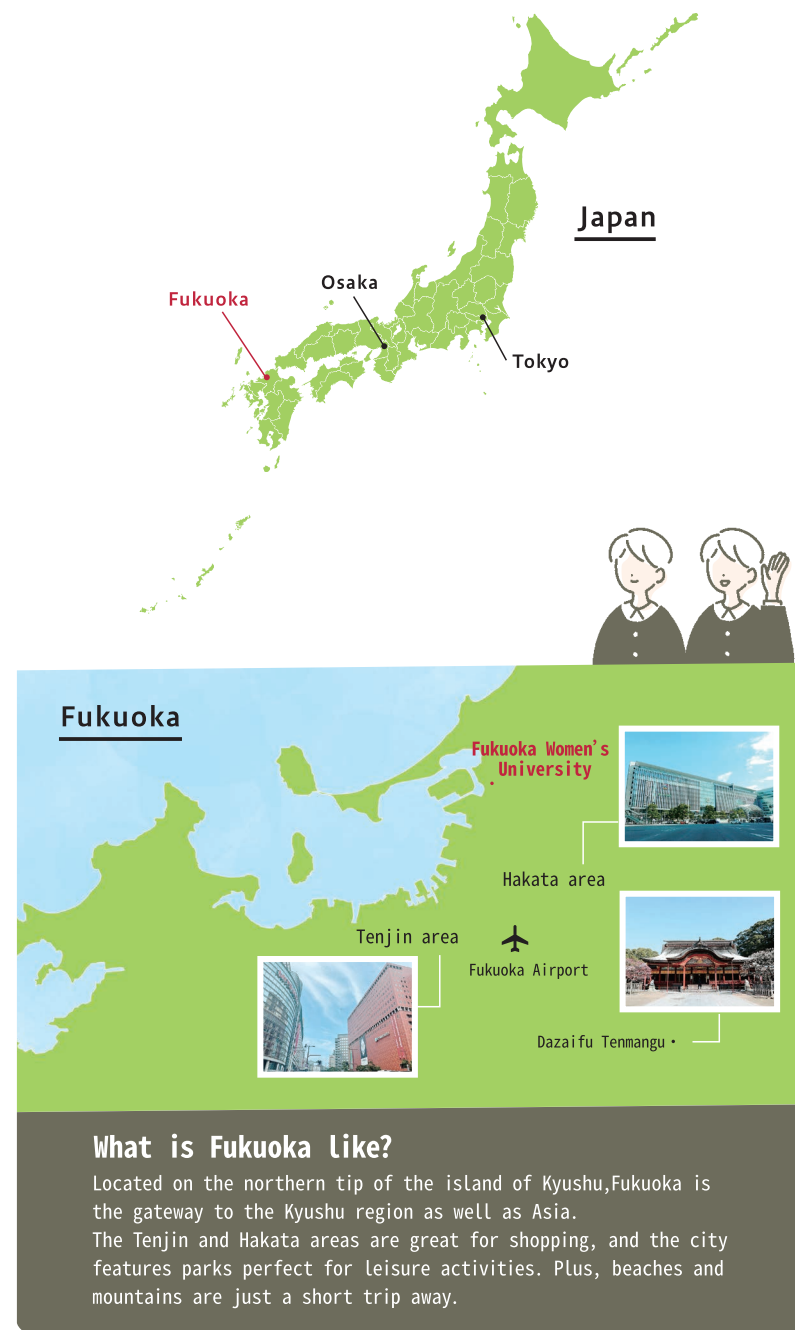


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International College of Arts and Sciences

Fukuoka Women's University has only one College, the International College of Arts and Sciences, which 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.

Undergraduate Overview

International College of Arts and Sciences

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 Sciences

(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)

In this course, 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

National Registered Dietitian Training Course

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.

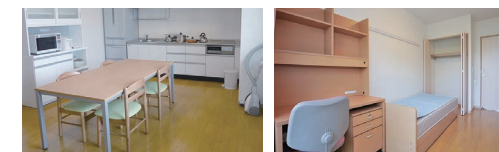
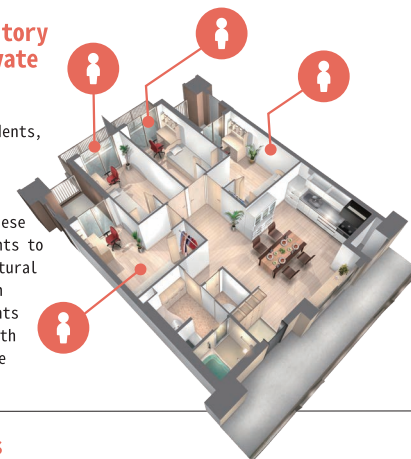


Why do students live in the dormitory?

