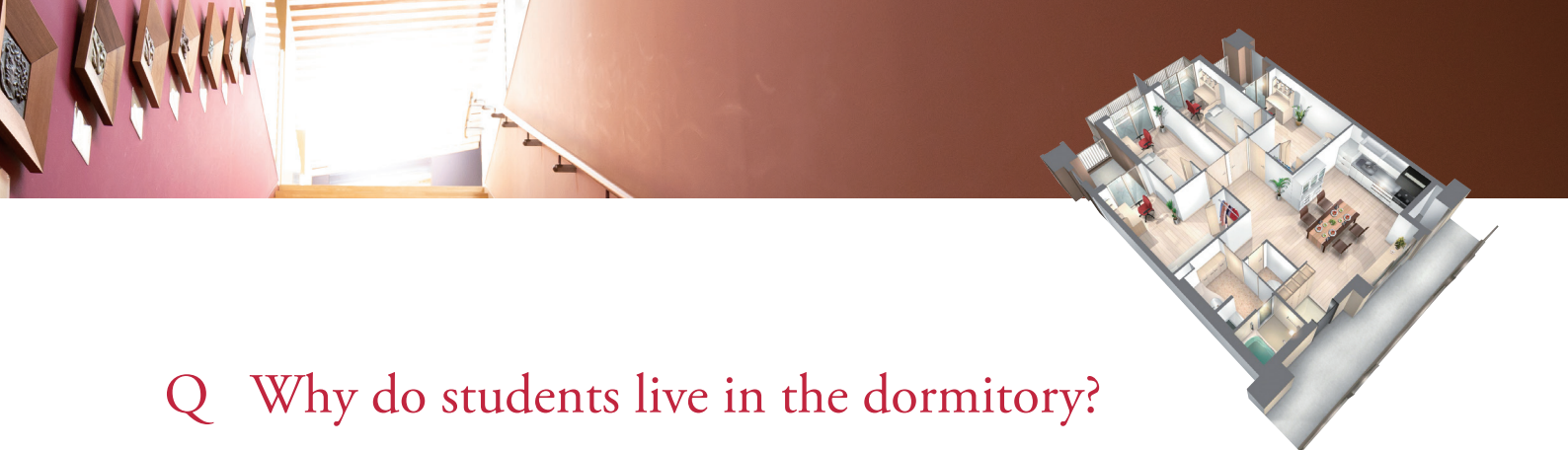
(Environmental policies and lifestyles/ Living environment design/
Environmental information and data science)

Students comprehensively study the above three areas while exploring the question: "What are the human behaviors that best contribute to the betterment of the environment?"



Department of Food and Health Sciences

Students who complete the required credits will, upon graduation, earn a dietitian license and become qualified to take the examination for national registered dietitians. Those aspiring to become a national registered dietitian will sit for the national exam held at the end of the academic year of their graduation. Note: The national registered dietitian license does not meet the status of residence (work visa) eligibility requirement.



Q Why do students live in the dormitory?

A All first-year students entering the university reside at the International Friendship House NADESHIKO. This on-campus joint housing for international and Japanese students is both a place of residence and a place for learning. Sharing everyday life with Japanese students provides great opportunities for international students to develop initiative, independence and the ability to be proactive.

Four students share a dormitory unit consisting of four private rooms, each with a balcony

A dormitory unit is shared by four students, with one private room per student. The resident composition per unit is one international student (first- to fourth-year) and three first-year Japanese students. Dormitory life enables students to develop interpersonal skills, cross-cultural sensitivity, and communication skills in foreign languages. International students are expected to build good relations with Japanese students and contribute to the internationalization of the university.

On-campus dormitory ensures easy access to classes

On-campus housing means no time lost on commuting, giving students more time to focus on their studies and extracurricular activities. Fitted with the necessary equipment and facilities for starting a new student life, the dormitory provides management support and quality security services, and ensures a safe dorm life experience.

Well-maintained living environment for starting your new student life

Each private room is fitted with a bed and desk. Students are not expected to have everything when they arrive. It is more fun and economical to gradually buy what you need as you settle in.

Fee: **15,000 yen per month** 180,000 yen per year

Separate cleaning fee to be paid in advance at the time of arrival: 16,500 yen

(The fee includes housing use, activity, maintenance and renewal, gas, water, electricity and internet connection.)



