

Fact Sheet for Student Exchange

2025 - 2026

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Student Exchange Programs

University of Fukui provides 2 student exchange programs: Program A is to offer courses in English and Program B is in Japanese. Applicants who meet the language requirement of both Program A and B may apply for Program A so that they can take courses both in English and Japanese.

	Program A	Program B
Language of Instruction	English (Except Japanese Language and Culture related courses)	Japanese
Admission	- April - October	- April - October
Duration	- 6 months (1 semester) - 1 year (2 semesters)	- 6 months (1 semester) - 1 year (2 semesters)
Eligibility	 - Undergraduate Students - Graduate Students (Research students only) 	- Undergraduate Students - Graduate Students
Program Outline	<u>Undergraduate students</u> take Common Courses (Japanese language, Japanese affairs and traditional industries courses) in Japanese as well as Specialized Courses in English offered in the School of Education, School of Engineering ^{*1} , and School of Global and Community Studies in English. See the following course catalog for course details: <u>https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/wp/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/Program-A 2025-2026 Catalog.pdf</u> <u>Graduate students</u> receive research instructions from his/her supervisor in English. They can also take Japanese language courses without earning credit.	Undergraduate students take regular UF courses offered to degree-seeking students in the School of Education, School of Engineering ^{*1} , and School of Global and Community Studies. Most courses are offered in Japanese but some courses are taught in English. See the following Syllabus Page for course details: <u>https://www.u- fukui.ac.jp/cont_life/academic/instruction/class_b</u> <u>unkyo/</u> <u>Graduate students</u> can enroll in UF either as a <u>Special Auditing Student</u> and take UF courses in Japanese offered to students in the Graduate School of Engineering ^{*1} , or as a <u>Special Research</u> <u>Student</u> and receive research instructions from his/her supervisor in Japanese.
GPA Requirement	GPA of 2.30 (on a 3.0 scale) or higher in the previous academic year (past 1 year)	GPA of 2.30 (on a 3.0 scale) or higher in the previous academic year (past 1 year)
Language Requirement	TOEFL PBT or ITP score 500, TOEFL iBT 61, TOEIC 600 or its equivalent	Japanese Language Proficiency Test N2, or its equivalent
For students who take courses both in English and Japanese	Applicants who meet the language requirement of both Program A and B may apply for Program A so that they can take courses both in English and Japanese. Please submit both English and Japanese certificates specified above upon application.	

^{*1} The School and Graduate School of Engineering have established acceptance requirements.

- 1) The following courses require undergraduate students to take a Special Research.
 - ODepartment of Mechanical and System Engineering (Robotics Course) * Only Program A students are accepted. ODepartment of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering (Computer Science Course) * Both of Program A and Program B students are accepted.
- 2) The following course accept special research students (graduate level) only.
 - OGraduate School of Engineering (Master level), Industrial Innovation Engineering, Frontier Fiber Technology and Science course
 - https://www.eng.u-fukui.ac.jp/eng/organization/graduate/industrial/index.html
- (For your reference: English version of the university guidebook)

https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/wp/wp-content/uploads/VB_for-International-Students_2024.pdf)



Calculation Method of GPA designed by JASSO

Use the following table and formula to calculate your cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) at your home institution over the last one year.

Your Grade Point Average must be 2.30 or higher at the time of application. When there is no academic record for an entire year over the last one year, use the most recent one year-worth of academic record to calculate your latest Grade Point Average. Note: Do not count pass/fail courses in the calculation.

How to calculate

Use the following table to generate a grade point average for each course, and calculate the cumulative grade points by the formula.

(Round off to three decimal places.)

		Academic Record 成績評価					
4-leveled	Pattern 1	_	Excellent 優	Good 良	Fair च	Fail 不可	
Evaluation 4段階評価	Pattern 2	_	А	В	С	F	
	Pattern 3	_	100-80	79-70	69-60	<59	
	Pattern 4	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	<59	
5-leveled Evaluation 5段階評価	Pattern 5	S	А	В	С	F	
	Pattern 6	А	В	С	D	F	
Grade Scale 評価点		3	3	2	1	0	

Formula

Grade (# of "Grade Scale 3" credit × 3) + (# of "Grade Scale 2" credit × 2) + (# of "Grade Scale 1" credit × 1)
Point = Total credits registered
Average



Japanese Language Courses

Exchange students are required to take a placement test right after their arrival and will be placed in one of the 5 course levels (Japanese 1-5) as follows:

