# Overview of University of Fukui

## Organization
University of Fukui has four schools: the School of Education, the School of Medical Science, the School of Engineering, and the School of Global and Community Studies. It also has three Graduate Schools: the Graduate School of Education, the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, and the Graduate School of Engineering.

### Number of Degree-Seeking Students and Academic Staff
(as of May 2016)
- Undergraduates: 4,083
- Graduates: 994
- Academic Staff: 539

## Environmental Features
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## Outline of the Program

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- This program is designed to improve your proficiency in Japanese and to deepen your understanding of Japanese culture.
- You shall take courses in specialized and/or interdisciplinary fields on campus and gain credits.
- You shall take seven courses or more in each semester.
- We offer no course specially designed for the students of this program.

### International Exchange (as of October 2016)
- International Students: 200 (24 countries/regions)
- Academic Exchange Agreements: 50 (university level) 52 (faculty level)

### Number of International Students and Japanese Studies Students

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### Number of students to be accepted: 5
(3 Embassy recommended students and 2 University recommended students)

### Qualifications of applicants for the program
It is expected that applicants meet the following conditions:

1. Proficiency in Japanese Language
   - Applicants shall have proficiency in Japanese equivalent to or above level 2 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

2. Academic Background, Majors
   - Applicants shall have interests in Japanese language, culture, education, and other related fields of study.
   - Applicants shall have research/study background in the fields of interest.

### Program goal
It is expected that program participants have Japanese ability at about N1 level of the JLPT at the end of the program.

### Period of the program
October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018
6 Course outline
Each semester (Fall and Spring) offers 15-week courses. Program participants shall take seven courses or more from the following compulsory and elective courses in each semester. The course outlines are subject to change.

(1) Compulsory courses

Japanese Affairs A – Spring Semester
(2credits/30hours)
The course is designed to improve reading, speaking and writing skills in Japanese and to deepen students’ understanding in Japanese society by reading about life in Japan, aging society, etc.

Japanese Affairs B – Fall Semester
(2credits/30hours)
The course is designed to draw students’ interest in Fukui prefecture and extend their knowledge about it. By doing so, students will be able to find something attractive about Fukui from each student’s point of view and send this message to the world.

(2) Elective courses

Japanese A (Intermediate) (1credits/30hours)
The objectives of this course are to acquire vocabulary and expressions necessary in writing academic reports and to be able to compose with clear points of argument.

Japanese B (Intermediate) (1credits/30hours)
The course is designed for students to be able to create smooth flow of conversation, use appropriate expression in each context, and acquire knowledge necessary in communicating in Japanese.

Japanese C (Intermediate) (1credits/30hours)
The course is designed for students who have leaned beginner level sentence patterns. The objective of the course is to learn variations of sentence patterns and apply them in conversation in different situations.

Japanese D (Intermediate) (1credits/30hours)
The focus of the course is to improve students’ reading skills by reading substantial readings such as essays and reviews.

Japanese E (Advanced) (1credits/30hours)
The focus of the course is to improve students’ reading skills by reading substantial readings such as famous novels, essays, and reviews.

Japanese F (Advanced) (1credits/30hours)
In this course students will read materials used in the real world such as news and magazine articles, comments on the Internet, and TV news, and practice building their opinions and expressing them orally as well as in writing. At the end of the course, students are expected to acquire effective reading skills that allow them to predict what is written ahead while reading.

Japanese G (Advanced) (1credits/30hours)
The objective of the course is to be able to use appropriate expression in different situations such as requesting, giving approval, apologizing, inviting, offering, advising, complaining, and praising, depending on the person one is speaking to.

Japanese H (Advanced) (1credits/30hours)
The objectives of the course is to express students’ opinion in Japanese in clear and logical manner while using PowerPoint and chart, etc.

Applied Japanese I (Advanced) (2credits/30hours)
Students will learn business manner and way of communication in Japanese companies through readings. By doing so they will not only cultivate their view point of understanding modern Japanese society and culture, but also improve their vocabulary and expression skills.

Applied Japanese II (Advanced) (2credits/30hours)
Students will learn how to gather information and send effective and clear message in Japanese through creating audio program (video or sound). Also through this activity, students will look more deeply at, and deepen their understanding of, their interest and view points.

Japanese Culture (2credits/30hours)
The teaching material for this course is a Japanese cartoon about stories of an international student who home stays in a Japanese family. Using this material, students will deepen their understanding in Japanese culture such as Japanese ways of thinking, sense of season, and relationship between family members.

Multicultural Communication A
Multicultural Communication B
Multicultural Communication C
(2credits each/30hours)
The globalized society seeks human resources who understand and respect cultural differences in values and world views, and cooperate each other to solve problems in their jobs. This course is designed to cultivate such competence and prepare students for the globalized society.

Interdisciplinary courses and specialized courses
You may take other interdisciplinary courses as well as specialized courses offered by the Faculty of Education, Faculty of Engineering, and Faculty of Global and Community Studies.
Accommodations

Overseas Student House
- Number of rooms: 29
  (Single room: 25, Couple room: 2, Family room: 2)
- Expense
  - Monthly rent
    Single room: 5,900 JPY, Couple room: 11,900 JPY,
    Family room: 14,200 JPY
  - Monthly administrative fee: 3,000 JPY
  - Other expense: use of washing machine, utility, and internet contract will be charged individually.
- Facilities
  Mini-kitchen, unit bath, toilet, desk, chair, bed, refrigerator, book shelf, air conditioner, etc.

UF Student Dormitory (for Japanese and International Students)
- Number of rooms: 209
- Monthly rent
  Single room: 5,700 JPY (administrative fee included)
  (Utility and use of washing machine excluded)
  (Internet contract can be charged individually)
- Facilities
  Mini-kitchen, toilet, desk, chair, bed, refrigerator, shelf, clock air conditioner, etc.

Information for Daily Life
Overseas Student House and UF Student Dormitory are located within a five-minute walk from the university campus.
There are a local train station and supermarket near the accommodation.
We cannot assure you the accommodation in the above facilities due to the limited number of rooms. The term of residence is limited to one year.
In case students are not provided with above rooms, they need to find an apartment. Students are responsible for paying the apartment rent (approximate monthly rent is 30,000 to 40,000 JPY).

Follow-up for graduates
University of Fukui has established 15 Alumni Branches around the world to promote stronger alumni networks. The alumni magazine, Kokoro-net, is published annually to maintain and foster mutual interactions with UF graduates.

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Supervision
1) Program Committee
International Center
2) Supervision
A faculty member will be assigned to each student as academic advisor, while the staff in the International Affairs Division supports students in various aspects of their lives in Japan.

Completion of the Program
In order to complete the program you shall earn twenty or more credits, including the credits of two compulsory courses and eight selective courses.