



Fukuoka 2025

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Course options:

Standard Course

2 weeks+ duration

Japanese & Culture

2, 3 & 4 week duration/ July only

Languages for Life

10 or 20 weeks duration

Student Visa Course

40 or 60 weeks duration



Reasons for choosing Fukuoka:

It's a very Japanese city

Students love the experience of daily life in the Fukuoka. You have a rich and vibrant city to explore; museums, art galleries, theatres and shopping opportunities galore plus golden beaches to relax on and easy travel connections by air and train to the rest of the country and by sea to South Korea!

Small class sizes

A maximum of 8 students per class, and on average 4 to 5 students

Focus on communication

Yes you will learn Kanji but the school put a lot of emphasis on learning to speak Japanese, from your very first week in the school.

Long term course options

You can apply for a Student Visa for the 40 or 60 week programmes. The school have many years of experience offering these courses for those students who want to make maximum progress in their Japanese language skills.

Mr S : Fukuoka

"I was surprised by the friendliness and amount of teacher/student interaction outside of the classroom. It was great fun!"



Fukuoka City is the largest city in Kyushu, South-Western Japan. It has a moderate climate, beautiful scenery and great location which has made it popular with travellers worldwide. Fukuoka is clean, safe and has excellent amenities and offers a good quality of life.

It is close to both mainland China and Korea and has excellent train and air connections to the rest of Japan. You can fly from Tokyo to Fukuoka in just over 3 hrs with Japan Airlines.

The central city zone is home to just 1.5 million people and is large enough to ensure there is plenty to do, see and try but nowhere near as daunting as tackling life in Tokyo can be.

Fukuoka city centre is built on a human scale and is a comfortable living and study environment for Westerners looking to experience Japan, the culture and the language without becoming lost in the crowd.

Visitors to the city love to ...

Eat at a Yatai Stall

A yatai is the Japanese version of a street food stall. Street food isn't widespread in Japanese culture but Fukuoka is home to around 150 clustered in different parts of the city. Hakata ramen is a particular local delicacy - a rich and creamy tonkotsu (pork bone) soup.

Explore the Parks

There are several beautiful parks to discover including Uminokamichi Park on a peninsula jutting into the bay, and Ohori Park which is home to the ruins of Fukuoka Castle and a large pond that historically was part of the castle's moat system. Ohori means "moat" in Japanese

Shop till you drop!

There are large shopping complexes in Fukuoka city, some are centred round transportation hubs, Canal City Hakata is the biggest shopping and entertainment complex based near the central Hakata train station, whilst Tenjin Chikagai is an underground shopping mall with over 140 shops and restaurants.

Take a 100 Yen bus tour

Get to know the central city area of Hakata, Nakasu, and Tenjin areas. Buses run on a loop every ten minutes between Hakata and Tenjin stations and pass by Canal City Hakata and the Nakasu Yatai stalls.

Ascend the Fukuoka Tower

The tower is the central landmark of the futuristic Momochi district and at 234 meters tall (768 ft) it is Japan's tallest seaside tower and features a 360° observation deck at a height of 123 meters (404 ft).

Relax at the Momochi Seaside

A must see (artificial) golden beachfront that stretches for a kilometre and is enjoyed by locals, visitors and students alike.

Explore the historic monuments of Fukuoka

Shofukuji Temple - The first Zen Buddhist temple built in Japan nearly a thousand years ago

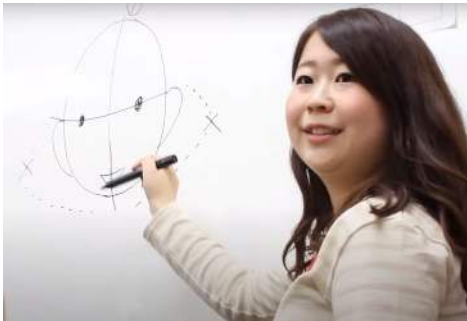
Kushida Shrine - An important Shinto shrine, built in 757 and regarded by locals as the temple guardian of Fukuoka.

Visit the PayPay Dome Stadium

Watch a game or book a tour of the stadium, home to the Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks, a baseball team, who compete in the Nippon Professional Baseball as a member of the Pacific League.

Experience the Yamakasa Gion Matsuri festival

If you visit Fukuoka in July, then you'll get to experience the biggest festival in the city with elaborately decorated floats measuring up to 10 meters tall and weighing over a ton. On the last day of the festival, hundreds of men representing Hakata's neighbourhoods compete in a race whilst navigating these giant floats.