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.



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.

On-campus dormitory ensures easy access to classes

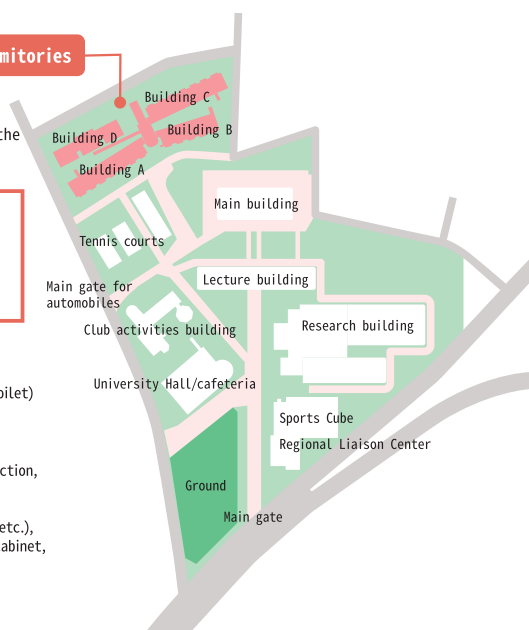
On-campus housing means no time lost on commuting, giving students more time to focus on their studies and extracurricular activities. Fitted with the necessary equipment and facilities for starting a new student life, the dormitory provides management support and quality security services, and ensures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

● **Fee: 15,000 yen per month 180,000 yen per year + An additional separate cleaning fee (actual cost) must be paid in advance (only when first moving into the dormitory)**
(The fee includes dormitory room rent, group activities, maintenance and renewal, gas, water, electricity and internet connection.) ※Bedding rental fee not included (can be supplied if requested)

●Dormitory data

Capacity	340 (four residents per unit)※85 units x 4DK (four private rooms with shared dining and kitchen, bathroom, and toilet) Buildings A - C (six stories)
Area	Private room: approx. 9.9m ² One unit: 82.40m ²
Furnishing and facilities	[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 room(s), kitchen, shower room(s), laundry room, etc.
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 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Note: 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 return by 11:00 pm; the curfew extends from 11:00 pm to 5 am. Overnight stay outside on weekdays during the semester is not allowed.

Student dormitories



What are the career paths of graduates?

Class of 2024 employment rate: **100%** (2 graduates advanced to graduate-level studies)

► Employers:

INTELLIGENT NETWORK OF SOLUTION CO.,LTD., EXEO Digital Solutions, Inc, SUS Co., Ltd., CROSS HEAD, Cross Marketing Group Inc, DAIICHI JITSUGYO CO., LTD., TOSHIBA CORPORATION, Fukuoka International Airport Co.,Ltd., Renesas Electronics Corporation, Rakuten Securities, Inc.

► Graduate Schools:

Fukuoka Women's University, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies

There were 20 international student graduates. In detail: In the Department of International Liberal Studies, 6 students applied for employment and 6 received job offers; 3 students from the Department of Environmental Science applied for employment, and 3 received job offers; 2 students from the Department of Food & Health wanted to work and 2 received offers; 2 students from the Department of Environmental Science went on to higher education.



Scheduled to be reorganized in April 2027.

The Department of Environmental Science is scheduled to stop accepting applications in FY2026, and the Department of Environmental Science and Technology (tentative name) and the Department of Living Environment Design and Informatics (tentative name) are scheduled to be established in FY2027.

※The reorganization plan is tentative and subject to change.

Support Programs



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

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)

This is a Japanese language program for international students in their first and second years of study. 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 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.

What student support programs are available?

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

Country/Region	Undergraduate	Graduate
South Korea	14	1
China	12	15
Taiwan	—	1
Vietnam	2	—
Malaysia	4	1
Thailand	2	—
Myanmar	1	—
Germany	—	1
Serbia	—	1
Number of foreign students	Undergraduate: 35	Graduate: 20
Total number of students	Undergraduate: 1,037	Graduate: 48

As of May 2025

Is financial support available for international students?

