Immerse Yourself in JAPAN
Study Abroad @ Akita International University
2021-2022

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TOKYO
Haneda Airport
1 hour
Akita Airport
10 min by Car
AIU

Bullet Train
TOKYO
JR Tokyo Station
4 hours
JR Akita Station
30 min by Car
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WHY CHOOSE AIU?

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

You aim to improve your Japanese while also taking courses in English in your major.

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.

200+ Local Community Rolls
40+ 89% Student Clubs
89% On-campus Residence
11 Levels of Japanese Language
100% English-taught Classes
53% International Faculty

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

AIU Features

Top Global University

University for Engagement
The Japan University Rankings 2020

University for Internationalization
Daigaku Taisho, 2021

University for Environment
The Japan University Rankings 2020

Small University
Daigaku Taisho, 2021

Best University in Japan
The Japan University Rankings 2020

Best Teaching Quality
Daigaku Taisho, 2021

What To Expect

At the leading edge of higher education in Japan, AIU is the only university that 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 89% of 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, 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!

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Overview

Akita City is located on the west coast of Japan’s Tohoku region, the northern stretches of the main island, Honshu. A small city of approximately 500,000 residents, it is known for its stunning natural environment, wide variety of folk culture and performances, and its warm, welcoming people.

Basic Information / AKITA Prefecture

Population
950,077

Area
11,637.52km²

Population Density
81.63

International Residents
4,299

November 2019

Colleges and Universities
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Nihon University

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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.

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.

Annual Schedule

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Studying abroad at AIU introduced me to many people from different places. I shared so many beautiful experiences and cultural exchanges with the people I met. Some of my favorites were field trips to Shirakami Sanchi, Kakunodate, and the Namahage museum. I also enjoyed my courses on “Community Development” and “Japanese Cinema II.” The hands-on learning and creative opportunities in these experiences opened doors for me to continue studying Japanese culture in an anthropology class back home, to find success on the JET program a few years later, and to create artwork that I’m proud of.

Now, I’m a graduate student at Iowa State University getting an MFA in Creative Writing and Environment, thanks in part to Akita’s beautiful landscapes which helped inspire my interest in environmental studies. Even here, my experiences in Japan help me connect with the many people I’ve met, no matter where they are from. It’s thanks to AIU that I have such wonder and joy for the world around me.

Experience The Real Japan

Access To Authentic, Rural Japanese Culture

At AIU, you are not just a tourist, you are part of the community. Get involved in 200+ community events, 40+ clubs, and bus trips throughout the year to experience Akita and Japan your way.
AIU’s Research and Community Outreach Services (RCOS) arranges over 200 activities with the local community each year. 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

**Student Voice**

**Sarah Wooden**
Mississippi State University, USA

I really enjoyed all the RCOS activities. RCOS gave me the chance to experience what a typical Japanese school life is like. It was great being a part of Japanese culture in a way that was important to me and important for the kids’ learning. I hope that I was a good influence in their life to help bridge the gap between America and Japan just a little bit more. My favorite part of doing RCOS events has been seeing the students faces as they enjoy their time listening and trying to speak with me.

**Wei Lin Tan**
National University of Singapore, Singapore

It was such an eye-opening and heart-warming experience to be able to interact with elementary and junior high school students from the rural countryside of Japan. Coming from a country that is almost completely urban, I have always wondered what life growing up in the countryside would be like. It was thus a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me to be able to participate in activities such as rice farming with these students to learn more about life beyond modernity. I hope that the intercultural exchange via these RCOS initiatives will inspire local students to be global citizens in this rapidly diversifying world.
Clubs and Circles

Join one of AIU’s 40+ clubs and circles to pursue your passions, build friendships, and practice intercultural communication in several languages. AY2020 clubs are listed below, but all students are also welcome to propose new ideas.

Japanese Culture
- Aikido
- Japanese Dance
- Kanto Team
- Karuta / Japanese Card Game
- Kendo
- Kimono

Arts, Culture, and Music
- A Cappella
- Dance
- Debating Society
- Hawaiian Hula Dance
- Literature Club
- Musical Theater
- Rock Band
- Studio E-sha / Photography
- Quiz Club

Common Interests
- AIU Promotion
- AIU Revival and Reconstruction Supporter
- AIWA / Local Community Interaction
- Bible Study
- Environmental Club
- Happy People in Akita / Local Travel
- Korean Society
- LGBTQ Diversity
- Northeast Asia Student Round Table
- Service Travel ICC / International Community Service
- Sign Language
- TEDxAkitaInAIU
- V-ACT / Volunteer Group

Sports
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Extreme Martial Arts / XMA
- Futsal / Men's
- Futsal / Women's
- Rugby
- Running
- Shortji Kenpo / Shaolin Boxing
- Soft Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Water Volleyball

Student Voice

Yi Hun Wu
National Taiwan University, Taiwan

I joined Okayashi of AIU Kanto team, the musical accompaniment of the performance, as a flute player. Different from usual music groups, the Kanto Okayashi performs only two pieces of fixed melody instead of a variety of tunes. While it may sound boring, there is always room for improvement for anyone, even the seniors who have played for years. The spirit is to master something through consistent practice. Participating in Kanto makes me feel close to Akita, and has given me some of the best experiences of my exchange. I loved the atmosphere at the performance during the school festival and am looking forward to the upcoming Kanto festival in the summer.