The Fukuoka School

The language school is well situated in the city centre, just a few minutes from the central Hakata train/subway station & close to the banks, post offices and shops, several nearby parks (there's also a good local night life) plus a beautiful beach and resort area (Momochi) less than 20 minutes away.

The school has a large student lounge area, 13 classrooms (with air-con), computers with student internet access, Japanese study software and free wifi access on site.

School facilities include:

PCs with broadband Internet access, and office applications

Free wireless Internet access

Study space

Wii game console with large selection of games

DVD/TV and large library of DVDs for free rental

Portable DVD/CD players for independent study

Big-screen video projector

Manga/book library

Free coffee/tea

Wheelchair accessibility



Japanese language course options

A truly immersive experience

Visa rules:

If you are a UK, EU or US citizen, you can enter the country as a tourist for a course of up to 90 days (and can extend your stay for a further 90 days once in Japan). If you are of another nationality or you require a longer course please discuss visa rules with CESA.

Standard Course

(Visa Waiver)
(Tourist Visa)

20 lessons per week
2 to 12 weeks+ duration
Class size: max 8 people
Courses offered all year round
but limited course start dates (and durations) for complete beginners

Schedule:

Morning classes: 09.30-13.10hrs or

Afternoon classes: 11.25-15.50hrs or 14.05-17.45hrs

You may have morning classes on some days and afternoon classes on other days. It's impossible to tell what time you will attend classes in advance, as the schedule only gets released the week before, for all students.

Ideal for all age groups and language abilities. Core classes concentrate on communication skills, across all language levels, with emphasis on real-life skills. Small classes and professional teaching staff ensure the optimum learning environment.

Course format:

You will learn new grammar, sentence structures, words, kanji, and how to apply these concepts when you speak and get spoken to. Once you have learnt the new content in class, teachers will give you some homework to reinforce your new knowledge and make sure you really understood what was taught.

When you come to school the next day, your first session will be the output session. Here, you will apply the four language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing this is where you will apply all of the grammar, new words, sentence structures, kanji and so on you learned the day before in real-world situations.

Teachers will pair you with classmates to practise conversation in fun roleplay situations. You'll work on listening exercises, read interesting articles not included in the textbooks, and even prepare a presentation for your class!

Students benefit directly from this teaching style as they can use their new found skills when exploring the city and engaging with Japanese native speakers!

The school teaching staff teach ALL their classes in Japanese, whatever your current language level (English will only be used if absolutely necessary) so you get plenty of practice speaking in and listening to Japanese.

Class placement

Students are placed in the most appropriate ongoing classes for each student or a complete beginner class if new to the language.

Placement is decided based on

1/ the results of the online level check arranged through CESA before arrival, and

2/ the results of the placement test and interview held on the first day at school.

Minimum age: **14** (mainly 18/30 yrs)

Minutes per lesson: **50**

Languages for Life Course

(Visa Waiver)
(Working Holiday)

The same format as Standard Course
– but at a discount!

20 lessons per week
10 weeks or **20 weeks** duration

Class size: max 8 people
Courses offered all year round but limited course start dates and duration for complete beginners

Ideal for all age groups and language abilities. Open to students eligible for visa waiver rules, who can extend their course, beyond 90 days once in Japan for a 20 week programme.

Group class levels offered:

Foundation &

Beginner 1 JLPT: N5 / A1

Average time to complete: 16 wks

Proficiency: 700 words 100 kanji

Beginner 2 JLPT: N4 / A2

Average time to complete: 19 wks

Proficiency: 1,300 words 300 kanji

Pre-Intermediate JLPT N3 / B1

Average time to complete: 20 wks

Proficiency: 3,000 words 650 kanji

Intermediate JLPT N2 / B2

Average time to complete: 20 wks

Proficiency: 6,000 words 1000 kanji

Upper-intermediate JLPT N1 / C1

Average time to complete: 20 wks

Proficiency: 10,000 words 2000 kanji



One Year Course

(Student Visa)
(Working Holiday)

40 weeks study duration, over a 50+ week period.

