

Fact Sheet for Exchange Students

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University of Fukui (UF) at a glance

Number of Student, Staff, and Partner Institutions

▼ Undergraduate Student (As of May 1, 2015)

Undergraduate School	Japanese Student	International Student	
		[Degree-seeking]	[Non degree-seeking]
Faculty of Education and Regional Studies	702	2	30
Faculty of Medical Sciences	926	0	0
Faculty of Engineering	2,429	43	21
Total	4,057	45	51

▼ Graduate Student (As of May 1, 2015)

Graduate School	Japanese Student	International Student	
		[Degree-seeking]	[Non degree-seeking]
Graduate School of Education (M)	118	8	6
Graduate School of Medical Sciences (D)	32	0	1
Graduate School of Engineering (M)	123	5	3
Graduate School of Engineering (D)	533	39	16
Total	98	68	10

▼ Staff Member (As of May 1, 2015)

Staff	Full-time Faculty Member	Administrative and Technical Staff
Administrative Offices		288
Faculty of Education and Regional Studies Graduate School of Education	117	1
Faculty of Medical Sciences Graduate School of Medical Sciences	180	13
Faculty of Engineering Graduate School of Engineering	144	22
UF affiliated facilities	97	
Total	534	324

▼ Partner Institution (As of September 1, 2015)

Exchange Agreement	
University-level Exchange Agreement	32 in 11 countries
Faculty-level Exchange Agreement	47 in 19 countries

See below webpage for the list of UF partner institutions:

<http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/kokan/pdf/2015/gakujutsu-E%2820150901%29.pdf>

Student Exchange Programs

UF provides 2 programs (Program A and B) for exchange students from UF Partner Institutions. Program A is a one-year program and offers Japanese courses for beginners and specialized courses in English (fall admission only). Program B has two admissions (spring and fall) for periods of 1 year or 6 months, and offers Japanese courses for intermediate and advanced students as well as various courses in Japanese.

	Program A: The University of Fukui Student Exchange Program (UFSEP)	Program B: The University of Fukui Exchange Student Program (UFESP)
Student Status at UF	I. Special Auditing Student with Credit (SA) II. Special Research Student with No Credit (SR)	I. Special Auditing Student with Credit (SA) II. Special Research Student with No Credit (SR)
Applicable Student	I. SA: Undergraduate students II. SR: Graduate students	I. SA: Undergraduate and graduate students II. SR: Graduate students
Program Outline	I. SA students take Common Courses (Japanese language, Japanese affairs and traditional industries) as well as Specialized Courses from the following four fields to earn credits: (1) Culture and society (2) Mechanical engineering, architecture, and civil engineering (3) Electrical & electronics engineering, information science and intelligent systems (4) Physical and chemical engineering See the following course catalog for details: http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/english/kokan/boshu_an_nai.html II. SR students receive research instructions in English with no credit.	I. SA students take regular courses that are offered to degree-seeking students to earn credits. See the following Syllabus Search Page at: https://nsyllabus1.sao.u-fukui.ac.jp/ II. SR students receive research instruction in Japanese with no credit.
Japanese Language Courses	I. SA students will take Japanese language classes programed in the Common Courses. They are required to take a placement test and divided into 4 proficiency levels (elementary, pre-intermediate, intermediate, and advanced) based on the test result. http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/english/kyoiku/tanki_pro.html II. SR students can take Japanese language classes offered by the Inter-Faculty Japanese Language Program. They are required to take a placement test and divided into 4 proficiency levels (I – IV) based on the test result. http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/english/kyoiku/j_all_course.html	I. SA students can take regular Japanese language courses. The classes are given in 4 proficiency levels (beginner – Advanced) based on the result of a placement test. II. SR students can take Japanese language classes offered by the Inter-Faculty Japanese Language Program. They are required to take a placement test and divided into 4 proficiency levels (I – IV) based on the test result. http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/english/kyoiku/j_all_course.html
Capacity	Approximately 30 students in total	No limit
Language of Instruction	English (Japanese language courses are in Japanese)	Japanese
GPA Requirement	GPA of 2.30 (on a 3.0 scale) or higher in the previous academic year preceding the application	GPA of 2.30 (on a 3.0 scale) or higher in the previous academic year preceding the application
Language Proficiency Requirement	Applicants whose first language is not English are required to have TOEFL PBT score 500, or its equivalent.	Applicants are required to have N2 Japanese Language Proficiency Test certificate, or its equivalent.
Program Duration	12 months (2 semesters)	12 months (2 semesters) / 6 months (1 semester)