Dormitory data

Capacity	340 (four residents per unit). 85 units x 4DK (four private rooms with shared dining and kitchen, bathroom, and toilet) Building A – C (six stories)
Area	Private room: approx. 9.9m ² One unit: 82.40m ²
Furnishing and facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Private room: air conditioner, desk with lamp and book shelf, chair, closet, bed with storage space, internet connection, balcony with a laundry pole and hooks Note: Students can bring their own or rent bedding and pillows. •Shared by four people: kitchen (IH stove, sink, refrigerator, IH rice cooker, microwave oven, kettle, dining table, etc.), bathroom (with shower), air conditioner, wash basin, toilet, washing machine, vacuum cleaner, umbrella stand, shoe cabinet, internal phone, etc. •For use by all residents: hallway, meeting rooms, kitchen, shower rooms, laundry room, etc.
Meals	Students can prepare their own meals or eat at the cafeteria (open on weekdays from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm). The university co-op J Shop is open on weekdays from 8:10 am to 6:10 pm (hours are subject to change).
Building management and security	The main entrance is fitted with a card-key type automatic lock system, and a security system with surveillance cameras and security guards is in place. Management staff is on duty at all hours. Dorm residents must be back by 11:00 pm; curfew is from 11:00 pm to 5 am (except in an emergency). Overnight stays away from the dormitory are not permitted on weekdays during the school semester, except for special circumstances. Prior approval is required for overnight stays.

Q What are the career paths of graduates?

A Class of 2021 employment rate: **80%** (six graduates advanced to graduate-level studies)

Employers Honda Kiko Co., Ltd., Owndays Co., Ltd., Don Quijote Co., Ltd., etc.

Graduate schools Fukuoka Women's University Graduate School, Kobe University Graduate School, Hiroshima University Graduate School, Mie University Graduate School, Osaka Public University Graduate School, etc.

There were 20 international student graduates. From the Department of International Liberal Arts, four graduates sought employment and three received job offers. The Department of Food and Health Sciences' only international student graduate sought and found employment. Four from the Department of International Liberal Arts and one each from the Departments of Environmental Science and Food and Health Sciences advanced to graduate-level studies.

Support Programs



Q Will I have the opportunity to study Japanese after entering the university?

A FWU offers on- and off-campus opportunities for international students to develop Japanese language skills and academic skills using the Japanese language. We help students achieve their potential through a Japanese language program that meets their individual learning needs.

Japanese Language Program

(Academic and Career Japanese Language Program)

The Japanese language program targets first- and second-year international students. As well as developing the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Japanese, the program provides the basic knowledge necessary for conducting daily life in Japan and enables students to make oral presentations and write academic essays in Japanese by the end of the course.

Japanese Language Proficiency Test not required for admission

FWU does not require the Japanese Language Proficient Test administered by the Japan Foundation and Japan Educational Exchanges and Services for admission. Nevertheless, students are expected to have Japanese language skills sufficient to understand lectures conducted in Japanese, and are strongly encouraged to master the language.



Q What student support programs are available?

A FWU has a buddy program to help international students settle in smoothly upon arrival. International students can develop real-life conversation and communication skills while making new Japanese friends through this program.

JD-Mates support international students

Japanese students volunteering to assist international students are designated by the university as JD-Mates (Joshi-Dai-Mates). Each international student is matched with a JD-Mate who will help them adjust to campus and academic life by assisting with such matters as entry into Japan, settling in the dormitory, opening a bank account, and purchasing insurance.



Incoming international students










FWU actively welcomes its international students.

Number of foreign students

Undergraduate: **70** Graduate: **22**

Total number of students

Undergraduate: **1,008** Graduate: **55**

Japan 	South Korea 	China 	Vietnam 	Malaysia 	Thailand 	Taiwan 	Germany 	Serbia 
Undergraduate 938	Undergraduate 35	Undergraduate 17	Undergraduate 11	Undergraduate 2	Undergraduate 3	Undergraduate 1	Undergraduate 1	Undergraduate 1
Graduate 33		Graduate 21						

As of May 2022



Q Is financial support available for international students?

A International students are fully exempt from enrollment fees to help reduce their financial burden. Furthermore, FWU supports hard working international students by offering a tuition reduction/exemption program for those who achieve a certain level of academic performance.

