



Tips on Studying Abroad at Fukuoka University in Japan

Want to know what it's like to study abroad? Want to know what your peers think? Your fellow Georgia Tech students who have previously gone on this exchange program gave their opinions so that future participants have the inside scoop on their host institution and host country.

Classes

- Registration at the school was not hard at all. It was taken care of by Fukuoka University's international center.
- The main nationalities in my classes at the school were American, British, and French.
- The difficulty of academic level is about around Georgia Techs' academic level.
- I had hour and a half classes, twice a day, every day. There was homework at least once a week, usually up to 4 assignments, 4 presentations, 2 projects, 4 exam periods, and tests at least once a week.
- In total it was 15 hours a week in class, and at least one hour of study per hour of class required for good marks.



Food

- The food is cheap, but there are not many restaurants near school. There is a good lunch room near school though. The on-campus food is good and cheap.
- When it comes to making your own food or eating out, do both. Making your own is lot cheaper, but you'll miss out on good restaurants. I recommend the Yamatoya and the lunch room. Yamatoya is a local place; most students can show you the way.

Housing

- The university takes care of your housing application for you. The dorms are located 5 minutes from campus. You have a room to yourself as well as your own toilet and refrigerator.
- There is a public kitchen, laundry room and showers. All the Rooms have internet access. The lobby has internet access, a TV, and a study room. The cost for the dorm is 300 dollars a month plus utilities.

Finances

- I spent about 1000 dollars a month on average (that includes all living expenses).



Transportation & Travel

- Make sure you buy your plane ticket early because the tickets are very expensive.
- Concerning the Local transportation, the subway is really convenient, but it is possible to get a bike as well, or you can walk most everywhere.
- With regional travel I recommend Making plans through Japan Travel Bureau.
- Even though there are too many must-see spots to list you must go to Kyoto. And also see the local festivals like for example Yamakasa.

Participant Profiles

Please see information of contributing students below. If a blog or website is listed, feel free to take a look! Also, if an e-mail address is listed, you may contact that student if you have any questions about their study abroad experience.

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Communication

- It is very useful to buy an international cell phone
- There are computers and internet available everywhere, so this will not be a concern for anyone.
- I recommend Skype for keeping in touch with family and friends.

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