Important Dates (all dates are subject to change)

	Program A: University of Fukui Student Exchange Program (UFSEP)	Program B: University of Fukui Exchange Student Program (UFESP)	
		Spring Admission	Fall Admission
Application Period	Feb. 12 – Apr. 22, 2016	Sep. 11 – Nov. 6, 2015 <Application has been closed>	Feb. 12 – Apr. 22, 2016
Notification of Acceptance	Middle of June, 2016	End of December, 2015	Middle of June, 2016
COE sent out	August, 2016	February, 2016	August, 2016
Arrival Date	Sep. 23, 26, 2016	Mar. 29 – 30, 2016	Sep. 23, 26, 2016
Orientation week	Sep. 27 – 30, 2016	Mar. 31 – Apr. 1, 4 – 5	Sep. 27 – 30, 2016
1 st Semester	Fall semester 2016 Oct. 1, 2016 – Mar. 31, 2017	Spring semester 2016 Apr. 1 – Sep. 30, 2016	Fall semester 2016 Oct. 1, 2016 – Mar. 31, 2017
Final Exam Week	Feb. 6 – 10	Aug. 1 – 5	Feb. 6 – 10
Vacation	Feb. 13 – Mar. 31	Aug. 8 – Sep. 30	Feb. 13 – Mar. 31
2 nd Semester	Spring semester 2017 Apr. 1 – Sep. 30, 2017	Fall semester 2016 Oct. 1, 2016 – Mar. 31, 2017	Spring semester 2017 Apr. 1 – Sep. 30, 2017
Final Exam Week	End of Jul. – Early Aug.	Feb. 6 – 10	End of Jul. – Early Aug.
Vacation	Middle of Aug. – Sep. 30	Feb. 13 – March 31	Middle of Aug. – Sep. 30

Application Procedure (for exchange students)

How to Apply	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Applicants have to fill in and prepare application forms and documents specified in the <i>Application Guidelines</i> and submit them to the Officer in charge of student exchange programs at applicants' home institution. 2) The Officer will fill in all the nominees' information on <i>Nomination Sheet</i>. Then the Officer will send the required files as well as the scanned data of all application documents to UF via email before mailing the original copies; this allows UF to start the selection process in case the package does not arrive on time due to an unexpected postal delay, etc. 3) The Officer will send original copies of all the documents to UF by airmail.
Application Information	<p><i>Application Guidelines</i> and <i>Forms</i> are downloadable from the following webpage: http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/english/kokan/boshu_annai.html</p>
GPA Requirement	Applicants must have a Grade Point Average of 2.30 (on a 3.0 scale) or higher in the previous academic year preceding the application (this evaluation is based on the GPA calculation set by Japan Student Services Organization).
Recommendation Requirement	Applicants must be recommended by the President or the department head of their home university with a Letter of Recommendation from a professor of his/her major.

