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Fukuoka Women's University **The World of Japanese Contemporary Culture Program (WJC)** **Fall 2021 - Spring 2022**

Fukuoka Women's University (FWU) is offering to excellent international students a short-term study abroad program focusing on Japanese culture and society. Students can choose to participate in the program for either 1 year (Fall 2021 to Spring 2022) or 1 semester (Fall 2021 or Spring 2022).

The WJC program was established in 2010 as a milestone in the Fukuoka Women's University's internationalization efforts. The program grants scholarships to some participants from partner universities. Based on the availability of student positions and the number of applications from partner universities, a total of 25 to 30 students will be selected as participants. Only female students are eligible for WJC.

Academic Calendar

Fall 2021 (tentative)

- Expected arrival date in Fukuoka: September 21, 2021
- Orientation: September 24, 2021
- Opening ceremony: September 27, 2021
- Closing ceremony: January 31, 2022

Spring 2022 (tentative)

- Expected arrival date in Fukuoka: end of March 2022 (tbc)
- Orientation: end of March 2022 (tbc)
- Opening ceremony: early April 2022 (tbc)
- Closing ceremony: early August 2022 (tbc)

Scholarship and Financial Support

1. Duration and amount of scholarship (for a limited number of students):

For Fall 2021 Students	
Sep 2021	32,000JPY
Oct 2021 - Jan 2022	64,000 JPY
For Fall 2021- Spring 2022 Students	
Sep 2021	32,000JPY
Oct 2021 - Mar 2022	64,000 JPY
Apr - Jul 2022	tbc
For Spring 2022 Students	
Mar 2022	32,000JPY
Apr - Jul 2022	tbc

*tbc: to be confirmed

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2. Travel Grant (Round-trip Airfare Reimbursement):

Location of Home Country	Travel Grant Amount
For Fall 2021 Intake Students	
Asia	Up to 70,000JPY
Europe and America	Up to 100,000JPY
For Spring 2022 Intake Students	
Asia	tbc
Europe and America	tbc

3. Accommodation fee at student dormitory:

Waived (Utility fee of 10,000JPY/month is not waived.)

4. Tuition fees:

Waived according to the student exchange agreement

Requirements for Application

1. TOEFL iBT: Over 70; TOEIC: Over 800; IELTS: Over 5.5
(not required for native English speakers)
2. Total GPA: Over 2.3/3.0
If academic transcript does not show the student's GPA, an additional letter is required stating the student's GPA of 2.3/3.0 or higher.
3. JLPT N2 or higher equivalent is required of the student who will choose JLC.
(No Japanese language requirement for JCS and JCC students.)
4. Applications for Spring semester entry, JLPT N5 or higher equivalent will be required for all applicants since we do not have elementary Japanese courses in Spring semester.

Application Materials

1. Typewritten Application form (not handwritten) and Online form
2. Academic transcript (Original)
3. Proof of GPA 2.3/3.0
4. Two (2) recommendation letters from academic advisors
5. TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS score (Not required for native English speakers)
6. JLPT score or proof of Japanese proficiency by teachers (Only for JLC applicants)
7. Essay entitled "Why I want to join the FWU's WJC Program"
8. Typewritten Independent Study Project (ISP) proposal sheet (Template provided)
9. Certificate of Health (Form provided)
10. Copy of passport

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Application Deadline

1. April 30, 2021 (Fri)

Scanned copies of all required documents should be sent by the relevant office of the home university to the International Center of FWU.

Applications directly sent by applicants to FWU will not be accepted.

2. May 7, 2021 (Fri)

For the selected students, the hard copies of their application materials should reach our office no later than the date stated above.

Selection of Participants

The selected participants and scholarship recipients will be announced in late May 2021.

Courses and Project (*provisional)

1. Japanese Language Courses (credits and credit hours: vary by level)

Every semester Japanese language courses are offered at four different levels (Elementary - Advanced). The Elementary course is offered only in Fall semester. You will be placed in the most appropriate course based on the result of your placement test.

2. Culture & Society Courses (2 credits and 30 credit hours for each course)

WJC offers a variety of subjects about the Japanese culture and society such as literature, economics, politics, law, art, movies, Hakata local culture and more. These subjects are classified under the three (3) tracks depending on the main theme:

- ◇ Japanese Contemporary Society (JCS):
Consists of 6-7 courses focusing on Japanese society (Language of instruction: *English*)
- ◇ Japanese Contemporary Culture (JCC):
Consists of 6-7 courses focusing on Japanese culture (Language of instruction: *English*)
- ◇ Japanese Language and Culture (JLC):
Consists of 6-7 courses focusing on Japanese Culture (Language of instruction: *Japanese*;
Equivalent of JLPT N2 or higher is required)

3. Independent Study Project (2 credits)

Students are required to do a research on one topic related to Japanese culture during their study at FWU. Academic advisors will assist them with their research. Students can choose an Independent Study Project either focusing on contemporary or traditional topics.

Other Activities (*provisional)

1. Field/Study trips

2. Guest speakers: writers and artists

Famous Japanese authors and culture creators discuss current issues with students

3. Home Visit Program

Japanese families are introduced to exchange students for monthly visits

4. Japanese Student Tutor Program (JD-Mates)

FWU students called 'JD-Mates' will support the exchange students.

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5. Experienced-Based Learning Activities (5-10 activities/semester)

Students have many chances to learn Japanese culture and society through a variety of experiences as below.

5-1. English Village

Weekend program with Japanese students where students can only use English. WJC students are expected to support the program.

5-2. Local School Visit

Visit local junior high schools or high schools and have a cultural exchange with Japanese pupils.

5-3. Dormitory Activities

Parties, language exchange, sports, lectures, etc.

Accommodation

WJC students are guaranteed accommodation in the University's International Friendship House (*Nadeshiko* Dormitory). Each unit of the dormitory has four single bedrooms, one dining area with well-furnished kitchen, one lavatory, one bathroom and one washing machine. WJC students will live together with Japanese students in one unit. For more information, please visit the following website. <http://www.fwu.ac.jp/english/campuslife/dormitory.html>

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