

Fact Sheet for Student Exchange

2026 – 2027

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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: https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/wp/wp-content/uploads/Program-A_2025-2026_Catalog.pdf <u>Graduate students</u> receive research instructions from his/her supervisor in English. They can also take Japanese language courses without earning credit.	<u>Undergraduate students</u> 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: https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/content/academic/instruction/class_bunkyo/ <u>Graduate students</u> can enroll in UF either as a <i>Special Auditing Student</i> and take UF courses in Japanese offered to students in the Graduate School of Engineering^{*1}, or as a <i>Special Research Student</i> 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.

- Department of Mechanical and System Engineering (Robotics Course) * Only Program A students are accepted.
- Department 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.

- Graduate 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 Evaluation 4段階評価	Pattern 1	—	Excellent 優	Good 良	Fair 可	Fail 不可
	Pattern 2	—	A	B	C	F
	Pattern 3	—	100-80	79-70	69-60	<59
5-leveled Evaluation 5段階評価	Pattern 4	100-90	89-80	79-70	69-60	<59
	Pattern 5	S	A	B	C	F
	Pattern 6	A	B	C	D	F
Grade Scale 評価点		3	3	2	1	0

Formula

$$\text{Grade Point Average} = \frac{(\# \text{ of "Grade Scale 3" credit} \times 3) + (\# \text{ of "Grade Scale 2" credit} \times 2) + (\# \text{ of "Grade Scale 1" credit} \times 1)}{\text{Total credits registered}}$$

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

Japanese Affairs Courses

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

*Starting in the fall of 2026, the Japanese curriculum will be changing.

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 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
	B	3	80-89	A	4.00	95-97
	C	2	70-79	A-	3.67	90-94
	D	1	60-69	B+	3.33	87-89
	F	0	0-59	B	3.00	83-86
				B-	2.67	80-82
				C+	2.33	77-79
				C	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	University of Fukui adopts the same credit system as other national universities in Japan; that is each class is 90 minutes long (2 class hours) for 15 weeks per semester plus 1 week of final examinations, and mostly 2 credits. 1-credit courses categorized as <i>lecture</i> contain content that require 15 class hours and 30 learning hours. For courses categorized as <i>seminar</i> or <i>basic language course</i> (e.g. Japanese language courses), one credit contains content that requires 30 class hours. For credit transfer, the home university of each exchange student reserves the right to evaluate credits that the exchange student has earned at UF and to decide whether or not the student can transfer the credits to their home university. Special Research Students receive no credit at UF.					
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.					

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

	2026 October admission (Dates are subject to change)	2027 April admission (Dates are subject to change)
Nomination Period	February 13 – March 6, 2026	August 21 – September 11, 2026
Application Period	March 13 – April 3, 2026	September 25 – October 16, 2026
Notification of Acceptance	Mid-June, 2026	Early of December, 2026
COE sent out	Mid-August, 2026	Mid-February, 2027
Arrival Date	September 24,25, 2026	March 25,26, 2027
Orientation week	September 28-30, 2026	March 29-31, 2027
1 st Semester	Fall Semester 2026 October 1 – March 31	Spring Semester 2027 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 2027 April 1 – September 30	Fall Semester 2028 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.
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Application Procedure for Student Exchange Programs

How to Apply	1) 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. 2) 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	<i>Application Guidelines</i> and <i>Forms</i> are downloadable from the following webpage: https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/eng/inbound/exchange/application/

Visa Information

How to Apply for a Student Visa	1) An applicant will submit the <i>Application for Certificate of Eligibility</i> (CoE) in Excel format along with other application documents to UF at the time of application. 2) When submitting the form to UF, make sure to use the check list to confirm the contents. 3) After issuing a <i>Letter of Acceptance</i> , 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 Information	The CoE Application Form and its instructions are downloadable from the following webpage: https://www.u-fukui.ac.jp/eng/inbound/visa-application/

Arrival Information

Airport to Downtown Fukui	<u>Narita/Haneda Airport</u> – Komatsu Airport [by airplane] (1.5 hours)
	<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

There are 3 student dormitories near the University of Fukui Bunkyo Campus 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 (for international students only)	Single rooms or shared rooms are available. Mini-kitchen, unit-bath and toilet are in the room (washing machine for common use)	10,200 – 17,400 JPY/month (Communal charge included) *Electricity, gas, and water will be charged separately. *Washing machine: 100 JPY/use *20,000 JPY (one time payment for cleaning fee)
UF Student Dormitory (for Japanese and international students)	Single rooms are available. Mini-kitchen and toilet are in the room (shower room and washing machine for common use)	6,800 JPY/month (Communal charge included) *Electricity and water will be charged separately. *Shower room: 100 JPY/use *Washing machine: 100JPY/use *20,000 JPY (one time payment for cleaning fee)
Makishima House (for full-time international students only. Exchange students are admitted only when there is room available.)	Single rooms are available. Mini-kitchen, unit-bath and toilet are in the room (washing machine for common use)	14,000 JPY/month (Communal charge included) *Electricity, gas, and water will be charged separately. *Washing machine: 100 JPY/use *20,000 JPY (one time payment for cleaning fee)
[FYI] Private apartment	The University of Fukui will give as much support as possible for those wishing to reside in an apartment.	(Minimum) 25,000 JPY/month *A deposit equal to two to three-month rent 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 (SR) Student with No Credit] Tuition = 163,800JPY per semester																		
Overseas Travel Insurance	Before arriving in Japan, students have to acquire an overseas travel insurance from the date leaving home to at least 2 weeks after arriving in Fukui. The table below shows what level of coverage the University of Fukui recommends to students when they study abroad. Please use the table as a reference and purchase overseas travel insurance with the same level of coverage as listed. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Indemnification Contents</th><th>Insured at least</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Accidental Death</td><td>10 million JPY</td></tr> <tr> <td>Physical Impediment</td><td>10 million JPY</td></tr> <tr> <td>Medical and Rescue Expenses</td><td>30 million JPY</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sickness Death</td><td>10 million JPY</td></tr> <tr> <td>Personal Liability for Damages</td><td>100 million JPY</td></tr> <tr> <td>Baggage</td><td>100,000 JPY</td></tr> <tr> <td>Checked Baggage Delay</td><td>Optional</td></tr> <tr> <td>Flight Delay Expense</td><td>Optional</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Indemnification Contents	Insured at least	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
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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	UF requires all International Students to purchase Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS) and Liability Insurance coupled with PAS. These plans give insured students compensation for physical injuries as a result of unexpected accidents, and cover damages for which insured students may be held legally liable to pay for injuring a third party or damaging any property during their educational and research activities, including commuting time. The total premium is 1,140 JPY per year. For details, see the following website: Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese: http://www.jees.or.jp/gakkensai/index.htm																		
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: http://www.jees.or.jp/crifs/index.htm																		

Cost Simulation	<u>Financial simulation: In case of residing in the UF Student Dormitory for 12 months</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
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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

Regulation	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 week. In order to obtain the work permission, the students must maintain the good academic performance.
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