Visa Information (for exchange students)

Student Visa Application Procedure	<p>An applicant will submit the <i>Application for Certificate of Eligibility</i> (CoE) in Excel format along with other supporting documents to UF at the time of application. CoE Application Form and its instructions are downloadable from the following webpage: http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/english/kokan/boshu_annai.html</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When submitting the form to UF, make sure to use the check list to confirm the contents. This check list has to be signed by each applicant and the Officer in charge of student exchange programs at applicants' home institution. 2. After issuing <i>Letter of Acceptance</i>, UF officer will apply for the applicant's CoE on his/her behalf. 3. UF officer will send CoE to the applicant's home institution. 4. The applicant will apply for a College Student Visa by submitting CoE with other supporting documents to a Japanese Embassy or Consulate in his/her country. 5. The applicant must receive a College Student Visa prior to the departure.
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Arrival Information

Access to the University	<p>There are public train and bus services to Bunkyo and Matsuoka Campus from downtown Fukui (JR Fukui Station area).</p> <p>Access to downtown Fukui</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>From Tokyo</td> <td>(by airplane) Narita/Haneda – Komatsu Airport – [by coach] Fukui (2.5 hours)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(by train) Tokyo – Maibara – Fukui (4 hours)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>From Osaka</td> <td>2 hours by train or 3.5 hours by bus</td> </tr> <tr> <td>From Nagoya</td> <td>2.5 hours by train or 3 hours by bus</td> </tr> </table>	From Tokyo	(by airplane) Narita/Haneda – Komatsu Airport – [by coach] Fukui (2.5 hours)		(by train) Tokyo – Maibara – Fukui (4 hours)	From Osaka	2 hours by train or 3.5 hours by bus	From Nagoya	2.5 hours by train or 3 hours by bus
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Pick-up Service	<p>No pick-up service available.</p> <p>However, each exchange student will have a tutor who supports the student's campus and personal life, and the tutor may meet the exchange student at the UF main gate at the time of arrival.</p>								
Orientation	<p>All the international students are required to attend orientation sessions where students will learn how to register courses, about UF academic and administrative systems, useful information about daily life in Japan, and go through necessary procedures (resident registration, bank account, insurance, etc.). Therefore, international students are asked to arrive in Fukui before the orientation week.</p> <p>Orientation Period (dates are subject to change) Spring admission: March 31, Apr. 1, 4, and 5, 2016 Fall admission: September 26 to 30, 2016</p>								

Accommodation Information – Bunkyo Campus

University of Fukui Bunkyo Campus has two 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 *Letter of Acceptance*. For students who are not provided with a dormitory room, UF officer will introduce private real estate agents near campus to the students after they arrive in Japan.

No.	Dormitory / Apartment	Room Outlines	Cost
1	UF Overseas Students House (for international students only)	Single rooms are available. Mini-kitchen, unit-bath and toilet are in the room (washing machine for common use)	8,900JPY/month (Communal charge included) *The actual cost of utility (electricity, gas, and water) will be charged separately. *Washing machine: 100JPY/use
2	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)	5,700JPY/month (Communal charge included) *The actual cost of utility (electricity and water) will be charged separately. *Shower room: 100JPY/use *Washing machine: 100JPY/use *Dryer: 100JPY/use
3	Private apartment	The University of Fukui will give as much support as possible for those wishing to reside in an apartment.	(Minimum) 25,000JPY/month *A total of two to three-month rent will be additionally needed at the time of signing a contract

*If students wish to use the Internet in their own room, either residing in a dormitory or private apartment, the students have to make a contract by themselves.
 * Since there is no meal plan available, students are required to cook on your own, or use university cafeteria.
 *The dormitory information can be found at <http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/english/manabi/guide/ryo.html>

Accommodation Information – Matsuoka Campus

All international students at Matsuoka Campus are allowed to stay in a dormitory.

Dormitory	Room Outlines	Cost
International House	Single room	5,900JPY/month
	Couple room	11,900JPY/month
	Family room	14,200JPY/month

*All new students are required to pay 20,000 yen for a deposit on the date they start living in International House. It will be paid back when they leave the room.
 *The dormitory information can be found at <http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/english/manabi/guide/ryo.html>

Accommodation Information – Tsuruga Campus

There is no student dormitory near Tsuruga Campus.