International students are fully exempt from the 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	Dormitory fee	Insurance fee	Student association	Supporters Association fee	Total (excluding tuition and dormitory cleaning fees)
520,000 yen Not applicable to international students	535,800 yen Qualified students are exempt in full or in part	180,000 yen Half semester: 90,000 yen + Separate advance cleaning fee (actual cost) only when moving in	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	15,000 yen /4 years	Admission fee: 40,000 yen Annual fee: 10,000 yen	Department of International Liberal Arts: 285,060 yen Department of Environmental Science: 285,060 yen Department of Food and Health Sciences: 285,130 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.

	Full exemption	Half exemption
TOEFL iBT®	72 or higher	57 or higher
TOEIC® L&R, S&W	1560 or higher	1350 or higher
IELTS	5.5 or higher	4.5 or higher
GTEC	1190 or higher	1075 or higher
TEAP	309 or higher	267 or higher
TEAP CBT	600 or higher	510 or higher
Cambridge English Examination	160 or higher	150 or higher
Eiken	2300 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 2025 academic year. Please check the FWU website for updates.

Taking advantage of the "pre-arrival admission" system

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 MEXT Honors Scholarship for Privately Financed International Students (recommended by the university)."

FYI: In the 2025 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.

*MEXT 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.



Admissions



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 on 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 2026	
Departments inviting applications	Department of International Liberal Arts / Department of Environmental Science / Department of Food and Health Sciences	
Number of planned admissions	20 ^{(*)1}	Few ^{(*)1}
Exam date(s)	2025, December 14	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 ^{(*)2} (100 points) EJU (600 points)	Application documents (150 points) Interview (150 points) English proficiency examination ^{(*)2} (100 points) EJU (600 points)
Remarks	—	Recommendation from an FWU partner institution is required

(*)1 The number of general admissions (20) includes the number of admissions of the applicants recommended by FWU partner institutions.
(*)2 Accepted English proficiency examinations: (1)TOEFL iBT® (2)TOEIC® Listening & Reading Tests and TOEIC® Speaking & Writing Tests (3)IELTS (4)GTEC(4 skills) (5)TEAP (6)TEAP CBT (7)Cambridge English Exam (8)Eiken 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.

Past exam questions and application requirements can be found here.

Please be sure to check the application requirements for details.

Past exam questions:

http://www.fwu.ac.jp/exam_info/kakomon.html

Application information:

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

Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)

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

Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU)*

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

*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.

How much is the application fee?

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

What is the number of applicants per year and what were the scores of successful applicants?

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 successful applicants	Number of entrants
International student admissions process	General admissions	Department of International Liberal Arts	12	22	20	18	11
		Department of Environmental Science	5	2	1	1	1
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	3	2	0	—	—
		Total	20	26	21	19	12
	Pre-arrival admissions (Overseas exam venue)	Department of International Liberal Arts	—	16	15	14	7
		Department of Environmental Science	—	1	0	—	—
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	—	1	0	—	—
		Total	—	18	15	14	7
	Vietnam	Department of International Liberal Arts	*Few	3	3	3	0
		Department of Environmental Science	*Few	0	—	—	—
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	*Few	0	—	—	—
		Total	*Few	3	3	3	0
	Thailand	Department of International Liberal Arts	*Few	2	2	2	2
		Department of Environmental Science	*Few	0	—	—	—
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	*Few	0	—	—	—
		Total	*Few	2	2	2	2
	Malaysia	Department of International Liberal Arts	*Few	1	1	1	1
		Department of Environmental Science	*Few	0	—	—	—
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	*Few	0	—	—	—
		Total	*Few	1	1	1	1
	Total	Department of International Liberal Arts	12	28	26	24	14
		Department of Environmental Science	5	2	1	1	1
		Department of Food and Health Sciences	3	2	0	—	—
		Total	20	32	27	25	15

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

Admission Type		Admission for general international students		
Department		Department of International Liberal Arts		
Score Category		Highest score	Lowest score	Average score
Total scores of successful applicants		821	609	723.1
Raw EJU scores of successful applicants	Total	727	478	591.6
	Japanese Language incl. Writing	408	268	354.9
	General Knowledge (Japan and the World)	184	81	142.4
	Mathematics Course 1	161	49	99.7
	Mathematics Course 2	—	—	—
Score allocation	Total score	1000		
	Details	Essay 150 points Interview 150 points English exam 100 points EJU 600 points		

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

How do I apply?

FWU accepts online applications only.
Please access the online application form on our website or via the link below.

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

