

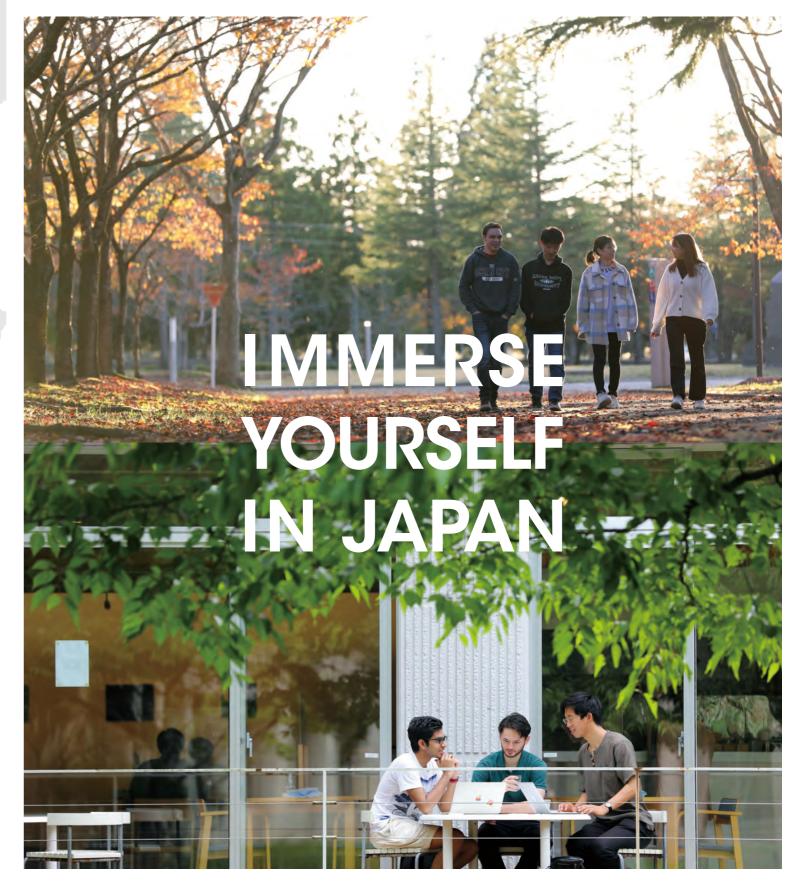


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STUDY ABROAD @

AKITA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY





You want to immerse yourself in Japanese culture both inside and outside the classroom.

100%

11_{LEVELS}

in English in your major.

Japanese while also taking courses

You seek interaction and friendships with students from Japan and around the world.

You want to learn more about Japanese culture,

history and society in small,

interactive classes.

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Akita International University

You are looking for a unique adventure, with experiences and friendships that will stay with you for life.

AIU Features



Top Global University Project Selectee (Global Traction)
Japanese Ministry of Education

Times Higher Education Japan Rankings 2022



University for Engagement (Quality of education)



University for Environment (International education environment)

Rankings of Universities Recommended by High School Career Guidance Teachers 2022 Daigaku Tsushin (Education information communications)



University for Internationalization



Best Small Universities



Best Teaching Quality

What To Expect

At the leading edge of higher education in Japan, AIU offers an English-only content curriculum for all students. Classes are small and interactive so you can build relationships with your professors and classmates - from Japan and around the world. Since almost all AIU students live on campus, you'll find unique chances to get involved, including club activities and student-led events. AIU - and Akita prefecture - is a peaceful environment to study and immerse yourself in Japanese culture. AIU students visit schools, participate in local festivals, and even work in rice fields. While urban Tokyo is only an hour flight away, by living in Akita, you can experience true, rural Japanese culture in a way that no city resident could.

Come and immerse yourself in Japanese Culture!

Message from the President Akita International University (AIU), is located in idyllic surroundings in the northeast of Japan. Its ground-breaking pedagogy has made the university a most attractive destination for scholars from all corners of the Japanese archipelago as well as from over 50 countries/territories world-wide. In its brief 2 decades, the university has come to be recognized as a transformative learning environment among higher education institutions in Japan. All of its formal, credit courses are conducted in English. AIU's curriculum is a special blend of strong foundations in language, culture and communication studies, profound discourse, reflection, and a commitment to humanism characteristic of a strong liberal arts education, with transdisciplinary specializations in Global Studies, Global Business and Global Connectivity. This is strengthened by a year's study abroad being mandatory for AIU students to graduate from their undergraduate programs, whilst welcoming overseas students from over 200 partner universities abroad. There are myriad opportunities to explore the deep cultural heritage of the region and its spectacular natural environment from AIU's verdant residential campus, around which one will find a warm, welcoming local community. AIU's faculty is truly international, with the majority coming from outside Japan, and its bilingual administrative staff are kind, friendly and supportive. I welcome you all to this unique learning environment, symbolized by its stunning library, open 24 hours each day all year long. Join this community of scholars, where you can establish lasting friendships and prepare to shape your world as global leaders of the future. Contents P16 Global Business Program P18 Global Studies Program P31 On-campus Medical / Counseling Support A Message from the President P20 Global Connectivity Program P32 Semester / Year Program P22 Sample Course List Basic Information about Akita Prefecture P24 Nakajima Library P33 Degree Program / Akita Highlights P10 All-English Curriculum

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Monte CASSIM

Chair of the Board/President, Akita International University

1947 Born in Colombo, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

1970 B.Sc. Built Environment, Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Sri Lanka, Colombo

1974-1981 Research Fellow and Coordinator, Group Asia 80 Program, Japan Center for Area Development Research

1976 M.Eng. (Urban Engineering), Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo

1976-1977 Lecturer and Secretary of the Committee for Graduate School Establishment, University Sains Malaysia

1977-1982 Doctoral Program (Urban Engineering), Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo (Withdrawal after completing course requirements to work full time in industry)

1980-1984 Architect at Design Management Division, Design Department, Mitsui Construction Ltd.

1985-1994 Senior Research Fellow (U.N. Expert) and Program Coordinator, United Nations Center for Regional Development

1994-2018 Professor Ritsumeikan University

2004-2009 President, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

2004-2012 Vice Chancellor, Ritsumeikan Trust

2013-2014 Special Aide to the Chancellor, Ritsumeikan Trust

2014-2017 Member, Board of Councilors, Ritsumeikan Trust

2014-2021 Executive Trustee, Akita International University

2015-2018 Assistant Trustee, Ritsumeikan Trust

2018-2021 President, Trustee and Professor, Shizenkan University

2021-present President (Chair of the Board), Akita International University

Other prominent posts including University Council Executive Trustee of Vietnam-Japan University, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Councilors of Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology and Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

Publications include *Concepts of Sustainability* (Chapter 2 : *An introduction to sustainability science* (Horitsu Bunka Sha, 2013)). He has also given many lectures at the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) and universities in Japan and abroad and more.