Enrollment fee	Annual tuition	Support group fee	Insurance premium	Housing fee	Student organization fee	Total (except tuition)
520,000 yen Not applicable to international students	535,800 yen Qualified students are exempt in full or in part	Initiation fee 40,000 yen Membership fee 10,000 yen	Department of International Liberal Arts 4,010 yen / 4 years Department of Environmental Science 4,010 yen / 4 years Department of Food and Health Sciences 4,080 yen / 4 years	196,500 yen Half-semester: 90,000 yen Cleaning fee to be paid in advance at the time of arrival: 16,500 yen	15,000 yen / 4 years	Department of International Liberal Arts 265,510 yen Department of Environmental Science 265,510 yen Department of Food and Health Sciences 265,580 yen

Tuition is reduced or exempted for international students who meet the academic performance criteria specified below:

1. Tuition reduction/exemption for first-year students is dependent on their entrance examination scores.

Full tuition exemption

Applies to students who meet either A or B below. (Maximum 10 students)

- A. An EJU score in the top 20% of all examinees in "Japanese language" and an average score or higher in at least one other subject.
B. A score surpassing the "full exemption" threshold for one of the English language exams indicated in the table below.

Half tuition exemption

Applies to students who meet either A or B below. (Maximum 10 students)

- A. An EJU score in the top 30% of all examinees in "Japanese language" and an average score or higher in at least one other subject.
B. A score surpassing the "half exemption" threshold for one of the English language exams indicated in the table below.

	TOEFL (iBT)	TOEIC L&R, S&W	IELTS	GTEC	TEAP	TEAP CBT	Cambridge English Examination	Eiken
Full exemption	72 or higher	1560 or higher	5.5 or higher	1190 or higher	309 or higher	600 or higher	160 or higher	2300 or higher
Half exemption	57 or higher	1350 or higher	4.5 or higher	1075 or higher	267 or higher	510 or higher	150 or higher	2125 or higher

2. Tuition reduction/exemption for second- to fourth-year students is dependent on their academic performance in the previous semester scores.

Full exemption Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher **Half exemption** Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher but less than 3.0 and does not receive the full tuition exemption

Note 1: If there are more than ten qualified students, the tuition reduction/exemption will be granted in the order of the highest scores. Note 2: The information above is applicable for the 2022 academic year. Please check the FWU website for updates.

Taking advantage of the "pre-arrival admission" system

Take the entrance examinations in your home country

The "pre-arrival admission" system allows applicants living outside of Japan to take the required examinations and secure admission to higher educational institutions in Japan without leaving their home country. FWU administers entrance exams in South Korea and Malaysia for general international applicants, and in Vietnam and Thailand for applicants recommended by an FWU partner institution. Applicants who wish to take an online exam can do so at the location of their choice. Admission decisions are made based on the scores of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) managed by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), taken outside of Japan. By taking advantage of this system, applicants can sit for the EJU and gain university admission without having to travel to Japan.

Scholarship from the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)

Students admitted to FWU through the pre-arrival admission system are eligible to apply for a scholarship under JASSO's "Reservation Program for the Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students (recommended by the university).

*FYI: In the 2022 academic year, the scholarship awarded 48,000 yen x 12 months (spring semester entrants) or 48,000 yen x 6 months (fall semester entrants).

Scholarships for international students

Scholarship payment in 2021 (privately financed international students)

●Number of recipients: few

Scholarship name	Monthly stipend
Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students (Managed by JASSO)	48,000 yen
Fukuoka Foster Parent Scholarship for Asian Students (Managed by the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation)	20,000 yen
Yokatopia Scholarship for International Students (with an internship) (Managed by the Fukuoka City International Association)	60,000 yen

Admissions



Q Is there an entrance examination exclusively for international students?

A International students other than those recommended by an FWU partner institution should apply through the general admissions process. Pre-arrival admission decisions are made based on the applicant's EJU scores (exams must be taken outside of Japan). By using the pre-arrival admission system, applicants can take the EJU and gain admission without having to travel to Japan.

Time of enrollment	April 2023		
Departments inviting applications	Department of International Liberal Arts/Department of Environmental Science/Department of Food and Health Sciences		
Dates	General admissions process for international students	International students recommended by an FWU partner institution <Vietnam>	International students recommended by an FWU partner institution <Thailand>
Number of planned admissions	20	Few	Few
Exam date	December 11, 2022	July 18, 2022	December 12, 2022
Exam Locations	•FWU, Japan •Seoul, South Korea •Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Online interview (No exam venue is provided)	•Bangkok, Thailand
Selection methods	•Essay•Interview •EJU •English proficiency examination*	•Online interview•EJU •English proficiency examination * •Application documents with a letter of recommendation	•Interview•EJU •English proficiency examination * •Application documents with a letter of recommendation
Remarks	-	Recommendation from an FWU partner institution is required	Recommendation from an FWU partner institution is required

The number of general admissions (20) includes the number of admissions of the applicants recommended by an FWU partner institution.