Patricia Batovska
Elon University Business School, France

I have always been interested in environmental issues so I was very happy when I found that AIU has an environmental club. Although it was only second semester that the club had been in existence, we organised many interesting activities, also engaging other AIU students. Among others, we did campus and beach clean-ups, made the AIU Festival a bit more ZERO WASTE and organised an event with different speakers sharing their experience related to sustainability. It is a very nice club with welcoming atmosphere, aiming to make AIU the most eco-friendly university in Japan. And I am confident that they will!
All-English Curriculum

Small Classes, Mixed Japanese-International Classrooms

Gain exposure to global viewpoints in our small, diverse classrooms and acquire the credits you need from our wide range of course options.

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 31 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. AIU 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.

Customize Your Studies

Eleven 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

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Spring

Skill

Core

Pronunciation

Reading

English-Japanese Translation

Writing

Kanji

Speaking

Chinese-Japanese Interpretation

Full

Skill

Core

Pronunciation

Reading

English-Japanese Translation

Writing

Kanji

Speaking

Japanese-Chinese Translation

Winter

Skill

Core

Pronunciation

Reading

Current Topics

Japanese Language in Film

Caleb Omar Maurice Rivers

The College of William and Mary, USA

My favorite class is the Reading Comprehension elective companion course to Intermediate Japanese. We were given reading pieces sculpted to our skill level to help us learn to use context clues in Japanese and familiarize ourselves with grammar we learned in our previous classes as well as through our independent studies. My professor was really kind and explained all of the tricky to understand sentences so that the next time they appeared, we could understand them on our own. I would recommend this class to anyone coming to AIU to strengthen their Japanese, as reading practice is an essential part of learning a language.
Connect 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 in-depth and experiential perspectives, which will deepen students’ insight into the nature of Japanese culture, society, and sensibilities.

Dr. Yoshitaka Kumagai
Director, AIU 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 performing 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.

Reach 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.

Course Spotlight

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 jitsuga (practice), investigating the furo (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.

Dayangku Nur Ihsan Binli Pengiran Kamis
Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei

Akita Rural Studies is my favorite class because of how much insight it provided not just about Akita, but Japan as a whole. Our topics ventured into cultural values, societal systems and community interactions. It was intriguing to learn about the society from a different perspective, especially when I was able to learn about my own society as well. My professor created a welcoming environment that allowed interactive learning for a better understanding to topics applied to Akita, and our own communities. Akita Rural Studies is more than just discussing Akita academically, but also real-life situations.
Global Business PRG.

Theory and Practice for Diverse Applications

In recent years, 100% of AU graduates have had a job or graduate school admission offer prior to graduation, and it’s no surprise why. AU’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. AU offers students the opportunity to develop 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.

Networking and International Cooperation Practice

In business and economics courses at AU, 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 18 students - you will work directly with Japanese and international students from 200 partners in 50 countries and establish professional connections that will follow you home and into your business career.

The Japanese Example and Regional Expertise

As Japan’s longest-standing all-English undergraduate program, AU 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.

Course Spotlight

ECN 310 Quantitative Methods for Marketing

Dr. Wentu 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

Oscar Åberg

Linköping University, Sweden

My favorite course at AU was Behavioral Finance. I have been interested in finance and economics for quite some time, but this course really made me want to deepen my understanding of financial decision-making and markets. The course blends interesting theories with in-class experiments and real-world examples. This helps really connect the material to something tangible beyond the textbooks. I would recommend it to every person interested in business or economics, as it proves that human behavior really is what makes up the economy.

Dr. Clinton Watkins

Director, Global Business Program

AU courses in business and economics prepare degree-seeking and international students for meaningful careers in these and other fields after AU, whether they are joining the workforce here in Japan or abroad, or continuing study at the graduate level. The Global Business Program offers a mix of foundation and advanced courses in the fundamental disciplines of business. These include accounting, business culture, economics, finance, law, management, marketing, quantitative analysis and sustainability. We offer interactive classes that engage students in developing their critical thinking and communication skills, which are essential in the 21st century.
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 these 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.

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.

Political Science and International Relations Cluster

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.

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 4-5 nationalities represented - that constantly provides each student with a welcoming environment.

