

**Location:** Akita City **City Population** 323,355

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Term Dates		Deadlines	
Fall Term	August - December	Fall Term	April 1
Spring Term	April – July	Spring Term	November 1

### School Profile

Akita International University, AIU, is a four-year liberal arts university located in Akita prefecture in the Tohoku region of northern Japan. It is a public university corporation established in April 2004 by a local prefectural government. Its undergraduate program offers bachelor's degrees in Global Business and Global Studies, and its graduate program offers master's degrees in Japanese Language Teaching, English Language Teaching, and Global Communication Practices.

**Establishment:** April 1, 2004

**Faculty:** Faculty of International Liberal Arts

**Majors:** Global Business Program and Global Studies Program

**Other Programs:** Japan Studies Courses and Japanese Language Program

**Language of Instruction:** English (except language courses and a few courses in the Japan Studies Courses for international students with advanced Japanese language skills)

**Average Class Size:** 15.1 students per class

**Degree-seeking Students:** 820 (undergraduate)

**Non-Degree-Seeking International Students 2010:**

**Spring:** 119 (representing 22 countries and regions)

**Fall:** 163 (representing 25 countries and regions)

**Full-time Faculty Members (undergraduate):** 46

**Administrative Staff:** 66

**Partner Institutions:** 122 in 37 countries and regions

### City

Akita prefecture, one of the forty-seven prefectures in Japan, sits in the northwest of the main island on the Sea of Japan and has a population of about 1,000,000. Akita prefecture is known for its magnificent nature and abundant cultural events. Industries in Akita have traditionally centered around farming, forestry, and fishing. Recent decades have seen a rapid development in electronics, nonferrous metal, and tourism. AIU is located in Akita City (population: about 323,355), the capital of Akita prefecture. AIU's campus is located within Akita City, but it takes about 30 minutes to the center of Akita City using public transportation.

### Language of Instruction

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### Language Courses:

Japanese language courses are strongly encouraged for all international students. The courses are divided into four levels: Elementary, Intermediate, Higher-Intermediate, and Advanced. All courses are conducted in small classes with utmost individual attention. Levels are determined based upon the result of a placement test at the beginning of each semester.

The following foreign languages are available: Chinese, Korean, Russian, Mongolian, French, and Spanish  
The instruction is conducted in English and/or the relevant language.

For details please visit [http://icd.stu.edu.cn/students\\_en.aspx](http://icd.stu.edu.cn/students_en.aspx)

### Courses available:

All courses are available except EAP courses, Teacher's License Program courses.

### Housing

All international students are guaranteed on-campus housing. Please visit the website at <http://www.aiu.ac.jp/en/student/student01.html> and <http://www.aiu.ac.jp/en/admissions/admissions07.html> for fees

### Cost of Living per month

Housing	205,175 JPY per semester (This fee includes 100,000 JPY meal plan. The meal plan for the first two weeks is required for new students' convenience while rest of the semester is optional.)
Transportation	150 JPY AIU to the nearest train station and shopping mall (as of December, 2011)
Miscellaneous	Utility fees: 40,000 JPY (Estimate for those who live in Global Village Apartments and University Village Apartments. Actual cost will be charged monthly.)

### Application Form

Students must submit an online application available at <http://www.aiu.ac.jp/en/admissions/index.html>

### Application Process

Admission information is posted on the website at the following schedule every semester:

Spring Semester admission information: September 1

Fall Semester admission information: February 1

When the information is available on our website, AIU will inform all partner universities by E-mail.

Our application procedure consists of two parts: **1) Online Application** and **2) Submission of Required Documents**. After the applicant completes our Online Application Form, AIU requires the applicant to submit the originals of required documents by airmail.

#### 1) Online Application

The online application form

## 2) Submission of Required Documents

### I. Required Documents for AIU Admission

1. Completed and signed "Confirmation Sheet" (4 pages)
2. Official Academic Transcript from Home University
3. Personal Statement of Purpose (300 - 500 words)
4. One International Student Reference Form (2 pages each)
5. Proof of English Proficiency (if applicable)
6. Two ID Photos

### II. Required Documents for a Visa to Enter Japan (Certificate of Eligibility)

- (1) Completed "Application for Certificate of Eligibility (COE)" (3 pages)
- (2) Financial Statement
- (3) Copy of Passport
- (4) Additional ID Photo

After our screening committee's review, we inform the University of the Admission Results.

### **Additional Information**

- **Arrival Support:** Pick up service is available on designated time during students' check-in days at Akita Airport and Akita Station. Admitted students are asked to complete Arrival Form. (<http://www.aiu.ac.jp/en/studyabroad/afterarrival01.html>)
- **Orientation:** Admitted students are required to attend new student orientation. (<http://www.aiu.ac.jp/en/studyabroad/afterarrival02.html>)
- **Clubs and Circles:** International students can join any clubs and circles at AIU. Their activities are introduced in the orientation. (<http://www.aiu.ac.jp/en/student/student04.html>)