In 2016, he was awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure [Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon] from the Government of Japan for his contribution to the promotion of private education in Japan and his continuous efforts to promote mutual understanding between Sri Lanka and Japan.

In 2017 he received a National Honours Lifetime Award (Vidya Nidhi) for Contributions to science and technology by the Government of Sri Lanka.

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Community Outreach



AlU's Research and Community Outreach Services (RCOS) arranges many kinds of activities with the local community. Consistently rated among students' favorite aspects of AIU, these activities offer a unique backstage pass to experience rural Japanese life and culture.

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES

- Teaching English and cultural exchange activities at AIU and local schools
- School holiday parties including Halloween and Christmas with children
- Cooking local and international dishes with schools and local community groups
- Rice planting and harvesting with schools and farming communities
- Homestays and activities with local community
- Participating in set-up and execution of local festivals
- Testing and evaluating new local tourism programs



► / AIU Community Outreach Services



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



Kindergarten Cultural Exchange





Glass Art with Local University



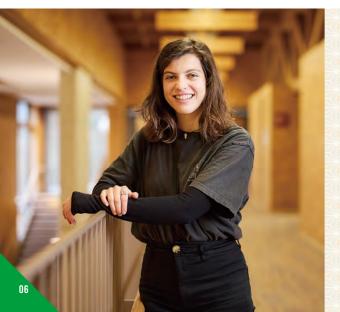
STUDENT VOICE

Chia Chun Chien

National Taiwan University, Taiwan

RCOS activities were definitely the best part of my stay in AIU. Of all the 3 activities I've attended, I enjoyed the Nakasen elementary school visit the most. The activity was to be an assistant in their English class and the topic assigned was to introduce my elementary school memories. It was amazing for both me and the kids to share the difference between countries and experience different cultures by face-to-face interactions. Although English was the only required ability, if you have a basic fluency in Japanese, you can enjoy RCOS activities even more. In the class, I spoke in a mixed language of Japanese and English to help the kids understand better and it also greatly improved my Japanese. If you ever have a chance to be part of the AIU family, do not miss these wonderful opportunities!



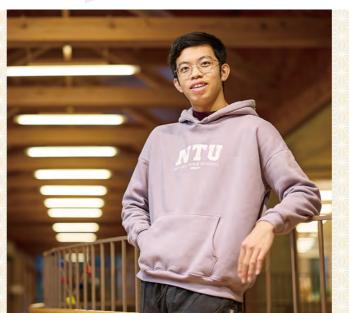


STUDENT VOICE

Aida Nezir Pachedji

Leiden University, Netherlands

I am glad I participated in the activities organized by RCOS. I think more international students should be involved and interact with the local people through RCOS' unique opportunities to learn more about Japanese culture and what the educational system is. One of the most touching and positive experiences was when I went to an elementary school and played a game with the school kids. The school kids were very curious, easy to talk to and eager to learn new things. I felt so energized and was filled with positive emotions after the experience. I hope more students get involved and get out of their comfort zone.



Clubs and Circles



Volleyball Club



Join one of AIU's 40+ clubs and circles to pursue your passions, build friendships, and practice intercultural communication in several languages. AY2022 clubs are listed below, but all students are also welcome to propose new ideas.

Japanese Culture

- Japanese Calligraphy
- Japanese Dance
- Kanto Team

- Kendo
- Kimono
- Kyudo / Japanese Archery

Arts, Culture, and Music

- A Cappella
- Board Game
- Dance

Hawaiian Hula Dance

- Jazz Circle
- Language Expression Club

Tea Ceremony

- Wotagei
- / Dance performance swings two glow stick in both hands
- Yatose Team / Japanese Contemporary Dance

Musical Theatre

Rock Band

Common Interests

- AIU Revival and Reconstruction Supporter
 Diversity Club
- AIU Student Ambassadors
- Akita Study Abroad Promoters AUWA / Local Community Interaction
- Bible Study
- Debating Society

- Environmental Club
- FROMPROJECT Akita / Contribute to Solving Local Issues
- Happy People in Akita / Local Travel
- Model United Nations Club
- Northeast Asia Student Round Table
- Programming Club
- Red Cross Youth Volunteer Corps
- Sign Language
- Speech Club
- V-ACT / Volunteer Group

Sports

- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Flying Disc
- Futsal / Men's
- Rugby
 - Shorinji Kenpo / Shaolin Boxing
 - Soft Tennis
 - Spikeball
- Futsal / Women's

- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Wandervogel



Common Interests **AUWA** Local Community Interaction

STUDENT VOICE

Nicol Juferova

Linköping University, Sweden



The reason I joined the volleyball club was because I wanted to try something I've never done before. This club, as the rest of the clubs at AIU, is both for those who are complete beginners and for those who want to get even better. This was fortunate for me, since I had never done neither a ball- nor a team sport before. Everyone is extremely patient and they don't mind teaching you what they know. It's a perfect way to have fun after studying all day and the friendships made will last for a lifetime!

STUDENT VOICE

Orsolya Fülöp

Comenius University, Slovakia



When I joined the AIU community in the last spring semester, I was overwhelmed by the possibilities AIU had to offer in terms of club activities. That is why I joined 4 of them in total.

I joined 1 activity each semester in AUWA – rice planting and rice harvesting. It was a truly unique experience. While the hard work helped me disconnect from all the stress of everyday student life, I had the opportunity to learn more about the local culture first hand, for which I am grateful. Thank you AUWA!



AIU ACADEMIC ADVANTAGE

International Exchange of Ideas in English

AIU brings together students from around the world in discussion-based small classes for a unique exchange of ideas and values. Each semester, approximately 25% of our student body is made up of international students, representing an average of 35 countries and regions. The combination of Japanese and international students in small classrooms gives students the opportunity to forge personal connections across cultural barriers and develop intercultural communication skills.

Japanese Language and Japan Studies

Our Japanese Language and Japan Studies programs are second to none. AlU offers 11 levels of core Japanese each semester, with a placement test offered during orientation, as well as skill and practice courses at the upper levels. Japan Studies includes everything from Akita Studies and traditional arts, to advanced courses in Japanese Business Culture or Japan-U.S. Relations. Turn the page for more!