Lillian Pesce
The University of New South Wales, Australia

My favorite class has been International Law and Institutions. I found this class extremely interesting as it allowed me to view and understand international law through a Japanese perspective, as opposed to the typical Western perspective I am usually exposed to. In this class we explored both the various ongoing international disputes and the benefits international law possesses. Additionally, we analyzed the shortcomings of international legal systems with regards to the participating states. Further, my professor’s experience with international law was very helpful in explaining the more difficult aspects of this class.
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 AI 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 AI, 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. Andy Crofts
Director, Global Connectivity Program

The Global Connectivity (GC) Program is a course of study that invites students to make connections across the Humanities and the Sciences, including the 21st Century technologies which are so 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 arts, and build an understanding of how human thinking and action are influenced. GC courses will therefore help students to make informed decisions in an uncertain, yet exciting, future.

Humanity, Culture, and Communication Cluster

This cluster (academic field) 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.

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 cyberculture can be so engaging, as well as fears that it is altering how humans think. This class will investigate our interactions with cyberculture, 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.

Critical Issues in the Digital Age was a class that not only taught but inspired me a lot. I experienced the class to be very in tune with time, as we touched upon many socially important and, well, critical processes. In my perception the class enabled us students to reflect critically and think further than what meets the eye, which I really appreciate. There was enough room for everyone to chime in with their ideas and thoughts to enhance the learning experience for everyone involved. I encourage those who want to be socially competent to add this class to their curriculum.

Camilla Guenther
Philips-Universität Marburg, Germany
Sample Course List

This is a partial list of courses offered in Academic Year 2021. Course availability is subject to change. For the most recent list, availability by semester, credit information, and specific requirements, please see https://web.aiu.edu/jp/en/academic/.

Course Levels: 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 300 level with a GPA of 2.50 or higher for the courses. Courses with ☑ will be counted for the certificate.

Japan Studies

JAK 115 Traditional Japanese Arts I
JAK 120 Traditional Japanese Arts II
JAK 130 Japan in the World
JAK 131 Japanese Literature I
JAK 202 Japanese History I
JAK 210 Japanese Politics
JAK 220 Japanese Political Science I
JAK 225 International Relations
JAK 230 International Society
JAK 301 Japanese Art History in the Global Context
ANT 301 Personhood and the Self: Anthropological Perspectives
ANT 302 Japanese History
ANT 303 Japanese Literature
ANT 305 Religion in Japan
JAK 310 Interpreting Perspectives on Japanese Society
JAK 320 Foreign Policy of Japan
JAK 341 A Modern History of Culture, Media and Language in Japan
JAK 375 Japanese Cinema
JAK 390 All Japan Studies

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 430 Advanced Japanese I
JPL 470 Advanced Japanese II

Other Languages -

Chinese, French, Korean, Russian, and Spanish

400 Levels Listed Below:

400 Language Seminar: Discourse Practice (Chinese and Korean only)

Business & Economics

BEC 205 Mathematical Methods for Economics
BEC 220 Analysis of Economic Data
BEC 230 International Financial Management
BEC 250 Foundations of Managerial Decision-Making
BEC 260 Organizational Behavior
BEC 270 Principles of Marketing
BEC 280 Management Principles and Practices
BEC 301 Financial Theories and Applications

ECE 308 Marketing Channel Strategy
ECE 309 International Business Law
ECE 310 Financial Accounting
ECE 311 Managerial Accounting
ECE 315 Japanese Finance and Economics Under Globalization
ECE 316 Quantitative Methods for Marketing
ECE 317 Consumer Behavior
ECE 318 Digital Marketing
ECE 320 International Trade
ECE 323 Money, Banking and Financial Markets
ECE 325 Economic Development
ECE 327 Econometrics and Applications
ECE 330 Corporate Finance
ECE 334 Strategic Management
ECE 337 Technology and Society
ECE 343 Japanese Business Culture
ECE 344 Eco-Business and Sustainability
ECE 347 Portfolio Management
ECE 348 Behavioral Finance
ECE 353 M&A Essentials
ECE 365 EU Policy and Economy
ECE 366 Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECE 367 Open Economy Macroeconomics
ECE 368 Environmental Economics
ECE 369 Corporate Sustainability Strategies
ECE 371 Digital Marketing Strategy

Translation/Interpretation

JPL 416 English-Japanese Translation
JPL 417 Japanese-Chinese Translation
JPL 427 Chinese-Japanese Interpretation

Japanese Language Teaching

All courses in Japanese are required.
ALT 101 Introduction to Japanese Language Studies
ALT 211 Japanese Phonetics
ALT 231 Teaching Japanese as a Second Language

