



# Fukushima University (Fukushima, Japan)



## Fact sheet for 2021-2022

### ◇About Fukushima University

#### ●Overview

Fukushima University is Fukushima Prefecture's only national university, and was established in 1949. At present, we have five Faculties, each with its own undergraduate and post-graduate programs: the Faculty Human Development and Culture, Administration and Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration, Symbiotic Systems Science, and Agricultural and Food Sciences.

The University is situated in the southern part of Fukushima City and is 10 km from the city center. Having traditionally provided regional-based educational programs that value leaving the classroom and conducting field work based on local issues, the University took on a brand new mission to assist with revitalizing neighbouring communities that were deeply affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake, Tsunami, and Nuclear Accidents in 2011, while passing on the lessons that were learnt from these catastrophic events.

Today, the University has designed a number of region-specific programs for international students, with a goal of nurturing globally-minded people who will be leaders in reviving Fukushima in the future while applying its experiences to SDGs and other 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges. To achieve this, all of our five faculties provide region-specific courses in addition to our regular curriculum that focuses on various aspects of Japanese society and faculty-specific subjects. Our international students and visiting scholars are also given ample chances to collaborate with research Institutes and centers on campus, which, together, constitute a broadly-based, world-class environment for studying the post-March 11th disaster and its effects on Japanese society: the Institute of Environmental Radioactivity (IER), the Fukushima Future Centre for Regional Revitalization (FURE), the Centre for Regional Affairs (CERA), and the Centre for Research and Development of Education.



#### ●International Exchange

The University has currently 49 partner institutions in the world; there are 106 international students from 19 countries and the region (as of October 2018).



### ◇Program Content

#### ●Features

The aims of our one-year exchange program are to improve students' Japanese language skills and to deepen their knowledge of Japanese Culture, Economics, Politics, and Society. Apart from studying Japan in general, however, students also learn about Fukushima and its regional culture. In particular, several English-taught courses will consider and discuss challenges following the triple (earthquake, tsunami and nuclear plant accident) disasters and recoveries from these with a focus on applying the knowledge accumulated to universal themes such as energy choices, disaster mitigation, and community planning.

Students interested in such topics can also study together with Japanese and other international students in our hallmark program, "Fukushima Future Studies" (FFS), which aims to educate students who wish to make a contribution to the revitalization of local communities affected by the disasters. All courses in the FFS are designed to provide students with hands-on experiences, interactions with the local people and the opportunity of attending a series of lectures delivered by industry-leading researchers and practitioners.

#### ●Eligibility

1. Students must be nominated by the home University which has a student exchange agreement with Fukushima University.
2. It is desirable that candidate students have reached N3 Japanese proficiency level or above.

#### ●Objectives:

Students are expected by the end of the Program:

1. to improve his or her level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test;
2. to have acquired a deeper knowledge of their own field;
3. to have acquired wide-ranging knowledge of and understanding of Japan and Fukushima through their own learning and experiences.

#### ●Period of the Program:

One year : From 1 April 2021 to 28 February 2022.

Fall semester only: From 1 October 2021 to 28 February 2022 (Orientation will be held at the end of March and September, the actual date will be notified to successful applicants later.)



●Courses of the Exchange Program:

Exchange students will be assigned to a faculty according to their specific field and study interests. Each student will have his or her own instructor from the faculty the students enroll in to guide the study. Exchange students are eligible to register in all courses provided by the faculty and almost all courses provided by other faculties. Please refer to the list below for Japanese language related courses( subject to change) .

Japanese/Japan-related Subjects	
General Japanese Stream (Japanese courses for students wishing to learn the Japanese language)	Basic Japanese 1
	Basic Japanese 2
	Basic Japanese 3
Class sizes are below 15 students, and emphasize individualized academic support	
	Intermediate Japanese 1 (Grammar)
	Intermediate Japanese 1 (Conversation)
	Intermediate Japanese 1 (Reading)
	Intermediate Japanese 2 (Grammar)
	Intermediate Japanese 2 (Conversation)
	Intermediate Japanese 2 (Reading)
Academic Japanese Stream (Japanese courses for students wishing to take university-level courses taught in Japanese)	
	Japanese I
	Japanese II
	Japanese III
	Japanese IV
	Japan Society I
	Japan Society II
	Japan Society III
	Japan Society IV

Courses Taught in English provided by the International Center	
Japanese and Fukushima-specific courses provided by the International Center	Japanese Popular Culture
	Introduction to Japanese Culture &History
	Intercultural Co-Learning (subject-specific group research course)
	Fukushima's History and Culture
	Interpretation Exercises

Specialized Subjects taught in English	
Japan Study Programs (academic courses taught in English for both domestic and international students)	Japan Study Program I (Business Management)
	Japan Study Program II (Marketing)
	Japan Study Program III (Fukushima Ambassadors Program) *summer program
Class sizes range from 15 to 30 students per class	Japan Study Program IV (Understanding Post-Disaster Fukushima)
	Analyzing Japanese
Faculty of Economics and Business Administration	
Fukushima Future Studies	
Project-based programs based on Fukushima (in Japanese)	Local intensive practicum
	Introduction to Fukushima Future Studies
	Global Disaster Management

- Required course load:
- Pursuant to the relevant immigration law, exchange students are required to register into at least 7 courses per semester.



● Extra-curricular Activities:

In order to understand Fukushima local history and culture, wide-ranging activities, such as trips, school visits and events to interact with local people, are offered by the University and outside communities. An annual trip to visit a place in Tohoku Region is also organized for international students.

● Support System:

Students will be well supported academically by the professor appointed to the Centre and for other life matters by the Centre staff.

Japanese Buddy students who are interested in international interaction and foreign languages will help exchange students adapt themselves into the new environment.

● Completion of the Program :

An academic transcript will be issued by the University to students who have successfully completed the Program.

◇ Accommodation:

The International House is located within a walking distance from Fukushima Station. It consists of 38 single rooms, 5 double room and 2 family rooms for international students and researchers. All rooms are fully-furnished and monthly rents are set much below the market-price which is 8,900 yen as of October 2021.



◇ Follow-up:

The University regards those who have completed the Program as “Fukushima ambassadors ” and we hope to maintain a long-term relationships with them.

◇ Inquires:

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