Ease the Stress of Study Abroad

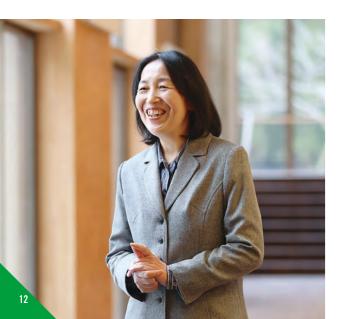
AIU is Japan's only university to offer all content courses in English, so international students can be sure to earn the credits they need toward their degrees. Our course offerings and syllabi are available online (see page 22 for examples) and our 4.0 GPA scale and 15-week semester facilitate compatibility with systems around the world. Our unique Academic Calendar (page 32) makes it easy to study at AIU for either the fall or spring semester, or a full year!

Japanese Language PRG.



UNPARALLELED LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT

AIU offers 6-credit, core Japanese courses, so you can earn a total of 18 credits (36 ECTS) of core Japanese in a single year, including the Winter Program, plus take additional skill-specific courses, as well! Our small sizes, internationally experienced professors, and extracurricular activities will give you many opportunities to practice and improve your Japanese skills.



Dr. Yuko Abe

Head, Japanese Language Program

We encourage all international students to enroll in one of our 11 levels of core Japanese courses, whether you are an absolute beginner in studying Japanese or have passed the JLPT N1. Taking classes in Japanese language and culture, in addition to living with Japanese students and participating in extracurricular activities, will help you to make your study abroad experience most valuable and beneficial. Our instructors have many years of experience in working with international students, both in Japan and abroad. The small size of our classes and a wealth of additional individual support systems provide all the resources you need to reach your language learning goals.

Customize Your Studies

11 levels of core Japanese courses plus skill-specific courses allow you to meet your language goals. If you want to learn introductory Japanese, but cannot fit intensive classes into your schedule, AIU also offers JPL 100, a 3-credit, introductory course.

Personal Support and Mentorship

In addition to our experienced professors, graduate students from AIU's Japanese Language Teaching Practices Program and tutors from the Academic Achievement Center will eagerly work with you one-on-one. Take full advantage of AIU's small-campus environment to forge the close personal relationships with Japanese students that will help you succeed.

Course Offerings

Semester /Program	JPL Course Level	Pre-Elementary	Elementary	Upper El	ementary	Intermediate			Higher Intermediate Advanced		anced		
		100 *	110	210	220	310	320	330	340	410	420	460	470
Spring Semester	Core	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		0
						Pronunciation							
						Reading							
	Skill					Kanji			Writing				
				Spea	aking			Speaking					
										Chinese	-Japane	se Inter	oretatio
	Core	*	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		0	
	Skill					Pronunciation							
						Reading E			English-Japanese Translation				
Fall Semester						Kanji			Writing				
Commenter				Spea	aking			Speaking					
										J	lapanese Transl	-Chines	e
													Readin Authent Materia
Winter Program	Core			0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Skill					Reading Current To			pics				
									Japanese Language in Films				

- **★JPL100** is a 3-credit introductory course. All other core courses are 6-credit courses.
- **Please note that some levels may not be offered depending on the situation of the semester.



STUDENT VOICE

Usarat Sukudom

Mahidol University International College, Thailand

I studied "Intermediate Japanese I". The outstanding points that I like about Japanese class are comprehension and practical skills. Each time we read the texts, we had a chance to understand aspects of Japanese culture such as Studio Ghibli, Mount Fuji, and Izakaya, and discuss them together with classmates as well as Japanese class visitors. In addition, I could try giving full Japanese presentations, sending emails, and even writing a letter to my home university sensei, too. Japanese class in AIU is not only about learning language but also cultivating your ability to be able to use Japanese as well.

Japan Studies PRG.



CONNECTING THE CLASSROOM AND REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Get the most out of your time in Japan by immersing yourself in the local culture and participating in community outreach activities, traditional festivals, and AIU student clubs. AIU's Japan Studies courses are designed to provide both scholarly and experiential perspectives, which will deepen students' insight into the nature of Japanese culture, society, and sensibilities.



Dr. Yoshitaka Kumagai

Director, Japan Studies Center

The Japan-related curricular and co-curricular offerings and opportunities at AIU are unique and second to none anywhere in Japan. Students can enjoy taking courses that range from local traditional preforming arts, Japan's traditional arts of tea and flower arrangement, or contemporary Japanese business world, to the interplay of popular culture and Japanese society today. Combine serious study of the Japanese language, coursework in English about Japan, and direct access to the people, fields, and cultural traditions of Akita, Tohoku, and Japan at large for an unforgettable learning experience.



Reaching Across Disciplinary Boundaries

The Japan Studies curriculum has expanded to include a wider range of locally-focused courses that invite careful consideration across multiple, academic disciplines. Current Japan-focused course offerings incorporate analysis from political, legal, international, economic, historical, anthropological, religious, cultural, and aesthetic viewpoints.



From Traditional Arts to Popular Culture

AIU's Japan Studies course options enable students to perceive connections among current popular culture phenomena and the more traditional cultural roots from which these artifacts spring.

So, alongside coursework focused on anime and cinema, students may practice the traditional arts of tea ceremony and Ikebana (flower arrangement), as well as discover more about the philosophies behind these traditional aesthetic practices. AIU's traditional arts classes are held in a serene Japanese tatami mat room - the perfect place to quiet the mind and develop greater awareness of the Japanese spirit.



JAS 135

Traditional Japanese Arts II: Ikebana, Kabuki, Noh, Buyo Dr. Kaeko Chiba

This course will guide you through the fascinating contemporary world of Japanese traditional arts, particularly Ikebana and flower culture in Japan. Through practicing Ikebana *jitsugi* (practice), investigating the *Iemoto* (grand master) system and studying styles of training in other art forms, you will gain valuable insight into the rich possibilities for the Japanese traditional arts in the future. This course is ideal for any students who are interested in Japanese traditional culture, and those who wish to start or continue studying the essence of Japanese society.



STUDENT VOICE

Joseph Falcon

Centre College, USA

My experience in Ikebana in the course of "Traditional Japanese Arts II: Ikebana, Kabuki, Noh, Buyo" had encouraged much reflection on the Japanese arts. It has allowed me to interact with nature in a much more intimate manner and analyze the historical and cultural significance of the Japanese traditional arts. From the religious syncretism between Shintoism and Buddhism, to modern contemporary Ikebana arrangements that test our preconceived notions, I've become heavily inspired to continue practicing Ikebana when I return home. I believe a global liberal arts education is an effective way to disperse the Japanese traditional arts and allow it to continue its legacy abroad.

Global Business PRG.



THEORY AND PRACTICE FOR DIVERSE APPLICATIONS

AlU's business program provides students a firm grounding in economic theory as well as a practical education in in-demand skills, such as marketing, leadership, and business data analysis. AlU offers students the opportunity to develop their business strategy skills in an interactive environment that will enable them to compete in today's market, respond to changes in the market, and lead, no matter what challenges the future may hold.