Academic Information (for exchange students)

Academic Load	Curriculum and Academic Load		
	Student Status	Program A: UFSEP	Program B: UFESP
	Special Auditing Student with Credit (SA)	Minimum required credits: - Common Courses: 12 cr. - Specialized Courses: 18 cr. Average course hour per week: - 12 hours / week Find Course Catalog (2015) at: http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/english/kan/boshu_annai.html	Minimum required course hour: - 10 hours / week (Equivalent to 7 courses = 14 cr.) Exchange students in UFESP can take as many courses as they can
	Special Research Student with No Credit (SR)	Research instruction hour varies between academic supervisors, but the minimum is 10 hours / week.	Research instruction hour varies between academic supervisors, but the minimum is 10 hours / week.
Grading System and Academic Transcript	Grade Definitions (for SA students)		
	Grade	Grade Point	Score
	S: Excellent	3	100-90
	A: Very Good	3	89-80
	B: Good	2	79-70
	C: Fair	1	69-60
	F: Fail	0	59-0
	Academic Transcript and Diploma		
	Student Status	Program A: UFSEP	Program B: UFESP
	Special Auditing Student with Credit (SA)	- <i>Transcript of Record</i> will be issued to prove SA students' courses completed, grades, and credits earned. - <i>Certificate of Completion</i> will be issued for those who successfully completed the one-year program and earned 30 or more credits.	<i>Transcript of Record</i> will be issued to prove SA students' courses completed, grades, and credits earned.
	Special Research Student with No Credit (SR)	<i>Report of Research Supervision</i> by the dean of a Graduate School will be issued.	<i>Report of Research Supervision</i> by the dean of a Graduate School will be issued.
Credit System	SA students' home institution reserves the right to decide whether the institution evaluates credits that the SA students have earned at UF and whether the students can transfer the credits to their home institution.		
	SR students receive no credit at UF.		

Other Programs for International Students (for your reference)

Regular Students in Faculty/ Graduate School	International students may enroll at UF as regular full time students to earn degrees in each Faculty and Graduate School. Language of Instruction: Japanese Time of Admission: April
Regular Students in GEPIS/ GEP for R&D	<u>Global Engineering Program for International Students (GEPIS)</u> This master's program provides an opportunity for international students to study various fields of engineering in 10 majors. GEPIS students are required to enroll for two years, acquire 30 credits or more and defend their thesis in order to obtain the master's degree. Language of Instruction: English Time of Admission: April and October
	<u>Global Engineering Program for Research and Development (GEP for R&D)</u> This doctoral program prepares students with advanced research skill in their specialized field as well as deep understanding and knowledge of Japanese culture and Japanese corporate strength. Minimum enrollment to obtain the doctoral degree is three years. Language of Instruction: English Time of Admission: April and October
Non-Regular Students for Credit/Research	<u>Credit Student</u> Students with high school diploma or bachelor's degree take courses offered to regular students at UF to earn up to 14 credits per semester. Credit students enroll at UF for 6 months (1 semester) and can extend the duration for another 6 months. Language of Instruction: Japanese Time of Admission: April and October
	<u>Research Student</u> Students with bachelor's or master's degree conduct their research under the guidance of UF faculty members. Many international students come to UF as a Research Student first, and prepare for the entrance examination required to enroll in one of the graduate schools. Language of Instruction: Japanese Time of Admission: April or October
Webpage	Detailed information of all the above programs can be found on the below webpage: http://ryugaku.isc.u-fukui.ac.jp/english/manabi/fukudai_program.html

Financial Information

Admission Fee and Tuition	The students from the partner universities will be exempted from a matriculation fee and tuition at UF under the students exchange agreement. The exemption is, however, limited to the number of students stated in the agreement between the students' 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, the students have to join an overseas travel insurance that covers the entire stay period.
National Health Insurance	Every person living in Japan, including foreign nationals, must have health insurance. For detailed information, please refer to the following Fukui City webpage. http://www.city.fukui.lg.jp/foreign/english/nationalhealth.html#4 (English) http://www.city.fukui.lg.jp/foreign/chinese/guobao.html (Chinese)
Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS)	PAS gives the insured students compensation for physical injuries as a result of unexpected accidents during their educational and research activities, including commuting time, while enrolled at the University of Fukui. http://www.jees.or.jp/gakkensai/docs/publish/2015gaikokugo_chohyo/2015gakkensai2000_goannai_english.pdf (Note the information on the above webpage is for the 2015 academic year.)
Liability Insurance coupled with PAS	The Liability Insurance coupled with PAS covers damages for which the 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, while enrolled at the University of Fukui. http://www.jees.or.jp/gakkensai/docs/publish/2015gaikokugo_chohyo/2015bai_goannai_english.pdf (Note the information on the above webpage is for the 2015 academic year.)