Eighteen Month Course

(Student Visa)

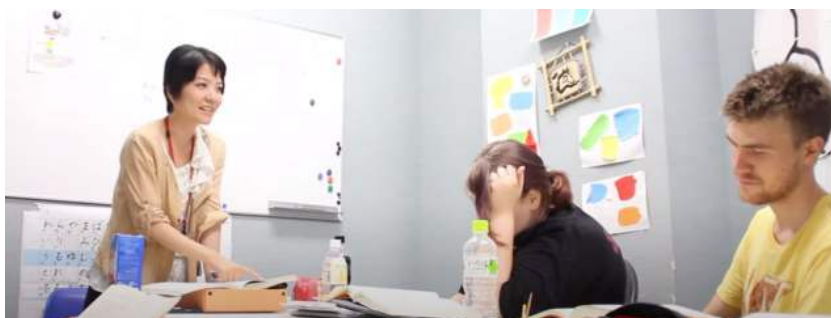
60 weeks study duration, over a 70+ week period.

See the Japanese Long Term Courses PDF for full details



Professional teachers

All the teachers are professional career teachers who have been through a thorough training before becoming Japanese language teachers.



Teenage Summer Course

(Visa Waiver)
(Tourist Visa)

As Standard course + Saturday cultural activities with additional staff supervision

2 to 4 weeks duration

Class size: max 8

Course offered in July ONLY

Aimed at 14/17 yr olds

A very popular course and always becomes fully booked early in the year!

Please see the specific Teenage Course PDF details

You will have 6 hours of cultural "experience" activities every Saturday in addition to your Standard Course language lessons. Culture activities are held on a monthly schedule, so are repeated each calendar month.

All activities are based on gaining an understanding of and appreciation for Japanese culture, learning a specific point of Japanese, and participating in the beauty of Japanese traditional and modern arts. They enable you to learn about the culture whilst still learning the language, and the chance to participate in activities with other people.

You will participate in: kimono dressing, ceramics creation, a tea ceremony, creating calligraphy, learning flower arranging, Japanese cookery, visit a Maid café, dance and theatre, military arts (e.g. aikido), religion/spirituality, customs.

Who learns Japanese?

Students are generally ...

between 18/50 yrs of age (mostly 18/30yrs)

55% male, 45% female

a lot of them arrive at false beginner (A1) level and study for between 2 and 8 weeks or follow a long term course.

university students, young adults or retired and looking for an adventure.

from the USA, Australia or the UK, then Germany, France, Switzerland, or Canada and then a whole load of other students from other countries too!

Approx student numbers: 140 pr wk

Of course, there are also plenty of non-average students and everyone who wants to learn Japanese is welcome to attend!

If you're not sure, contact us and we will be happy to chat the options through with you.



Accommodation

Arrive: **Sunday PM**

Depart: **Sunday AM**

NB: Accommodation in Fukuoka generally involves a commute, allow 20/45 mins to college by public transport. Check out the Accommodation PDF details for full information.

Host family 14yrs+

2 wks+ Single room, half-board (30/40 mins commute to school)

When arranging a host family, we try to take into account any needs or preferences you may have, such as smoker or non-smoker, allergies, English ability, and so on.

Allow around Yen 500 for daily commute

Supervised student residence 14yrs+

2 wks+ Single room, self-catering (30/40 mins commute).

A private bedroom in a house with a shared bathroom and common facilities.

A live-in supervisor looks after students 24/7 and provides both breakfast and dinner, from Monday to Saturday!

Students may share with other students or with non-students (Japanese university students/young working adults or students from other schools).

Allow around Yen 600 for daily commute

Residence (with Japanese people) 18yrs+

4 wks+ Single room, self-catering (30/40 mins commute).

You will have the privacy of your own bedroom, while still getting to meet and mingle with the other residents of the house, and enjoy the freedom of life in the city and an easy commute by public transport from school

Allow around Yen 600 for daily commute

Private apartment 18yrs+

4 wks+ Single occupancy, self-catering. Highly recommended, (around 20/30 mins)

Around 20 m sq

Private apartments are usually close to a hotel room in quality, but quite a bit cheaper, and can be rented by the week. They are ideal if you want to live independently but are very compact including a bed, living room area, kitchen area, and bathroom. Generally all required appliances are included. High-speed wired Internet is provided for no extra charge. Most private apartments are centrally located in the downtown area.

Walking distance (around 30 mins)



Start Dates



Standard & Languages for Life Courses

Dates in **gold** are open to Beginners (for 2, 3 or 4 wks only)

Blue dates are open to beginners for 10 wks only.