Environmental & Sustainability Studies

BUS 200 Sustainable Futures
BUS 300 Empirical Concepts and Methods of Sustainability Science
BUS 310 Conservation and Sustainable Development
ENV 320 Environmental Sciences in Global Perspective
BUS 370 Remote Sensing Applications in Sustainability Science

Geography

GEO 220 Geography of North America
GEO 240 Geography of East Asia
GEO 260 Urban Geography
GEO 270 Rural Geography
GEO 300 Diversity Matters

Digital Studies

DST 200 Learning and Technology
DST 310 Digital Fora
MAT 230 AI Games and Mathematics
MAT 340 Mathematics for the Digital World
DST 300 Learning and Design
PSY 310 Cyberpsychology
CCS 330 Machine Learning and Big Data
MAT 340 Poetry of Programming

Communication

COM 260 News Media, Culture, and Ideology
COM 260 Science Communication
SOC 360 Media Literacy
SOC 371 Global Media

Updated Information is available online: https://web.aiu.edu/jp/en/academic/courses-offered/
Open 24/7 All Year Round

Nakajima Library and IT Labs

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: 330,000+ titles
e-Journals: 1,550+ titles
Digital Resources: JSTOR, Nexis Uni, ProQuest Central, ScienceDirect, EBSCOhost eBook Collection, ProQuest eBook Central, Web of Science, 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 330,000 e-books and more than 1,500 e-journals from anywhere.
Our discovery service, “ONI-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 150 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
Makuhari, September 2018
Top 10 Must-See University Landmark
Makuhari, October 2018
Campus Life and Academic Support

Student-Centered Learning Space
From active learning facilities to guaranteed housing, meal plans, and on-campus medical support, AIU has your study abroad needs covered.

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 arts worldview.

Academic Achievement Center (AAC)

Free Peer Tutorial Support
Academic Reading/Writing/Presentation skills, Japanese language, and content course support.

Easy to Use
Support is available in English or Japanese and all students are welcome! Make your reservation online for tutorials for academic subjects or language.

Daniel Coleman
University of Central Lancashire, UK
One of the greatest things that AIU offers is the opportunity to teach your own language through the Foreign Language Conversation Partner program, or FLCP for short. It is an amazing way to not only teach and help others with your native language, but also to make Japanese and international friends, and to spend time with them. It is rewarding to see your language partners improve after every single session, and it was lots of fun being in the FLCP as I had great, funny and memorable conversations.
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 University Village, you are never more than a 10-minute walk from your friends, classes, and our wealth of on-campus activities.

Housing Options

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* Fees are subject to change.

Komachi Hall

All AIU 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.

Campus Apartments

Global Village, Sakura Village, University Village

The campus apartments offer a little more privacy as well as the opportunity for students to cook for themselves. Global Village and University Village (which hosts the Themed Houses) have a double-occupancy bedroom connected to a kitchenette area. Sakura Village, AIU's newest housing facility, offers three separate bedrooms connected to a common 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 à 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.
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 became 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
- 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.

Counseling Room

AIU’s counseling staff has years of experience in helping English- and Japanese-speaking students through culture shock and adjustment to life in Japan. Although AIU 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.
Short-Term Program

Application Instructions

Spend a semester or a year at AIU. We welcome new short-term international students from our 200 exchange partners in 50 countries during the fall and spring semesters. No Japanese language proficiency required.

Eligibility
- GPA: 2.5 (on a 4.0 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 (AY 2021)

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*Orientation is mandatory for all students.
**Dates for Spring Semester 2022 are estimates only. All dates are subject to change. Please refer to our website (https://www.aiu.ac.jp/en/academic/academic-calendar/) for the most up-to-date information.

Application Timeline

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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.

Tuition and Fees

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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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*All students are required to study during one year specific to the year of study.
**The English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course is designed to familiarize students with the culture and Japanese language skills necessary for their advanced academic programs.

Summer Program

Our Summer Program is a six-week, six-credit, intensive Japanese language and culture study program designed for highly motivated undergraduate students around the world. Participants can take elementary courses taught by experienced Japanese instructors to hone their Japanese language skills in a small class environment and through many cultural activities.

Eligibility
- GPA: 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
- English Language Proficiency: TOEFL iBT® TEST 61 or equivalent.
- Completed at least 1 semester prior to beginning your application.
- Be enrolled at your home university throughout your application and study abroad period.

Program Schedule

| Japanese Language Classes in the morning |
| Conversation Classes and Cultural Classes (Activities in the afternoon) |
| Kikutha (Kimonos-wearing), Zazen (Meditation), Aikido (Japanese Martial Arts), Shinji (Calligraphy), Sado (Tea Ceremony) |
| Field trips on Fridays and Weekends |
| Kakunodate area (famous for the traditional samurai houses and cherry blossoms), Tazawako area (deepest lake in Japan), and Oga Peninsula area |

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://www.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-program/application-timeline/.
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