Dr. Clinton Watkins

Director, Global Business Program

Our curriculum prepares students for meaningful careers after university, whether they join the workforce here in Japan or abroad, start their own business, or continue their studies at the graduate level. The Global Business Program offers introductory and advanced courses in business disciplines, including accounting, business culture, economics, finance, law, management, marketing, quantitative analysis, and sustainability. Our courses emphasise applying knowledge to solve the critical issues of today and tomorrow. We offer interactive classes that engage students in developing their technical, critical thinking, and communication skills, which will be essential for doing business in our rapidly evolving future.



The Japanese Example and Regional Expertise

As Japan's longest-standing all-English undergraduate program, AIU offers the most comprehensive opportunity for international students to gain an inside perspective on the Japanese economy and business, with courses including Japanese Finance and Practices under Globalization, and Japanese Business Culture. Instructors across all courses introduce examples from Japanese media and current events to help students understand Japan's values in relation to its neighbors and trading partners around the world. Also, several instructors have substantial Japanese business experience.



Networking and International Cooperation Practice

In business and economics courses at AIU, you will develop your ability to communicate ideas in an international environment and exchange experience and opinions with classmates from around the world. Through presentations, teamwork, and case studies in a small class environment - averaging 17 students - you will work directly with Japanese and international students from 203 partners in 51 countries and establish professional connections that will follow you home and into your business career.



ECN 316

Quantitative Methods
for Marketing
Dr. Wenti Du



How do businesses gather and use information to make effective marketing plans? This course provides students with knowledge of the practical statistical and quantitative techniques used to make efficient marketing decisions. Students design and conduct quantitative marketing research for real-world projects of their choice. They interpret the results of their quantitative research and learn how to make decisions that contribute to business success. The course is delivered as a combination of lectures and seminars.



STUDENT VOICE

Joaquin Villar

Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile

"Management Principles and Practices" is a course I would recommend to anyone who is interested in acquiring a broad basis of knowledge not just in the science of Management, but also on how all kinds of organizations work and behave. The great thing about this course is that it is structured around the experiences and perspectives of the students as we constantly use our own organizational backgrounds to apply the concepts learned in class. From school clubs to part-time jobs, any experience can be used for understanding the concepts in a comprehensive and interactive way!

Global Studies PRG.



COURSES AVAILABLE ACROSS DISCIPLINES

The Global Studies Program is composed of three Clusters (academic fields): Global Society, Political Science and International Relations, and Sustainability Studies. The Global Studies Program invites students to take courses in diverse fields from those Clusters. Students will accumulate and deepen their knowledge and refine their flexible thinking and analytical skills without being confined to conventional ideas and values through active participation in learning activities.



Dr. Norihito Mizuno

Director, Global Studies Program

For students who are interested in studying about the world, a particular region, or a country, going abroad is an indispensable part of their academic experience, although it may seem daunting at first. With an all-English curriculum, small class sizes, and a balance of lecture and discussion courses, AIU offers a familiar environment to international students so that they will have the least trouble adjusting. Our strength is our active and diverse student body - many of our courses have at least 5-6 nationalities represented - that constantly provides each student with a welcoming environment.

Global Society Cluster

Amid globalization, humanity faces diverse issues such as poverty, disparity, migration, discrimination, and human rights, as well as friction caused by differences in religion, ideology, and culture. Students will explore a wide range of issues spanning from issues in local communities to matters on a national, regional, and global scale.



Courses in this cluster are diverse in multiple fields such as political science, geography, history, and international relations. Students will learn the laws and political systems of Japan and other nations in the world and international relations between two nations and multiple nations.

Sustainability Studies Cluster

With globalization and advances in science and technology in this age, various environmental and resource-related issues are requiring urgent attention. As seen in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, or SDGs, adopted by the United Nations in 2015, we must now take concrete action toward sustainable development. Students will study the major issues that humanity faces, such as the construction of a sustainable environment, economy, and community, and attempt to find an ideal society for humankind and the environment from multiple perspectives.



SUS 310 Conservation and Sustainable Development Dr. Yoji Natori



Conservation is at the heart of sustainable development. This course will cover the key aspects of conservation and demonstrate the roles of conservation in achieving sustainable development with real-world examples and case studies on wide range of views from the landscape and community perspectives (the satoyama approach) and the business consideration of natural environment (the natural capital concept). The course also covers the economic, social and policy frameworks in which these examples are embedded. Through the lectures, discussions and the group project, the course strives to drive home

"If we cannot protect our only planet, nothing else matters."





STUDENT VOICE

Charlotte Mason

The Australian National University, Australia

I enrolled in the special lecture series "Special Topic 5: Eurasia Foundation Endowed Chair: Thinking about the Possibility of 'Asian Community' in Akita" in the fall semester and really loved it! It was so fulfilling to be able to hear from scholars about their research and learn straight from the source. The topics were all unique and interesting and I felt that I was able to take so much in. The scholars asked questions that really made me think. My favorite lecture was about identity in community, which took place towards the end of the course. I felt that this was a very unique topic that was very consequential to the theme of the course. I hope that I can take more courses like this because I got so much out of it.

Global Connectivity PRG.



DIALOGUE BETWEEN HUMANITY, CULTURE, COMMUNICATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

In our complex global society, where information spreads globally in an instant, we need to understand how digital technologies and innovations such as Al are changing us, and how we can live meaningful lives in a world that is in constant change. In the Global Connectivity Program, students explore both the humanities – culture, literature, and philosophy – which allows them to find meaning and values of our lives, and technologies, such as computation and Al, which are the foundation of our modern society. Students identify and explore connections between the humanities and technology and develop a holistic appreciation of their connectedness, allowing them to serve as effective bridges between these two domains in future society.



Dr. Florent Domenach

Director, Global Connectivity Program

The Global Connectivity (GC) Program is a course of study that invites students to bridge the humanities and technology divide, focusing on digital technologies and AI, which are central to our lives. With diverse course offerings ranging from philosophy and art history to information science and cyberpsychology, students are encouraged to explore the transdisciplinary nature of an International Liberal Arts education. Through discussion and collaboration, students will deepen their critical thinking, develop literacy over both modern technology and humanities, and build an understanding of how human thinking and action are influenced.

Humanity, Culture, and Communication Cluster

This cluster (academic fields) is a selection of humanities courses specifically designed to provide opportunities to acquire a broad scope of knowledge in areas such as history, culture, and art, and to develop language and analytical skills.