Japanese Level	Course	Required Elective	Elective	Credits	Note
日本語レベル	科目	選択必修科目	選択科目	単位	備考
	Integrated Japanese 1 総合 1	0		4	4 classes/week 週 4 コマ
	Japanese Reading 1 読む 1		0	1	
Japanese 1 日本語 1	Japanese Speaking 1 話す 1		0	1	
	Japanese Writing 1 書く 1		0	1	
	Japanese Kanji 1 漢字 1		0	1	
	Integrated Japanese 2 総合 2	0		4	4 classes/week 週 4 コマ
	Japanese Reading 2 読む 2		0	1	
Japanese 2 日本語 2	Japanese Speaking 2 話す 2		0	1	
	Japanese Writing 2 書く 2		0	1	
	Japanese Kanji 2 漢字 2		0	1	
	Integrated Japanese 3 総合 3	0		4	4 classes/week 週 4 コマ
Japanese 3 日本語 3	Japanese Reading 3 読む 3		0	1	
	Japanese Writing 3 書く 3		0	1	
Japanese 4 日本語 4	Japanese 4A・4B 日本語 4A・4B		0	1	Conversation, Speech 会話、スピーチ
	Japanese 4C・4D 日本語 4C・4D		0	1	Report writing レポート
Japanese 5	Japanese 5E・5F 日本語 5E・5F		0	1	Discussion・Presentation ディスカッション・ プレゼンテーション
日本語5	Japanese 5G・5H 日本語 5G・5H		0	1	Reading & Writing 読解・作文



Japanese Affairs Courses

Japanese Level	Course	Required Elective	Elective	Credits	Note
日本語レベル	科目	選択必修科目	選択科目	単位	備考
	Japanese Affairs 日本事情		0	2	Lectures in Japanese 日本語による講義
Japanese 4	Japanese Culture 日本の文化		0	2	Lectures in Japanese 日本語による講義
日本語 4	Multiculturalism in Japan – Practices and Challenges - A 多文化共生の取組と課題 A		0	2	Lectures in Japanese 日本語による講義
Japanese 5	Introduction to Intercultural Communication A 異文化コミュニケーション入門 A		0	2	Lectures in Japanese 日本語による講義
日本語 5	Project Work for International Students1・2 留学生のためのプロジェクトワーク1・2		0	2	Lectures in Japanese 日本語による講義
	Global Business and Japan Global Business and Japan		0	2	Lectures in English 英語による講義
Japanese 1~5 日本語 1~5	Traditional Industries 伝統産業	0		2	Program A only Program A のみ

*1 class hour is equal to 45 minutes. Each course is conducted for 15 weeks/semester. *All the classes mentioned above are open in the Fall/Spring semester.

Academic Information (for exchange students)

Academic Load	International students are required to take at least 10 hours/week of courses to maintain their student visa status. 10 hours/week is equivalent to 7 courses (about 14 credits).						
Grading System	School of Educat	School of Education, School of Engineering			School of Global and Community Studies		
	Grade	Grade Point	Score	Grade	Grade Point	Score	
	A	4	90-100	A+	4.00	98-100	
	В	3	80-89	А	4.00	95-97	
	С	2	70-79	A-	3.67	90-94	
	D	1	60-69	B+	3.33	87-89	
	F	0	0-59	В	3.00	83-86	
				B-	2.67	80-82	
				C+	2.33	77-79	
				С	2.00	73-76	
				C-	1.67	70-72	
				D+	1.33	67-69	
				D	1.00	63-66	
				D-	0.67	60-62	
				F	0	0-59	
Credit System and Credit Transfer	class is 90 minut mostly 2 credits. 30 learning hour courses), one cre For credit transfe that the exchang	es long (2 class hou 1-credit courses ca s. For courses categedit contains conten- er, the home univer	urs) for 15 wee ategorized as <i>la</i> gorized as <i>sem</i> nt that require rsity of each ex ed at UF and t	eks per semester ecture contain co ninar or basic lan es 30 class hours cchange student co decide wheth	ontent that require <i>iguage course</i> (e.g.) reserves the right t er or not the studen	l examinations, and 15 class hours and Japanese language o evaluate credits	
Academic Transcript	A <i>Transcript of Record</i> will be issued for exchange students who enroll in UF as Special Auditing Students to confirm their courses completed, grades, and credits earned. A <i>Report of Research Supervision</i> signed by the dean of a graduate school will be issued for exchange students who enroll in UF as Special Research Students.						