Green dates are open to beginners for 10 or 20 wks only

All other levels: Any number of weeks (2 wks+), depending on availability of places

Month	Dates					
January	06	14*	20	27		
February	03	10	17	25*		
March	03	10	17	24	31	
April	07	14	21	29		
May	---	12	19	26		
June	02	09	16	23	30	
July	07	14	22*	28		
August	04	12*	18	25		
September	01	08	22	29		
October	06	14*	20	27		
November	04*	10	17	25*		
December	01	08	15	22		

Japanese Teenage Course

June 30

Long Term Courses

See the PDF details on the CESA Course Finder online

***Public holidays:** Lessons are not held, but are replaced by a school activity or a small refund and if this coincides with a start date, the assessment tests and registration take place on Tuesday instead.

2025: 01 & 13 Jan, 11 & 24 Feb, 20 Mar, 29 Apr, 05 & 06 May, 21 Jul, 11 Aug, 15, 16 and 23 Sept., 13 Oct, 03 & 24 Nov

2026: to be confirmed.

Christmas holiday: Week of 29th December 2025

Course Prices

For additional course duration options & prices, please view the CESA Course Quote Finder : www.cesalanguages.com

CESA Fee: **¥14,000** per person

Books & Materials: Inclusive in course fees

Standard Course	2 wks Yen 88,000	3 wks Yen 124,000	4 wks Yen 160,000	6 wks Yen 232,000	8 wks Yen 304,000	12 wks Yen 432,000
Languages for Life	10 wks Yen 371,000	20 wks Yen 660,000				
Japanese for Teens	4 wks Yen 665,000					
Long Term Course	40 wks Yen 1,120,000	60 wks Yen 1,570,000				
Private Tuition	15 lessons /	2 wks Yen 226,000	3 wks / Yen 331,000			(PT not offered in the summer)

Accommodation Prices



Hosts

From: 14 yrs

Single room, Half-board, Commute by public transport

2 wks

Yen 74,000

3 wks

Yen 101,000

4 wks

Yen 128,000

6 wks

Yen 182,000

8 wks

Yen 236,000

9 wks

Yen 263,000

10 wks

Yen 290,000

11 wks

Yen 317,000

12 wks

Yen 344,000

20 wks

Yen 560,000

50 wks

Yen 1,370,000

70 wks

Yen 1,910,000

Residence

From: 18 yrs Open to the public and students

Single room in a shared residence, Self-catering, Commute by public transport

4 wks

Yen 94,000

5 wks

Yen 112,500

6 wks

Yen 131,000

7 wks

Yen 149,500

8 wks

Yen 168,000

9 wks

Yen 186,500

10 wks

Yen 180,000

11 wks

Yen 196,000

12 wks

Yen 212,000

20 wks

Yen 300,000

50 wks

Yen 670,000

70 wks

Yen 930,000

Apartments

From: 18 yrs Open to the public and students

Sole occupancy apartments, Self-catering, Generally in walking distance

4 wks

Yen 180,000

5 wks

Yen 215,000

6 wks

Yen 254,000

7 wks

Yen 293,000

8 wks

Yen 332,000

9 wks

Yen 371,000

10 wks

Yen 380,000

11 wks

Yen 416,000

12 wks

Yen 452,000

20 wks

Yen 680,000



Travel Plans

Fly to Fukuoka (FUK), or to Nagoya/ Kansai, or Tokyo/Narita & take an internal flight to Fukuoka Intl airport (travel time from Narita to Fukuoka / 3+ hrs) or take the Shinkansen to Fukuoka (travel time from Tokyo to Fukuoka / 5+ hrs+). Students staying with hosts must fly in before 7.00pm, or will need to book a Hotel for their first night.

Transfer Service:

Available on request from 8.00am to 8.00pm, at ¥6,000 for an arrival service/per person from Fukuoka airport. Please note Fukuoka Airport is right in the centre of the city so many students take a taxi on arrival.



CESA Plus Points

Fukuoka:

Must sees include the modern Kyushu National Museum (Japanese artifacts) ~ the Asian Art Museum ~ Hakata-za, Fukuoka's famous "kabuki" theatre ~ free Noh and Kabuki performances in the Ohori Park Noh theatre ~ for night owls enjoy the huge variety of venues, for everything from a cup of 'sake' with friends in a quiet 'izakaya' to a crazy night of dancing at a top club ~ Izakayas (Japanese pubs) exist on virtually every corner ~ try a 'shochu' (a spirit made from either rice, wheat, barley or potato) or some 'sashimi' (raw fish) and you could easily be mistaken for a local.

Fukuoka College:

Small college in a great city in the South West of Japan ~ friendly, relaxed atmosphere ~ flexible range of short and long term course options to suit a range of personal & linguistic needs ~ excellent city centre location ~ good range of accommodation offered.