Technology and Future Society Cluster

Courses in this cluster will allow you to learn the importance of controlling the digital environment, rather than being controlled by it. The Technology and Future Society cluster explores the impact of digital technologies on all aspects of our modern lives, including how they shape the way we work, communicate, access, and process information.



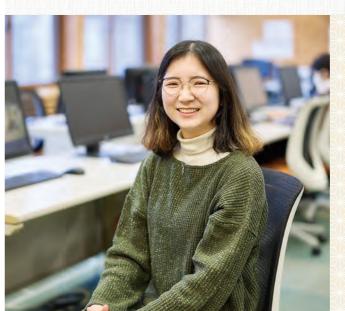




PSY 310 Cyberpsychology Dr. Pamela Taylor

Many users of internet technology find it indispensable, but also addictive in ways that traditional technology is not. This has led to curiosity about how cybertechnology can be so engrossing, as well as fears that it is altering how humans think. This class will investigate our interactions with cybertechnology, including how it harnesses innate features of our cognitive systems to create its compelling effects, and how it acts as a socio-cultural environment that influences how we think and act.





STUDENT VOICE

Minyoung Hong

Seoul National University, Korea

The Cyberpsychology course seemed to be the best way to figure out the reason why I am so immersed into the online world. Rather than a hard-working class with loads of assignments, every class was a time to learn psychological theories with ease and share experiences with each other throughout the semester. Where would I ever have the opportunity to talk about my personal experience in cyberspace with students from Japan, the U.S., Canada, and Spain? I chose this course regardless of my major, but I am still highly satisfied. I'd like to recommend this course to everyone, especially those who rely highly on social media and smartphones.

Sample Course List

This is a partial list of courses offered in Academic Year 2023. Course availability is subject to change. For the most recent list, availability by semester, credit information, and specific requirements, please see https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/academic/.

<u>Course Levels</u> 1XX: Foundational / 2XX: Intermediate / 3XX: Advanced / 4XX: Capstone seminars and some Foreign Language courses

Certificate of Concentration in Japanese Language and Culture Studies

International students can earn AIU's Certificate of Concentration in Japanese Language and Culture Studies by completing 15 credits of Japan Studies courses offered in English, including at least one course at the 300 level or higher, as well as 15 credits of Japanese language courses at or above the 310 level with a GPA of 2.50 or higher for the courses. Courses with • will be counted for the certificate.

JAS 11	Traditiona	I Japanese	Arts I:	Tea Ceremony
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JAS 135 Traditional Japanese Arts II: Ikebana, Kabuki, Noh, Buyo

JAS 200 Japanese Literature I: Modern Literature

JAS 201 Japanese History I: Premodern Japan

JAS 202 Japanese History II: Modern Japan

JAS 220 Japanese Politics

JAS 225 Japan's Constitution and Law

JAS 250 Introduction to Japanese Society

JAS 280 Akita Studies I: Introduction to Akita

ANT 300 Personhood and the Self: Anthropological Perspectives

ART 300 Japanese Art History in Global Context

JAS 300 Japanese Literature II: Postwar Identity in Literature

JAS 305 Religions in Japan

JAS 310 Intercultural Perspectives on Japanese Society

JAS 352 Japanese Linguistics: Analyzing the Grammar of Japanese

JAS 370 Contemporary Japanese Visual Culture: Anime

JAS 375 Japanese Cinema II: The History Film

JAS 380 Akita Studies II: Rural Culture and Society

Japanese Language

Pre-Elementary Course

JPL 100 A Basic Introduction to Communicating in Japanese

Core Courses

JPL 110 Elementary Japanese

JPL 210 Upper Elementary Japanese I

JPL 220 Upper Elementary Japanese II

JPL 310 Intermediate Japanese I

JPL 320 Intermediate Japanese II

JPL 330 Intermediate Japanese III

JPL 340 Intermediate Japanese IV

JPL 410 Higher Intermediate Japanese I

JPL 420 Higher Intermediate Japanese II

JPL 460 Advanced Japanese I

JPL 470 Advanced Japanese II

Skill Courses

JPL 213/413/423 Speaking

JPL 214 Kanji for Beginners
JPL 311/321/331 Reading Comprehension

JPL 314 Kanji Foundation
JPL 315/415 Pronunciation

JPL 324 Kanji Consolidation

JPL 412 Writing

JPL 431 Reading Current Topics
JPL 433 Japanese Language in Films

JPL 461 Reading Authentic Materials

Translation/Interpretation

JPL 417 Japanese-Chinese Translation

JPL 427 Chinese-Japanese Interpretation

Japanese Language Teaching

*Native fluency of Japanese is required.

JLT 181 Introduction to Japanese Language Studies

JLT 211 Japanese Phonetics

JLT 231 Teaching Japanese as a Second Language

Other Languages -

Chinese, French, Korean, Russian and Spanish

100/200/300 Levels I/II/III

400 Language Seminar: Discourse Practice

(Chinese and Korean only)

Business & Economics

ECN 205 Mathematical Methods for Economics

ECN 220 Analysis of Economic Data

ECN 230 International Financial Management

ECN 250 Foundations of Managerial Decision-Making

ECN 270 Principles of Marketing

ECN 300 Management Principles and Practices

ECN 301 Financial Theories and Applications

ECN 308 Marketing Channel Strategy

ECN 309 International Business Law

ECN 312 Financial Accounting

ECN 314 Managerial Accounting

ECN 315 Japanese Finance and Practices under Globalization

ECN 316 Quantitative Methods for Marketing

ECN 317 Consumer Behavior

ECN 318 Global Marketing

ECN 320 International Trade

ECN 323 Money, Banking and Financial Markets

ECN 325 Economic Development

ECN 327 Econometrics and Applications

ECN 328 Intermediate Microeconomics

ECN 330 Corporate Finance

ECN 334 Strategic Management

ECN 337 Technology and Society

ECN 341 Human Resources Management

ECN 343 Japanese Business Culture

ECN 344 Eco-Business and Sustainability

ECN 347 Portfolio Management

ECN 348 Behavioral Finance

ECN 353 MBA Essentials

ECN 354 Social Entrepreneurship

ECN 365 EU Politics and Economy

ECN 366 Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECN 367 Open-Economy Macroeconomics

