

AIU Student Exchange Fact Sheet

2022-2023

As of January 4, 2023

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Akita International University (AIU) at a Glance

Programs	Faculty of International Liberal Arts Global Business Program / Global Studies Program/ Global Connectivity Program /Japanese Language Program / Japan Studies Program
Language of Instruction	English (except for language courses, and a few courses in the Japan Studies Courses for international students with advanced Japanese language skills)
Average Class Size	17 students per class (as of Fall 2021)
No. of Students*	Degree-seeking Students: 841 (undergraduate) Non-Degree-seeking International Students: - 46 (from 22 countries and regions) in Spring 2022 - 127 (from 25 countries and regions) in Fall 2022
No. of Faculty and Staff Members*	Full-time Faculty Members: 58 / Administrative Staff: 100
Partner Institutions	201 in 51 countries and regions

Center for International Affairs

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Important Dates

*Application Timeline: <https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/application-timeline/>

Spring Semester 2023

Nomination Period*	Sep 1 - Sep 20, 2022
Application Period	Sep 1 - Nov 1, 2022
Arrival Dates	Apr 3, 2023 (Orientation: <u>April 3 - 7, 2023</u>)
Semester Dates	Apr 10 - Jul 31, 2023 (Final Exam: <u>July 24 - 28, 2023</u>)

Fall Semester 2023

Nomination Period*	Feb 1 - Feb 20, 2023
Application Period	Feb 1 - Apr 1, 2023
Arrival Dates	Aug 24, 2023 (Orientation: <u>Aug 25 - 31, 2023</u>)
Semester Dates	Sep 4 - Dec 22, 2023 (Final Exam: <u>Dec 18 - 22, 2023</u>) Winter Program 2024: Jan 5 - Mar 4, 2024 (Final Exam: <u>Feb 26 - Mar 1, 2024</u>) *"Winter Program" is an OPTIONAL, intensive study period available for students enrolled in the fall semester. There is no tuition charge and it does not count in the exchange balance.

***Nomination Period:** We understand that some of our partners may not complete their student selection process by the nomination deadlines. In that case, please inform us of the expected number of nominees and the expected nomination submission date by the nomination deadline and we will secure spaces for your students.

Our **Summer Program** is a six-week (Mid. June to late July), 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. For more information about the Summer Program, please refer to the link below.

(Detailed program dates for Summer Program 2024 is TBD)

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/summer-program/>

Application Procedure

How to Apply	Application information is available at the following webpage: https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/how-to-apply/
Application Forms	Your home institution needs to submit the Online Nomination Form to AIU, and then nominees will receive a username and password to access our Online Application System. Applicants are required to send the application forms and supporting documents by email .
Supporting Documents Required	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Completed and signed Application Form 2) Official Academic Transcript from home university 3) One International Student Reference Form (2 pages each) 4) Proof of English Proficiency (if applicable) 5) Digital data of ID-style photo <p>You will be asked to submit the following along with the above documents for visa purposes. (See detailed instructions at page 7 “Visa Information”.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) Copy of Passport 7) Proof of Financial Resources
GPA Requirement	Applicants must have completed two semesters at an AIU partner institution before applying and have a cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) of 2.50 (4.0 scale) or higher .
Level of English Proficiency Requirement	<p>Applicants whose first language is NOT English are required to achieve a standard of TOEFL® Test score 71 (iBT), IELTS score of 6.0 or an equivalent of either test score.</p> <p>Please refer to the following webpage: https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/eligibility/</p>

Academic Information

Courses Offered to International Students	<p>All subject matter courses are taught in English (excluding some higher-level language courses) and are available to international students.</p> <p><i>*International students may NOT enroll in preparatory English language courses or certain courses that are required for and restricted to degree-seeking students only.</i></p> <div style="border: 1px dashed gray; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Please find our most recent course list from the link on our “Academics” page: https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/academic/</p> </div>
Language of Instruction	<p>English</p> <p>(except for language courses, and a few courses in the Japan Studies Courses for international students with advanced Japanese language skills)</p>
Academic Transcript	An official academic transcript will be sent to the international office of the student’s home institution by the Division of Student Records within 2-3 weeks after the end of final exams.

Grading System

Grade	Score	Grade Points
A+	100	4.00
A	95-99	4.00
A-	90-94	3.70
B+	87-89	3.30
B	83-86	3.00
B-	80-82	2.70
C+	77-79	2.30
C	73-76	2.00
C-	70-72	1.70
D+	66-69	1.30
D	60-65	1.00
F	59 or lower	0.00

Credit System

Number of Credits Required for Undergraduate Degree

124 credits

Standard Number of Credits that Undergraduate Students Complete in One Semester

15 credits (most courses are 3 credits so students will be taking 5 courses per semester)

Minimum / Maximum Credits per Semester

12 credits* (min.) / **18 credits** (max.)
*Required by Japanese Immigration Law

Class Hours and Credits

One class hour is **50 minutes**.
(Students are expected to study on their own for two hours per every one class hour, working on preparation, research assignments or homework.)

