

## 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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# 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(FWU) is a one-college institution. Its International College of Arts and Sciences has three departments offering broad-based, comprehensive 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.

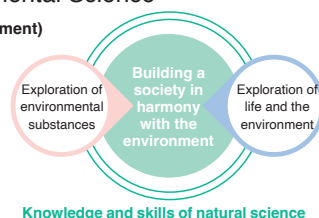
### Department of International Liberal Arts

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. Through these courses, they 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

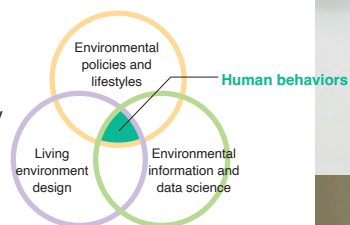
#### Course of Natural and Environmental Science (Environmental Substances/Life and Environment)

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)

This course is students comprehensively study the above three areas while exploring the human behaviors that best contribute to improving 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 <sup>2</sup> One unit: 82.40m <sup>2</sup>
Furnishing and facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Note: Students can bring their own or rent bedding and pillows.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>For use by all residents: hallway, meeting room(s), kitchen, shower room(s), laundry room, etc.</li> </ul>
Meals	Students can prepare their own meals or eat at the cafeteria (open on weekdays from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm). The university co-op J Shop is open on weekdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Hours are subject to change.
Building management and security	<p>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.</p> <p>Dorm residents must return by 11:00 pm; the curfew extends from 11:00 pm to 5 am (except in case of emergency).</p> <p>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.</p>



## Q What are the career paths of graduates?

**A** A Class of 2023 employment rate: **100%**  
(four graduates advanced to graduate-level studies)

**Employers:** Intelligent Network of Solution Co., Ltd., Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., Cube System Inc., Konoike Asia (Thailand) Co., Ltd., City Ascom Co., Ltd., Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd., Teradata Japan Ltd., Fujitsu Ltd., Route Inn Japan Co., Ltd., World Intec Co., Ltd.  
**Graduate Schools:** Kobe University, Saga University, Fukuoka Women's University, Peking University

There were 21 international student graduates. Of those, nine from the Department of International Liberal Arts and one from the Department of Environmental Science sought employment and all received job offers. Two each from the Department of International Liberal Arts and the Department of Environmental Science 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)

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 Proficiency 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 Japanese 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). Generally, 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: **40** Graduate: **26**

Total number of students

Undergraduate: **1,025** Graduate: **57**

Japan 🇯🇵	South Korea 🇰🇷	China 🇨🇳	Taiwan 🇹🇼	Vietnam 🇻🇳	Malaysia 🇲🇾	Germany 🇩🇪	Serbia 🇷🇸
Undergraduate <b>985</b>	Undergraduate <b>17</b>	Undergraduate <b>12</b>	Graduate <b>1</b>	Undergraduate <b>6</b>	Undergraduate <b>4</b>	Undergraduate <b>1</b>	Graduate <b>1</b>
Graduate <b>31</b>	Graduate <b>1</b>	Graduate <b>22</b>			Graduate <b>1</b>		

As of May 2024

## Q Is financial support available for international students?

A International students are fully exempt from matriculation fee 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.

Matriculation fee	Tuition fee	Supporters Association fee	Insurance fee	Dormitory fee	Student association	Total (except tuition fee)
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 40,060 yen / 4 years Department of Environmental Science 40,060 yen / 4 years Department of Food and Health Sciences 40,130 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 301,560 yen Department of Environmental Science 301,560 yen Department of Food and Health Sciences 301,630 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.(As of April 2024)

	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.

#### Full exemption

Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher

#### Half exemption

Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher 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 2024 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, Thailand, and Malaysia for applicants recommended by an FWU partner institution. 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).”

FY1: In the 2024 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 Privately-Financed International Students

While there is no FWU scholarship program for privately-financed international students, FWU recommends scholarships offered by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO), and other foundations and organizations. Below is a non-exhaustive list of scholarships for privately-financed international students for which FWU received nomination requests in the past.

- Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students, Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO)
- Fukuoka City International Foundation Scholarship, Fukuoka City International Foundation
- Future Development Scholarship for International Students, Fukuoka City International Foundation
- Fukuoka Satooya Scholarship for International Students from Asian Nations, Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation
- Scholarship, Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation
- Heiwa Nakajima Foundation Scholarship Students, Heiwa Nakajima Foundation
- Scholarship for Privately-Financed International Students, SGH Foundation
- JEES Scholarship, Japan Educational Exchanges and Services
- General Scholarship, ASSURAN International Scholarship Foundation
- Shiiki Masakazu Memorial Scholarship for Asian Students

Note: Should any other scholarships for international students become available, information will be communicated by email.