ECN 368 Environmental Economics

ECN 391 Digital Marketing Strategy

ECN 392 Marketing Communication

History

HIS 210 U.S. History

HUM 290 History of Modern China

HIS 296 History of Modern Korea

HIS 297 History of Modern Mongolia

Political Science & International Relations

PLS 210 International Relations

PLS 220 Introduction to Political Thought

PLS 245 International Law and Institutions

PLS 250 Nations and Nationalism

PLS 260 Comparative Politics

SOC 280 International Cooperation and Development I

SOC 335 International Cooperation and Development II

PLS 340 Japan-U.S. Relations

PLS 360 Modern Chinese Politics and Thought

PLS 361 Foreign Policy of China

PLS 362 Japan-China Relations

PLS 363 Developmental Politics in South Korea

PLS 367 Politics and Society in Southeast Asia

PLS 376 Law and Politics of International Organizations

PLS 378 International Security

PLS 380 Borders and Migration

PLS 381 Forced Migration

PLS 386 Political Communication

PLS 387 Visual Politics

PLS 390 U.S. Foreign Relations

Sociology

SOC 200 Research Methods in the Social Sciences

SOC 285 Community Development

SOC 325 Rural Sociology

SOC 326 Urban-Rural Linkages and Community Development

SOC 370 Mass Media and Society

SOC 375 Taiwan Society Today

SOC 385 Russian Society Today

Environmental & Sustainability Studies

SUS 205 Sustainability Education

SUS 310 Conservation and Sustainable Development

ENV 320 Environmental Science in Global Perspective

Geography

GEO 260 Urban Geography

GEO 270 Rural Geography

GEO 300 Diversity Matters

Digital & Technology

DGT 200 Learning and Technology

MAT 230 Al, Games and Mathematics: Igo Math

MAT 240 Mathematics for the Digital World

MAT 300 Data Modeling: Visualization and Causal Inference

PSY 310 Cyberpsychology

CCS 320 Machine Learning and Big Data

DGT 320 Digital Meaning Making

DGT 330 Artificial Intelligence and Humanity

DGT 340 Digital Communities around the World MAT 340 Poetry of Programming

Media & Communication

COM 260 News Media, Culture and Ideology

COM 280 Science Communication

CCS 290 Cross-Cultural Collaboration Projects

SOC 290 Media Literacy

COM 360 Applied Pragmatics

SOC 371 Global Media



Nakajima Library is the place where you can access the study materials you need anytime around the clock. We have strong linguistics and social science collections, including subjects such as Japanese language, history, and culture. In addition to the bilingual online library catalog, our reference service is available in English to support your study needs.

Books: 80,000+ titles (50,000+ titles in English) Journals: 200+ titles (100+ titles in English)

e-Books: 430,000+ titles e-Journals: 1,500+ titles

Digital Resources: JSTOR, ProQuest Central, ScienceDirect,

EBSCOhost eBook Collection, Ebook Central, etc.

Award-Winning Design

The library is a tourist destination and cultural icon, and receives many visitors throughout the year in addition to library users.

Built from local Akita cedar, with the ceiling patterned on a traditional umbrella, the library offers a warm, sheltering atmosphere, study rooms with individual workplaces, tables, and study rooms providing a variety of ideal study environments.

Hybrid Library



Nakajima Library collects both printed and digital materials for your study and research needs. Access over 430,000 e-books and more than 1,500 e-journals from anywhere.

Our discovery service, "ONE-Search" will allow you to search both printed materials and digital resources at once, along with other open access materials online.

24-Hour Computer Labs



Inside the library building, we have computer labs with over 100 computers (Windows OS in English or Japanese), printers and scanners available. Students who prefer to use personal computers and other devices, are able to use free Wi-Fi on campus.

> **Most Beautiful Library** in Eastern Japan

Nikkei, September 2015

Top 10 Must-See University Landmark

Nikkei, October 2016

Campus Life and Academic Support

Student-Centered Learning Space

From active learning facilities to guaranteed housing, meal plans, and on-campus medical support,



LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES CENTER (LDIC)

Learning Resources for Multiple Languages

Improve your Japanese or work on a third or fourth language! The LDIC offers language resources for various learning styles.

Open Class

The Open Class is a chance for members of the AIU community to get a glimpse of a new language, topic, or lecture.

Rated-Ex (for experience)

This is an opportunity for members of the AIU student body, staff, or faculty to showcase talents and skills to the AIU community.

Infinity Room

The Infinity Room is both a physical (a self-access center) and a virtual space (online meetings) designed for experiencing Mathematics in a positive and enjoyable way. Emphasizing the playful, the aesthetic and the mind-blowing aspects, the room is a gateway into collaborative mathematical research with paths leading to other STEM subjects and to a well-rounded liberal art worldview.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CENTER (AAC)

Free Peer Tutorial Support

Academic Reading/Writing/Presentation skills, Japanese language, and content course support.

Foreign Language Conversation Partner (FLCP) program

Through this program, you can meet one-on-one with speakers of other languages. Whether you want to practice a new language or help other students practice your language, it is a great opportunity to make new friends and develop your skills in a relaxed environment.



STUDENT VOICE

Victor Baltazar Luna

The University of Colima, Mexico

The FLCP program was an excellent opportunity to share both my native language and my country. It was absolutely amazing to see how many students are interested in learning Spanish and other languages. Also, it was very fulfilling to see how the students became more fluent with each session. It was also interesting that at the same time they are learning new vocabulary they are learning about a country from a first-hand source. The FLCP program is an amazing experience to get to know other countries and cultures more deeply. It is a great way to prepare yourself if you're looking to go abroad in the future. I highly encourage everyone to be part of the FLCP program!



Housing and Dining



100% GUARANTEED ON-CAMPUS HOUSING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

More international and Japanese students cite living in the on-campus community as their favorite part of studying at AIU over all other aspects of life and study. When you live in Komachi Hall, Global Village, Sakura Village, or our Themed Houses in Tsubaki Village, you are never more than a 10-minute walk from your friends, classes, and our wealth of on-campus activities.

Housing Options

		Komachi Hall	Global Village	Sakura Village	Tsubaki Village (Themed House)	
Room Style		Double occupancy room; two-room suite	Double occupancy	Single bedroom; triple occupancy suite	Single bedroom; twelve occupancy suite	
Number of rooms (wheelchair accessible)		244(4)	196(4)	107(2)	255(3)	
Toilet, Bath/Shower		Separate; Two per suite. Shower only.	One unit bath per room	Separate; One per suite	Separate; Four per suite	
Kitchen		Community kitchen/ dining room for all residents	Induction cooktop in room	Induction cooktop in suite	Induction cooktop in suite	
	Fall/Spring Per Semester	130,000 JPY (Fall) 126,000 JPY (Spring)	143,500 JPY (Fall) 139,500 JPY (Spring)	220,000 JPY (Fall) 216,000 JPY (Spring)	220,000 JPY (Fall) 216,000 JPY (Spring)	
Fees	Winter Semester	88,000 JPY	97,000 JPY	148,000 JPY	148,000 JPY	
	Utilities	Utillities Included				

^{*} Fees are subject to change.