Calculation of one credit

- One credit for a lecture class requires **15 class hours** per semester
- One credit for an experimental, laboratory or an activity course requires **30 class hours** per semester
- One credit for a seminar requires **15-30 class hours** per semester

Accommodation Information

Residence	All international students are required to live in guaranteed on-campus housing .				
Homestay	Not available				
Accommodation Fees	Student Housing *utilities included		Fall semester	Winter program	Spring semester
	Komachi Residence Hall	*double occupancy	130,000 JPY	88,000 JPY	126,000 JPY
	Global Village Apartment	*double occupancy	130,000 JPY	88,000 JPY	126,000 JPY
	Sakura Village Apartment	*single bedroom, triple occupancy	206,500 JPY	139,000 JPY	202,500 JPY
	Tsubaki Village Apartment	*single bedroom, twelve occupancy	215,500 JPY	145,000 JPY	211,500 JPY
<p>*Bedding & Cleaning Fee is mandatory and includes rental and weekly cleaning of the bedding linen set. Please see the housing information page.</p> <p>Housing Information is available at the following webpage: https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/housing/</p>					
Meal Fees	Meal Options			Cost /semester	
	First Two-Week Meals*	Mandatory	17,800 JPY		
	15 -Meal Plan	15 meals/week 3 meals /day (Weekdays only)	91,300 JPY		
	<u>Meal Plan</u> 10-Meal Plan	10 meals/week, Lunch & Dinner (Weekdays only)	68,100 JPY		
	Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday Meal Plan	3 meals/day for Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday	40,200 JPY		
	<u>Pre-paid Card</u>	3,000 or 5,000 JPY			
	<p>*All new students are required to pay meal fees for the first two-weeks. This fee is included in the invoice and must be paid before your arrival.</p> <p>The meal cost for after the first two-week new student orientation period, which varies depending on the meal option you select, must be paid after your arrival by cash or credit card. The 10-Meal Plan cost varies based on the number of weekdays in the semester.</p> <p>*You can also choose to cook on your own or purchase individual meals from the Cafeteria with cash. (Breakfast: 400 JPY / Lunch: 500 JPY / Dinner: 500 JPY)</p> <p>Dining Information is available at the following webpage: https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/dining/</p>				

Financial Matters

Required Fees	General Deposit:	Partly Refundable	20,000 JPY at the time of admission												
	International student activity fee:	Non Refundable	20,000 JPY per semester *9,000 JPY during the winter program.												
Please see details at: https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/cost-of-living/															
Textbooks	Approximately 15,000 – 50,000 JPY per semester														
Transportation	Bus: AIU to the nearest shopping mall: 200 JPY (one way)														
Payment Schedule	<table><tr><td></td><td>Billing Date</td><td>Payment Date</td></tr><tr><td>Fall Semester</td><td>July 1</td><td>Last day of July</td></tr><tr><td>Winter Program</td><td>Dec 15</td><td>Last day of December</td></tr><tr><td>Spring Semester</td><td>February 1</td><td>Last day of February</td></tr></table>				Billing Date	Payment Date	Fall Semester	July 1	Last day of July	Winter Program	Dec 15	Last day of December	Spring Semester	February 1	Last day of February
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	*An Invoice will be available in each student's online application account.		*The full amount needs to be paid to the AIU bank account by wire transfer.												
Money Matters	Cash and Traveler's Checks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bring enough traveler's checks and/or cash to cover your first 5 - 6 weeks in Japan and be sure to exchange them to Japanese Yen <u>before arriving in Akita</u>.It will take a few weeks to open a bank account and receive international wire transfers.														
	Credit Cards <ul style="list-style-type: none">You are strongly recommended to bring a valid credit card with you to Japan (Visa, MasterCard, Diner's Club, American Express).Many major banks, hotels, restaurants, etc. accept credit cards, but the majority of local retailers, restaurants, etc. do not accept credit cards.Verify that your contract between you and your credit card company allows you to use your card in Japan before arrival.														

Arrival Information

Access to the University	The AIU campus is only an approximately 10-minute drive from <u>Akita Airport</u> and a 30-minute drive from the <u>Akita JR train station</u> .		
	From Tokyo	<u>by Airplane</u> (Haneda Airport - Akita Airport)	1 hour
		<u>by Bullet Train</u> , Komachi Shinkansen	4 hours
	From Osaka	<u>by Airplane</u> (Itami Airport – Akita Airport)	1 hour and 20 minutes
Pick-up Service	Available at <u>Akita Airport</u> and <u>Akita Station</u> during the designated time on the arrival date.		
Arrival Information	https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/transportation-and-hotel/		

Visa Information

Student Visa Application Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Submit the following required supporting documents along with the application documents for AIU admission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copy of Passport ● Proof of Financial Resources (See detailed instructions at the webpage below) 2) After admission to AIU, each student must submit the “Offer Acceptance and Immigration Information Form” online. 3) The Center for International Affairs will submit the application for the Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) to the immigration office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CoE is one of the required documents you will need when applying for your student visa. ● Please note that AIU may not be able to meet each student’s request about the timing of CoE issuance by the immigration office. 4) The Center for International Affairs will send the CoE to the student’s home institution. 5) The student will apply for a visa by submitting the CoE with supporting documents to the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate. <p>* Please refer to the following webpage: https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/how-to-apply/ https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/visa/</p>
Work Permit	<p>International students may engage in part time work after obtaining a work permit at their airport of arrival. Instructions for applying for a work permit will be provided along with students' CoEs.</p> <p>Please also refer to the webpage: https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/work-permit-and-re-entry-permit/</p>