

WJC GENERAL INFORMATION

Fukuoka Women's University The World of Japanese Contemporary Culture Program (WJC) Fall 2026 - Spring 2027

Fukuoka Women's University (FWU) is offering to excellent international students the World of Japanese Contemporary Culture program (WJC), 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 2026 to Spring 2027) or **1 semester** (Fall 2026 or Spring 2027).

WJC was established in 2010 as a milestone in the internationalization efforts of Fukuoka Women's University. 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).

The program will grant scholarships to some participants and the recipients will be selected based on the number of scholarship applications and the available fund. At this time, the partner university will apply for the scholarship on behalf of their student(s).



1. PROGRAM DATES (tentative)

Fall 2026

- Expected arrival date in Fukuoka: September 16, 2026
- Orientation: September 18, 2026
- Opening ceremony: September 24, 2026
- Closing ceremony: January 29, 2027

Spring 2027

- Expected arrival date in Fukuoka: 3rd week of March 2027 (to be confirmed)
- Orientation: end of March 2027 (tbc)
- Opening ceremony: early April 2027 (tbc)
- Closing ceremony: late July 2027 (tbc)



2. ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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

Every semester Japanese language courses are offered at different levels (Beginner to Pre-Advanced). You will be placed in the most appropriate course based on the result of your placement test.

2.2 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 two (2) tracks depending on the medium of instruction:

- ❖ Japanese Contemporary Culture and Society (JCCS):
Courses focusing on Japanese culture and society
(Medium of instruction: *English*; No Japanese language proficiency required.)

- ❖ Japanese Language and Culture (JLC):
Courses focusing on Japanese culture and language
(Medium of instruction: *Japanese* ; Equivalent of JLPT N2 or higher is required.)

2.3 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.

3. OTHER ACTIVITIES

3.1 Field/Study trips

3.2 Guest speakers: writers and artists

Famous Japanese authors and culture creators discuss current issues with students.

3.3 Japanese Student Tutor Program (JD-Mates)

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

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

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

3.4-1. English Village

Weekend program with Japanese students where students can only use English.

WJC students are expected to support the program.

3.4-2. Local School Visit

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

3.4-3. Dormitory Activities

Parties, language exchange, sports, lectures, etc.

Please note that the above activities are subject to change.

4. ACCOMMODATION

WJC students are guaranteed accommodation in the University's International Friendship House (*Nadeshiko* Dormitory). Each unit of the dormitory has four single bedrooms, a dining area with well-furnished kitchen, lavatory, bathroom, and is equipped with 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>

5. FEES AND LIVING COSTS

5.1 TUITION FEES

Tuition fees are waived according to the student exchange agreement.

5.2 DORMITORY AND REQUIRED FEES

The dormitory's monthly rent is waived by FWU for exchange students. WJC students are only

required to cover the following expenses. Detailed information will be provided after acceptance into the program.

- Monthly dorm utility fee
- Room cleaning fee for moving out
- Linen-Futon rental fee
- Comprehensive Insurance for Exchange Students fee (plus registration fee)



6. FWU-JASSO SCHOLARSHIP AND TRAVEL GRANT

Please note that all amount indicated below are subject to change. Also, students who will receive a scholarship of 60,000JPY (or equivalent in the home currency) or higher from their home university or another institution are not eligible for the FWU-JASSO scholarship.

The scholarship scheme has been adjusted in accordance with the changes to the fiscal year, as follows.

6.1 FWU-JASSO SCHOLARSHIP

For Semester students:

Monthly stipend	80,000JPY per month for September 2026 - January 2027
Monthly dormitory rent	waived for September 2026 - January 2027
Monthly dorm utility fee	waived for September 2026

*NOTE: For spring semester students, the monthly stipend is to be confirmed.

For Full year students:

Monthly stipend	80,000JPY per month for September 2026 - July 2027
Monthly dormitory rent	waived for September 2026 - July 2027
Monthly dorm utility fee	waived for September 2026

6.2 FWU TRAVEL GRANT

A travel grant of up to 50,000 Japanese Yen is available to support travel from the home country to Fukuoka for 25 students. Please note that this is a reimbursable award, and the reimbursement procedure will be carried out only once at the beginning of each student's study period. Awardees must initially cover their travel expenses, and reimbursement will be provided afterward. If there are more than 25 WJC participants, the FWU International Center will select up to 25 students to receive the travel grant.

	Travel Grant Amount
For Fall 2026 Intake Students	Up to 50,000JPY
For Spring 2027 Intake Students	to be confirmed



7. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

7.1 English Proficiency:

TOEFL iBT: Over 70; TOEIC: Over 800; IELTS: Over 5.5 (not required for native English speakers)

7.2 Academic standing:

Minimum GPA: Over 2.3/3.0 (3.1/4.0)

7.3 For applicants who will take JLC courses (medium of instruction is in Japanese only),

JLPT N2 or higher equivalent is required.

***NOTE:** Japanese language proficiency is not required for applicants who will take WJC courses in English.



8. APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. Online Questionnaire
2. Typewritten Application form (not handwritten)
3. Academic transcript in English **(original copy)**
4. Proof of GPA 2.3/3.0 (3.1/4.0)
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 (3.1/4.0) or higher.
5. Two (2) recommendation letters from academic advisors **(original copy)**
6. TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS score report (not required for native English speakers)
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) **(original copy)**
10. Copy of passport
11. JLPT score report or proof of Japanese proficiency by teachers (only for JLC applicants)
12. Diploma in English (only for postgraduate applicants)



9. NOMINATION & APPLICATION DEADLINES AND SELECTION

9.1 Nomination Deadline: April 1, 2026 (Wednesday)

Information on nominees (Name, Major, Year level, GPA, duration of study) should be submitted by completing the designated google form.

9.2 Application Deadline: April 15, 2026 (Wednesday)

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

Applications sent directly to FWU by applicants will not be accepted. Hard copies of the application documents are not required.

The selected participants and scholarship recipients will be announced in late May 2026.



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