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. Details: http://www.jees.or.jp/crifs/pdf/crifs_en.pdf																																																												
Textbooks	Students may have to purchase textbooks or other materials when required by course instructors. The total expense differs according to students' majors and which courses they take.																																																												
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Simulation	<p>Financial simulation: In case of residing in the UF Overseas Student House for 12 months</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Air fare (round ticket)</td> <td>¥150,000</td> <td>×</td> <td>1</td> <td>=</td> <td>¥150,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rent</td> <td>¥8,900</td> <td>×</td> <td>12 (months)</td> <td>=</td> <td>¥106,800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Utility</td> <td>¥10,000</td> <td>×</td> <td>12 (months)</td> <td>=</td> <td>¥120,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance</td> <td>¥18,000</td> <td>+</td> <td>¥1,140</td> <td>=</td> <td>¥19,140</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Textbooks</td> <td>¥30,000</td> <td>×</td> <td>2 (semesters)</td> <td>=</td> <td>¥60,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Living expense (incl. food)</td> <td>¥30,000</td> <td>×</td> <td>12 (months)</td> <td>=</td> <td>¥360,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communication (Phone & Internet)</td> <td>¥10,000</td> <td>×</td> <td>12 (months)</td> <td>=</td> <td>¥120,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other necessity (incl. transportation)</td> <td>¥3,000</td> <td>×</td> <td>12 (months)</td> <td>=</td> <td>¥36,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other initial cost</td> <td>¥30,000</td> <td>×</td> <td>1</td> <td>=</td> <td>¥30,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5"></td> <td>¥1,001,940</td> </tr> </table> <p>(excluding overseas travel insurance)</p> <p>This simulation, calculated based on the minimum expenses provided above, shows that the total cost for enrollment duration of 12 months requires at least 1,100,000JPY when included with an overseas travel insurance. If the student resides in a private apartment, the total cost would be much higher. Please understand that this simulation is just an example since living expenses vary according to each individual's lifestyle.</p>	Air fare (round ticket)	¥150,000	×	1	=	¥150,000	Rent	¥8,900	×	12 (months)	=	¥106,800	Utility	¥10,000	×	12 (months)	=	¥120,000	Insurance	¥18,000	+	¥1,140	=	¥19,140	Textbooks	¥30,000	×	2 (semesters)	=	¥60,000	Living expense (incl. food)	¥30,000	×	12 (months)	=	¥360,000	Communication (Phone & Internet)	¥10,000	×	12 (months)	=	¥120,000	Other necessity (incl. transportation)	¥3,000	×	12 (months)	=	¥36,000	Other initial cost	¥30,000	×	1	=	¥30,000						¥1,001,940
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Part-time Job

Regulation	UF does not allow short-term exchange students to do part-time job for the first 3 months so that they can focus on getting used to their life study in Japan. In addition, it is very difficult to find a job if the students are not fluent in Japanese. Therefore, please prepare enough financial resource to support your stay and study in Japan.
Requirement	If exchange students with a good command of Japanese would still like to find a part-time job 3 months after enrollment, they are required to obtain a work-permit from the immigration office. Please first come to the International Affairs Division to go through necessary procedures.

About Fukui

Please refer to the below websites to find out general information and places to visit in Fukui:

Fukui Prefectural Government	http://www.pref.fukui.lg.jp/english/
FUKUI Tourism Guide	http://www.fuku-e.com/lang/english/