Komachi Hall

All AlU degree-seeking students are required to live in Komachi Hall for their first year, so this is a great place to live if you want to make friends with Japanese students. Floor-by-floor activities, a common kitchen, and lounge with satellite TV and games make Komachi a natural choice for students who want more social interaction.





Komachi Hal

Campus Apartments

Global Village, Sakura Village, Tsubaki Village

The campus apartments offer a little more privacy as well as the opportunity for students to cook for themselves. Global Village has a double-occupancy bedroom connected to a kitchenette area. Sakura Village offers three separate bedrooms connected to a common Kitchen/Dining/Living area. Tsubaki Village, the newest housing facility, which hosts the Themed Houses, also has a shared Kitchen/Dining/Living area.











Dining Options



Cafeteria

With floor-to-ceiling windows, a piano, and TVs to catch up on international news, the cafeteria offers meal plans and a la carte options. Students with special dietary needs, from allergies to halal or vegan diets, can arrange for meals to meet their needs as well.



College Café

For a coffee shop or café environment, with a permanent menu and weekly specials, take a seat in College Café, inside or out. College Café also hosts club concerts and serves alcohol to students of age in the evenings.

Themed Houses



THEMED ACTIVITY-BASED HOUSING OPTION

Themed Houses at AIU offer international and Japanese students the opportunity to live together based on common interests and work together on projects and activities throughout the semester. Themed Houses began with the Japan House (Japanese Arts and Culture House) in the Spring 2015 and the number of houses and their specific themes change each semester. Themes from the Spring 2023 Semester can be found below.

Themed Houses as of Spring 2023

- Nihongo House
- Russian (Slavic) Language & Culture House
- Migration House
- Well-being House



STUDENT VOICE

Flora Cecilia Alaksza

University of Exeter, UK

This fall semester I participated in the "Migration House", which was a great opportunity to learn more about migration and related social and political issues, as well as to meet new people and have discussions in a relaxed environment. I enjoyed the wide range of activities organized by this Themed House, such as discussion groups where we shared our own research, watching documentaries, and speaker events. As an international exchange student, it was particularly interesting for me to look at certain topics from the perspective of Japanese students, and to learn about Japan's migration policies.

ON-CAMPUS MEDICAL SUPPORT

AIU takes international students' health seriously. From pre-arrival consultation on students' existing conditions, allergies, and care, to first aid and medical follow-up during your study abroad, our medical staff is committed to ensuring that you remain healthy and comfortable throughout your stay.

AIU become a smoke-free campus in April 2019.

Medical Services

All Free of Charge

- Pre-arrival medical consultation and care planning
- On-campus medical center and nurse for general first aid
- Local clinic / hospital referrals for examinations / prescriptions
- Advice and examples of Japanese / international medicinal equivalents
- O Adaptable to international practices
- AEDs and First Aid kits available around campus
- Health maintenance and training events throughout the year

With regular hours and after-hours emergency contact information, international students can be sure that an English speaker will be close by in the event of any emergencies.

Health and Fitness Events

Students who take advantage of AIU's local community interaction, on-campus festivals, and club activities may find their study abroad experience to be more active than their average semester at home. AIU takes a proactive approach to medicine to help students remain in top condition, with health classes, fitness events, first aid/CPR training workshops, and flu shots available on campus.

COUNSELING ROOM

AlU's counseling staff has years of experience in helping English- and Japanese-speaking students through culture shock and adjustment to life in Japan. Although AlU offers a small campus environment with a close community and an emphasis on interaction, we understand that studying abroad can be a challenging adjustment.

Free Support

As with medical support, our counseling staff reviews students' needs prior to arrival to begin consultation and care planning, based on students' medical information form entries. During your stay at AIU, you can make an appointment by email or in person to discuss any of the stresses related to your study abroad or daily life. Our staff has particular expertise in intercultural adjustment and culture shock and can help with a wide range of issues including interpersonal relationships and time management. Of course, all counseling discussions are strictly confidential to protect students' privacy.

EXERCISE ROOM



Keep up your fitness habit or start a new one in Suda Hall's training room or on its indoor running track. The main hall also converts to an indoor court for team sports.

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Semester/Year Program

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Spend a semester or a year at AIU! We welcome new short-term international students from our 203 exchange partners in 51 countries during the fall and spring semesters. No Japanese language proficiency required.

Eligibility

- GPA: 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale)
- English Language Proficiency: TOEFL iBT® TEST 71 or equivalent.
- Completed at least 2 semesters prior to beginning your application.
- Be enrolled at your home university throughout your application and study abroad period.

Academic Calendar

	Fall Semester	Winter Program	Spring Semester
Orientation*	Late August	n/a	Early April
Classes Begin	Early September	Early January	Early April
Classes End	Late December	Early March	Late July

^{*}Orientation is mandatory for all students.

The above schedule is subject to change. Please refer to our

(https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/academic/academic-calendar/) for the most up-to-date information.

Application Timeline

Application Period	Fall	Spring
Online Nomination Deadline	February 20	September 20
Online Application Opens	February 1	September 1
Application Documents Deadline	April 1	November 1
Acceptance Letter Issued	April 30	November 30

Fall and Spring Semesters

Start your studies at AIU in either the Spring or Fall Semester. Students are required by law to register for at least 12 credits, and they may take up to a maximum of 18 credits per semester.

Winter Program

Take extra credits for zero tuition during our Winter Program! This intensive, 7.5-week extension program is only available to students enrolled in the Fall semester. In winter, a variety of intensive Japanese language courses are offered so this is a great period for Japanese learners to improve Japanese language skills while at AIU.

Your Inbound Exchange Coordinator at AIU will support and guide you through the visa application process, housing application, and all other required steps. You can find additional details at:

http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-progra ms/application-timeline/.