Q Is there an entrance examination exclusively for international students?

A There are two types of application options: (a) Admission for general international students and (b) Admission for international students recommended by an FWU partner institution. In either admission process, applicants are asked to submit their scores of the EJU. Applicants can take the EJU and gain admission without traveling to Japan by using the pre-arrival admission system. Note that a recommendation from an FWU partner institution is required to apply through application option (b) above.

	Admission for general international students	Admission for international students recommended by an FWU partner institution
Time of enrollment	April 2025	
Departments inviting applications	Department of International Liberal Arts/Department of Environmental Science/Department of Food and Health Sciences	
Number of planned admissions	20	Few
Exam date(s)	December 15, 2024	Dates vary depending on location
Exam locations	•FWU, Japan •Seoul, South Korea •Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	•Hanoi, Vietnam •Bangkok, Thailand •Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Selection criteria and the weight of each component	•Essay (150 points) •Interview (150 points) •English proficiency examination* (100 points) •EJU (600 points)	•Application documents (150 points) •Interview (150 points) •English proficiency examination* (100 points) •EJU (600 points)
Remarks	-	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: (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  
Note: The scores of 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 is the number of applicants per year and what were the scores of successful applicants?

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

Selection category		Department	Number of planned admissions	Number of applicants	Number of applicants who took the exams	Number of absentees	Number of successful applicants	Number of students who declined admission	Number of entrants
International student admissions process	General admissions	Department of International Liberal Arts	12	14	11	3	9	7	2
		Department of Environmental Science	5	2	2	0	1	0	1
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	3	1	0	1	-	-	-
		Total	20	17	13	4	10	7	3
	Pre-arrival admissions (Overseas exam venue)	Department of International Liberal Arts	-	8	7	1	6	5	1
		Department of Environmental Science	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
		Total	-	8	7	1	6	5	1
	Recommended by an FWU partner institution	Department of International Liberal Arts	*Few	2	2	0	2	0	2
		Department of Environmental Science	*Few	0	-	-	-	-	-
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	*Few	0	-	-	-	-	-
		Total	*Few	2	2	0	2	0	2
	Total	Department of International Liberal Arts	12	16	13	3	11	7	4
		Department of Environmental Science	5	2	2	0	1	0	1
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	3	1	0	1	-	-	-
		Total	20	19	15	4	12	7	5

Note: The intake capacity of international students through the general admission process includes additional seats. Note: Admission categories for which no applications were received are omitted from this table.

Admission Type	Department	Score Category	Total Scaled Score	Raw EJU Scores				Score allocation	
				Total	Japanese Language incl. Writing	General Knowledge (Japan and the World)	Mathematics Course 1	Grand Total	Breakdown of Admissions Criteria
Admission for general international students	Department of International Liberal Arts	Maximum	868	699	414	180	136	1000	•EJU: 600 points •English exams: 100 points •Essay: 150 points •Interview: 150 points
		Minimum	626	486	272	126	88	1000	
		Average	762.4	631.7	373.2	149.2	109.2	1000	

Note: The score data of the Department of Environmental Science applicants are not made public due to the small number of admissions.

Q Which EJU test subjects should I take?

A Applicants should take a test for the subjects indicated with “○” in the table below.

Subjects	Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)*				
	Japanese as a foreign language**	Science	General Knowledge (Japan and the World)	Mathematics**	
	Reading comprehension, Listening/reading comprehension, Writing	Select two subjects from physics, chemistry, and biology		Course 1	Course 2
Department of International Liberal Arts	○	-	○	△***	△***
Department of Environmental Science	○	○	-	-	○
Department of Food and Health Sciences	○	○	-	-	○

\*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 as a foreign language” and “mathematics” exams will be adjusted to conform to FWU's exam score scale  
\*\*\* The Department of International Liberal Arts applicants should take either Course 1 or Course 2 for their mathematics subject.

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](http://www.fwu.ac.jp/exam_info/kakomon.html)



Application information  
[http://www.fwu.ac.jp/exam\\_info/foreign\\_students.html](http://www.fwu.ac.jp/exam_info/foreign_students.html)



Q How much is the application fee?

A The application assessment fee for international students is 5,000 yen. Please refer to the application information for payment instructions.

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.



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