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Certificate of	
Completion	

A *Certificate of Completion* will be issued to those who successfully completed the Program A curriculum over the year. Please see the following course catalog for course details: <u>https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/wp/wp-content/uploads/3_Program-A_2024-2025_Catalog.pdf</u>

Important Dates for Student Exchange Program

2025 October admission 2026 April admission		2026 April admission		
	(Dates are subject to change)	(Dates are subject to change)		
Nomination Period	February 14 – March 7, 2025	August 22 – September 11, 2025		
Application Period	March 14 – April 4, 2025	September 24 – October 14, 2025		
Notification of Acceptance	Mid-June, 2025	Early of December, 2025		
COE sent out	Mid-August, 2025	Mid-February, 2026		
Arrival Date September 24,25, 2025 March 25,26, 2026		March 25,26, 2026		
Orientation week	entation week September 26, 29-30, 2025 March 27,30-31, 2026			
1 st Semester	Fall Semester 2025	Spring Semester 2026		
	October 1 – March 31	April 1 – September 30		
Classes start	October 1	April 1		
Final exam	Early February	Early August		
Vacation	Mid-February – March 31	Mid-August – September 30		
2 nd Semester	Spring Semester 2026	Fall Semester 2027		
	April 1 – September 30	October 1 – March 31		
Classes start	April 1	October 1		
Final exam	Early August	Early February		
Vacation	Mid-August – September 30	Mid-February – March 31		

Number of accepted students

Acceptance limit	Regarding the change in our acceptance policy, we are limiting the number of incoming students from
	each partner university to one or two.

Application Procedure for Student Exchange Programs

How to Apply	 The officer will complete a <i>Nomination Sheet</i> with his/her signature, then upload the signed <i>Nomination Sheet</i> to UF via designated URL. Applicants fill in and prepare application forms and documents specified in the <i>Application Guidelines</i> and submit them through online application system to the officer in charge of student exchange programs at applicants' home institution. Then the officer submit to UF.
Application Information	Application Guidelines and Forms are downloadable from the following webpage: https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/eng/inbound/exchange/application/

Visa Information

How to Apply	1) An applicant will submit the Application for Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) in Excel format along with other
for a Student	application documents to UF at the time of application.
Visa	2) When submitting the form to UF, make sure to use the check list to confirm the contents.
	3) After issuing a Letter of Acceptance, a UF officer will apply for the applicant's CoE on his/her behalf.
	4) The UF officer will send the CoE to the applicant's home institution after its issuance by the immigration
	bureau.
	5) The applicant will apply for a Student Visa by submitting the CoE with other supporting documents to a
	Japanese Embassy or Consulate in his/her country/region.
	6) The applicant must receive a Student Visa prior to departing the home country/region.
CoE Application	The CoE Application Form and its instructions are downloadable from the following webpage:
Information	https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/eng/inbound/visa-application/



Arrival Information

Airport to Downtown	<u>Narita/Haneda Airport</u> – Komatsu Airport [by airplane] (1.5 hours)
Fukui	<u>Komatsu Airport</u> – Fukui Station [by coach] (1 hour)
	<u>Kansai International Airport</u> – JR Shin Osaka Station [by Ltd. Express Haruka train] (1 hour) JR Shin Osaka Station – JR Tsuruga Station [by Ltd. Express Thunderbird train] (1.5 hours) Tsuruga Station – Fukui Station [by Hapi-Line Fukui] (50 min.)
	<u>Chubu International Airport</u> – Meitetsu Nagoya Station [by μ -SKY Limited Express train] (30 min.) JR Nagoya Station – JR Fukui Station [by Ltd. Express Shirasagi train] (2.5 hours)
Downtown Fukui to UF Bunkyo Campus	Echizen Railway Fukui Station – Fukudaimae Nishi Fukui Station [by Mikuni line train] (15 min.) (Train available every 30 min. in daytime)
	Fukui Station – UF Bunkyo Campus [by taxi] (10 min.)
Pick-Up Service	Not available
Orientation	All international students are required to attend orientation sessions where students will learn: how to register for courses, about UF academic and administrative systems, and useful information about daily life in Japan. They will also complete necessary procedures (resident registration, bank account, insurance, etc.). Therefore, international students are asked to arrive in Fukui before the orientation week. Please find the orientation schedule in the above "Important Dates" section.

Accommodation Information – Bunkyo Campus

The University of Fukui Bunkyo Campus has 3 student dormitories as below. Since the number of dormitory rooms is limited, there is no guarantee that a room will be provided for all exchange students. The applicants will be notified whether they will be provided with a dormitory room or not when they receive a *Letter of Acceptance*. For students who are not provided with a dormitory room, a UF officer will provide apartment information near campus and support them to secure a room before coming to Japan. Please find more details at the following webpage:

https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/wp/wp-content/uploads/%E2%98%85Dormitory-Guide_ENG.pdf