*Accepted English proficiency examinations are (1) Eiken, (2) TOEFL (iBT), (3) TOEIC® Listening & Reading Tests and TOEIC® Speaking & Writing Tests, (4) GTEC (4 skills), (5) IELTS, (6) TEAP, (7) TEAP CBT, (8) Cambridge English Exam

Selection methods	Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)*				English	Exams administered by FWU		Total score
	Japanese	Science		Mathematics	Score certificate of the English proficiency exam	Essay	Interview	
	Reading comprehension Listening/ reading comprehension Writing	Select two subjects from physics, chemistry, and biology	Comprehensive subjects	Course 1 Course 2				
Department of International Liberal Arts	300 points**	-	200 points	Course 1 or Course 2: 100 points**	100 points **	150 points	150 points	1000 points
Department of Environmental Science	300 points**	200 points	-	- 100 points **	100 points **	150 points	150 points	1000 points
Department of Food and Health Sciences	300 points**	200 points	-	- 100 points **	100 points **	150 points	150 points	1000 points

*Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)
- Examinees can choose the language of the exam questions (Japanese or English).
- Exam scores must be less than two years old to be valid (counted from the FWU exam date).
- Applicants seeking pre-arrival admission must take the exams outside of Japan.

** The scores of the EJU "Japanese language" and "mathematics" exams and the English language exam will be adjusted to conform to FWU's exam score scale. If an applicant submits more than one English language exam score certificate, the highest adjusted score will be used for evaluation.

Q What are the EJU scores of successful applicants?

A FWU does not make public the threshold scores for admission. Please refer to the table below.

Entrance exam classification	Department	Total scores of successful applicants			Raw EJU scores of successful applicants			Raw EJU scores of successful applicants			Score allocation	
		Highest score	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Lowest score	Average score	Total score	Details
International student admissions	General process	Department of International Liberal Arts	818	663	749.3	669	556	614	375	310	351.2	1000 EJU 600 points, English exam 100 points, essay 150 points, interview 150 points
		Department of Environmental Science	808	608	709.3	668	479	578	407	263	338.7	1000 EJU 600 points, English exam 100 points, essay 150 points, interview 150 points
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1000	EJU 600 points, English exam 100 points, essay 150 points, interview 150 points

The scores of "International students recommended by an FWU partner institution <Vietnam>" are not disclosed as the number of successful applicants is small.



Q What are the number of applicants and the applicant-to-admission ratio?

A Please see the table below.

Selection category		Department	Number of planned admissions	Number of applicants	Applicant-to-admission ratio	Number of applicants who took the exams	Number of successful applicants	Additional successful applicants	Number of entrants
International student admissions process	General admissions	Department of International Liberal Arts	12	19	1.6	11	10	0	3
		Department of Environmental Science	5	7	1.4	3	3	0	2
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	3	2	0.7	0	0	-	-
		Total	20	28	1.4	14	13	0	5
	Pre-arrival admissions (Overseas exam venue)	Department of International Liberal Arts	-	14	-	7	6	0	2
		Department of Environmental Science	-	4	-	2	2	0	1
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	-	1	-	0	0	-	-
		Total	-	19	-	9	8	0	3
	Recommended by an FWU partner institution	Vietnam	Department of International Liberal Arts	*Few	1	-	1	0	1
			Department of Environmental Science	*Few	0	-	-	-	-
			Department of Food and Health Sciences	*Few	0	-	-	-	-
			Total	*Few	1	-	1	0	1
		Thailand	Department of International Liberal Arts	*Few	0	-	-	-	-
			Department of Environmental Science	*Few	0	-	-	-	-
			Department of Food and Health Sciences	*Few	0	-	-	-	-
			Total	*Few	0	-	-	-	-
	Total	Department of International Liberal Arts	12	20	1.7	12	11	0	4
		Department of Environmental Science	5	7	1.4	3	3	0	2
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	3	2	0.7	0	0	-	-
		Total	20	29	1.5	15	14	0	6

Q Where can I get past exam questions and application information?

A This information is available on our website.

Past exam questions
http://www.fwu.ac.jp/exam_info/kakomon.html



Application information
http://www.fwu.ac.jp/exam_info/foreign_students.html



Q How do I apply?

A FWU accepts online applications only.
 Click our website's "Online application" banner or scan the QR code on the right.

<https://www.postanet.jp/info/011030>



Q What is Fukuoka like?

A Located on the northern tip of the island of Kyushu, Fukuoka is the gateway to the Kyushu region as well as Asia. The Tenjin and Hakata areas are great for shopping, and the city features parks perfect for leisure activities. Plus, beaches and mountains are just a short trip away.



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