Tuition and Fees Fall / Spring Semester Winter Program Exchange Partners Fee-Paying All Students Admission Fee 28,200 JPY Waived n/a Tuition 348,000 JPY Waived Waived Housing 126,000 - 220,000 JPY 88.000 - 148.000 JPY Bedding/Cleaning 23,000 JPY 7,200 JPY Mandatory Meal Plan* (first two weeks) 17.800 JPY 91,300 JPY (15 meal plan), 68,100 JPY (10 meal plan), Semester Meal Plan (optional) Approx. 39,000 JPY 40,200 JPY (Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday meal plan) Student Activity** 20,000 JPY 9,000 JPY Deposit** 20 000 JPY (first semester only) n/a 432,300 JPY 808,500 JPY 203,200 JPY Total (Maximum)

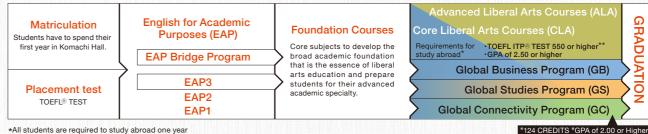
*All students need to purchase a Mandatory Meal Plan for the first two weeks. After that, you may buy 15 meal plan (91,300 JPY), 10 meal plan (68,100 JPY), and a Weekend and Holiday meal plan (40,200 JPY). A la carte purchase and pre-paid cards are also available. **The Student Activity fee includes mandatory insurance (including Japanese National Health Insurance and Student Liability Insurance). ***Any remaining deposit will be refunded to students at the time of departure. Fees are subject to change

Degree Program

Four-Year Bachelor's Degree Program

While the majority of international students at AIU come from one of our partner universities for a semester or year of exchange, we admit international degree-seeking students, as well. Four-year international students at AIU follow the same requirements and course structure as Japanese students, including an all-English curriculum and required year of study abroad outside Japan.

4-Year Course Structure



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Where Traditional and Modern Japan Coexist

300,000 residents, it is known for its stunning natural environmen variety of folk culture and performances, and its warm, welcoming people.

Basic Information / AKITA Prefecture

927,561 Population

**As of December 2022

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11,637.52 km²

(slightly smaller than the US state of Connecticut)

Overview

,620 International Residents
»As of December 2021





hour by air from Tokyo

Akita Highlights

田舎と都会 Town and Country

In Akita, you are never far from wooded hills or lush fields, but there are pockets of urban convenience close at hand, as well, including shopping centers and a wide selection of restaurants around Akita Station.

秋田弁「んだ」Akita-Dialect

The language you hear around Akita, especially in rural areas, can sound foreign even to native Japanese. You'll come away with unique vocabulary to prove you didn't study only from a textbook.

Festivals

Akita is home to more designated Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties than any other prefecture, such as the Namahage gods of Oga Peninsula and the haunting Nishimonai Bon-Odori dance, as well as large annual festivals like Kanto Matsuri and the Omagari Fireworks Festival that draw hundreds of thousands of visitors from Japan and around the world.

Experience The Real Japan Access To Authentic, Rural Japanese Culture



Worldwide Network

203 Exchange Partners in 51 Countries and Regions »As of March 31, 2023

AFRICA	4	THAILAND	Chulalongkorn University
			Kasetsart University
EGYPT	Egypt - Japan University of Science and Technology		Mahidol University
	Cairo University		Thammasat University
	The American University in Cairo	★ VIETNAM	Foreign Trade University
MOROCCO	Al Akhawayn University		VNU University of Economics and Business
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ASIA 42		EUROPE	74
BRUNEI	Universiti Brunei Darussalam	AUSTRIA	FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences
CHINA	Jilin University	BELGIUM	Ghent University
	Nanjing University		Vesalius College
	Nankai University	CDOATIA	7
	Wuhan University	CROATIA	Zagreb School of Economics and Management
★ HONG KONG	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	€ CYPRUS	University of Nicosia
	Hong Kong Baptist University	CZECH REPUBLIC	Masaryk University
	Lingnan University		
	The University of Hong Kong	DENMARK	Aalborg University
INDONESIA	Universitas Indonesia		Aarhus University
** KOREA	Ajou University	ESTONIA	Tallinn University
NONEA	Busan University of Foreign Studies	FINLAND	Tampere University
	Ewha Womans University		University of Lapland
	Konkuk University		University of Vaasa
	Korea Advanced Institute of	FRANCE	
	Science and Technology	FRANCE	Burgundy School of Business
	Korea University		ESC Rennes School of Business
	Seoul National University		NEOMA Business School
	Sogang University		Rennes 2 University
	Yonsei University		Sciences Po Grenoble
			Sciences Po Lille
MACAU	Macau University of Science and Technology		Sciences Po Rennes
	University of Macau		Toulouse Business School
MALAYSIA	Universiti Sains Malaysia		Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès
WALATSIA	University of Malaya	GERMANY	Ludwigshafen University of Business and Society
	Oliversity of Mulayu		Philipps-Universität Marburg
MONGOLIA	National University of Mongolia		University of Passau
	University of the Humanities	HUNGARY	University of Pécs
PHILIPPINES	Ateneo de Manila University	IRELAND	Maynooth University
SINGAPORE	Nanyang Technological University	ITALY	University of Bologna
	National University of Singapore		University of Ferrara
TAIWAN	Fu Jen Catholic University		University of Siena
	Kainan University		University of Turin
	National Chengchi University		Ca' Foscari University of Venice
	National Chi Nan University		
	National Taiwan Normal University	LATVIA	University of Latvia
	National Taiwan University	LITHUANIA	Vilnius University
	Tamkang University		Vytautas Magnus University
	Yuan Ze University		



University of Exeter

University of Leeds

University of Sussex

University of the Bahamas

Université Laval University of Manitoba University of Toronto

University of Victoria

University of Waterloo

University of Windsor

Wilfrid Laurier University

NORTH AMERICA

BAHAMAS

CANADA

OCEANIA

MEXICO

Arizona State University

The College of William and Mary

Ball State University

USA

Alverno College

Beloit College

Centre College

Dickinson College

Drexel University

Eastern Oregon University

George Mason University

Gonzaga University

Hamline University

Hampden-Sydney College

Lincoln Memorial University

Mississippi State University

Oregon Institute of Technology

High Point University

Ithaca College

Knox College

Lyon College

Marist College

Millsaps College

Monmouth College

Oregon State University

Portland State University

San Diego State University

San Francisco State University

Presbyterian College

The George Washington University

The University of Colima

Southern Oregon University

St. Mary's College of California

St. Mary's College of Maryland

State University of New York at Oswego

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Davis

University of Colorado, Boulder

The University of Hawai'i, Manoa University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Maine at Farmington

University of Mary Washington

University of Mount Union

The University of New Mexico

University of Northern Iowa

University of Oregon

University of Utah

Ursinus College

University of Richmond

University of South Florida

Washington & Jefferson College

Western Washington University

Western Oregon University

Winona State University

The University of Kentucky

University of Delaware

University of Denver

St. Cloud State University

Towson University

Union College

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The Australian National University

Deakin University **Griffith University** La Trobe University Macquarie University

Swinburne University of Technology The University of New South Wales University of Southern Queensland The University of Sydney The University of the Sunshine Coast

The University of Western Australia

NEW ZEALAND

University of Canterbury Victoria University of Wellington

SOUTH AMERICA



CHILE

Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez

Universidad del Pacifico Universidad San Ignacio De Loyola