Dormitory / Apartment	Room Outlines	Cost
UF Overseas Students House	Single rooms or shared rooms are	10,200 – 17,400 JPY/month (Communal charge
(for international students only)	available.	included)
	Mini-kitchen, unit-bath and toilet are in	*Electricity, gas, and water will be charged
	the room (washing machine for common	separately.
	use)	*Washing machine: 100 JPY/use
		*20,000 JPY (one time payment for cleaning fee)
UF Student Dormitory	Single rooms are available.	6,800 JPY/month (Communal charge included)
(for Japanese and international	Mini-kitchen and toilet are in the room	*Electricity and water will be charged
students)	(shower room and washing machine for	separately.
	common use)	*Shower room: 100 JPY/use
		*Washing machine: 100JPY/use
		*20,000 JPY (one time payment for cleaning fee)
Makishima House	Single rooms are available.	14,000 JPY/month (Communal charge included)
(for full-time international	Mini-kitchen, unit-bath and toilet are in	*Electricity, gas, and water will be charged
students only. Exchange	the room (washing machine for common	separately.
students are admitted only	use)	*Washing machine: 100 JPY/use
when there is room available.)		*20,000 JPY (one time payment for cleaning fee)
[FYI] Private apartment	The University of Fukui will give as much	(Minimum) 25,000 JPY/month
	support as possible for those wishing to	*A deposit equal to two to three-month rent
	reside in an apartment.	will be additionally needed at the time of
		signing a contract



Accommodation Information – Matsuoka Campus

Dormitory	Room Outlines	Cost
International House	Single room	10,900JPY/month
	Couple room	18,400JPY/month
	Family room	21,700JPY/month

Financial Information

Admission Fee and Tuition	Students from partner universities will be exempted from a matriculation fee and tuition at UF under the student exchange agreement. The exemption is, however, limited to the number of students stated in the agreement between the student's home institution and UF. Students who are accepted outside of the agreement will be exempted from a matriculation fee but have to pay tuition to UF as follows: [Special Auditing (SA) Student with Credit] Tuition = 14,800JPY x total credits registered (paid on a semester basis) Example: Tuition for a SA student who registered 7 courses (2 credits each) in one semester Example: 14,800JPY x 14 credits = 207,200 / semester			
	[Special Research (Tuition = 163,800JF	SR) Student with No Credit] ማ per semester		
Overseas Travel Insurance	avel Before arriving in Japan, students have to acquire an overseas travel insurance from the to at least 2 weeks after arriving in Fukui. The table below shows what level of covera, Fukui recommends to students when they study abroad. Please use the table as a reference overseas travel insurance with the same level of coverage as listed.			
		Indemnification Contents	Insured at least	7
		Accidental Death	10 million JPY	-
		Physical Impediment	10 million JPY	
		Medical and Rescue Expenses	30 million JPY	
		Sickness Death	10 million JPY	
		Personal Liability for Damages	100 million JPY	
		Baggage	100,000 JPY	
		Checked Baggage Delay	Optional	
		Flight Delay Expense	Optional]
National Health Insurance	Every person living in Japan, including foreign nationals, must have health insurance. The premium is about 19,000 JPY per year.			
Academic Insurance	Education and Rese compensation for insured students m their educational a year. For details, se	ernational Students to purchase F earch (PAS) and Liability Insurance of physical injuries as a result of une ay be held legally liable to pay for in nd research activities, including co e the following website: Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese:	coupled with PAS. These plans expected accidents, and cove juring a third party or damagir	give insured students er damages for which ng any property during mium is 1,140 JPY per
Inbound Insurance	Inbound insurance covers personal liability, death and residual disability, rescuer expenses, medical expenses, and tenant's liability. Those who will reside in the university dormitory are required to purchase this insurance. We strongly recommend to purchase it as well as those who reside in an apartment.			
Comprehensive Renter's Insurance for Foreign Students in Japan	CRI is a combination of overseas travel insurance and guarantors' protection fund. All students who reside in a private apartment are required to purchase this insurance. The premium is 4,000 JPY per year. Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean: <u>http://www.jees.or.jp/crifs/index.htm</u>			



Cost Simulation	Financial simulation: In case of residing i	n the UF Stud	ent Do	ormito	ry for 12 month	<u>15</u>	
	Air fare (round ticket)	¥150,000	×	1		=	¥150,000
	Rent	¥6,800	×	12	(months)	=	¥81,680
	Utility	¥10,000	×	12	(months)	=	¥120,000
	Insurances (all included except travel insurance)	¥35,110				=	¥35,110
	Textbooks	¥30,000	×	2	(semesters)	=	¥60,000
	Living expense (including food)	¥30,000	×	12	(months)	=	¥360,000
	Communication (phone & Internet)	¥10,000	×	12	(months)	=	¥120,000
	Other necessity (e.g. transportation)	¥3,000	×	12	(months)	=	¥36,000
	Other initial costs	¥50,000				=	¥50,000
							¥1,012,790

About Fukui

Fukui Prefectural Government	http://www.pref.fukui.lg.jp/english/
FUKUI Tourism Guide	https://enjoy.pref.fukui.lg.jp/en/

Part-time Job

-	International students are allowed to have a part-time job if he/she has a work permit from the immigration office, supervisor, and Int'l Affairs Division. The students can work up to 28 hours per	
	In order to obtain the work permission, the students must maintain the good academic performance.	