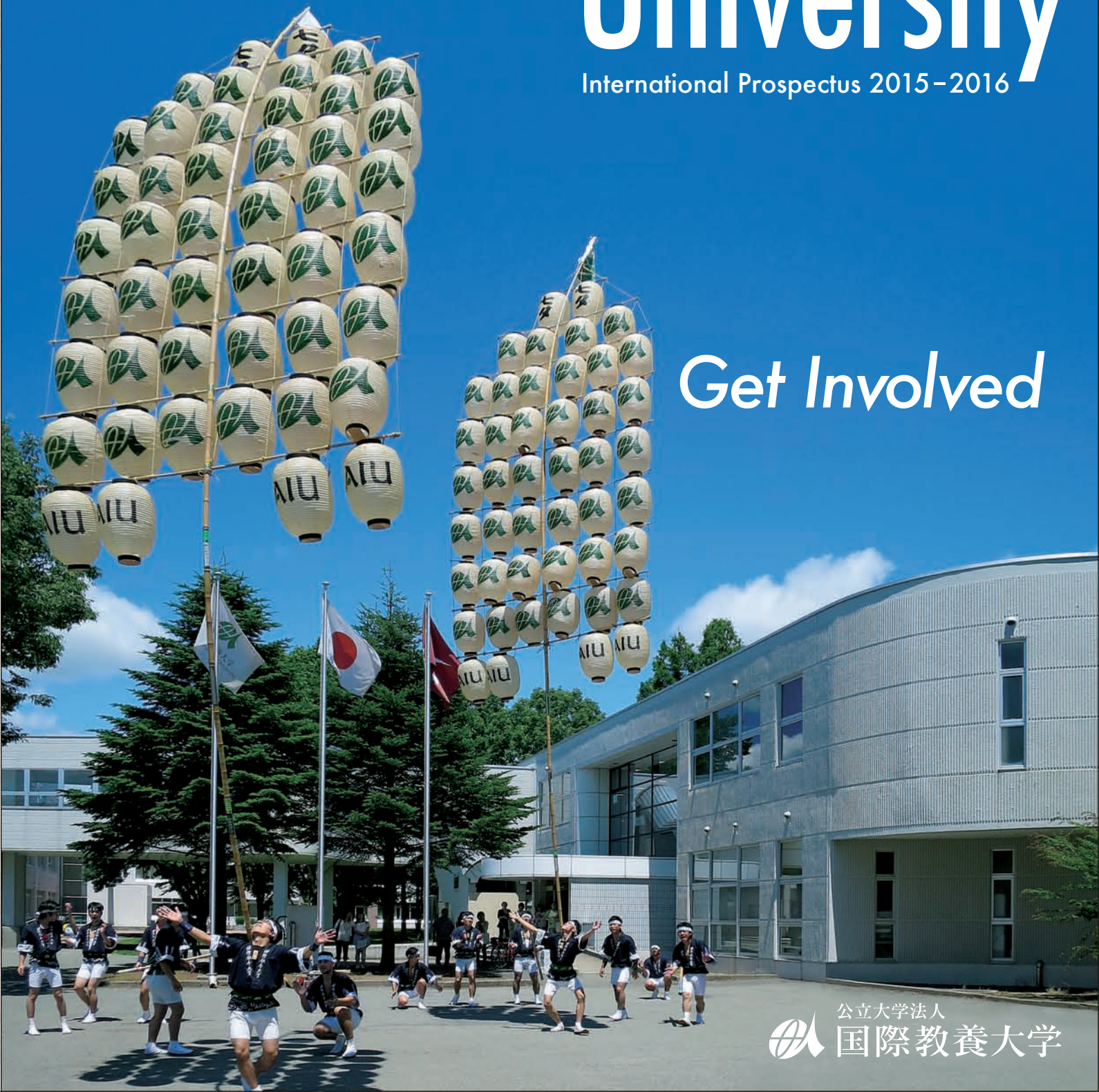
Akita International University

International Prospectus 2015–2016



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AIU BY THE NUMBERS

NO. 1 UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IN JAPAN
(ASAHI SHINBUN 2015 UNIVERSITY RANKING)

NO. 1 UNIVERSITY FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION
(2014 DAIGAKU TSUSHIN)

NO. 4 UNIVERSITY FOR STUDENT CARE
(2014 DAIGAKU TSUSHIN)

2014 TOP GLOBAL UNIVERSITY
LEADING INTERNATIONALIZATION CATEGORY (JAPANESE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION)

14:1 STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

17 AVERAGE STUDENTS PER CLASS

20% INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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日本を冒険しよう！

Experience The Real Japan

At AIU, you're not just a tourist, you are part of the community. Get involved in 200+ community events, 40+ clubs, and bus tours throughout the year to experience Akita and Japan your way!

Community Outreach

AIU's Research and Community Outreach Services (RCOS) arranges between 200 – 250 activities with the local community each year. Consistently rated among students' "favorite aspects of AIU", these activities offer a unique back stage pass to experience rural Japanese life and culture.

Past Activities

- Teaching English and English games at AIU and local school campuses
- School Parties, including Halloween, Christmas, Girls' Day, etc.
- Cooking local and international foods at schools
- Traditional rice planting and harvesting with schools and farming communities
- Harvesting fruits and vegetables with kindergarteners
- Homestays and activities with local children: sea kayaking, fishing, sports festivals, etc.
- Participating in set-up and execution of local festivals

Student Voice

John Arnold, George Mason University, USA

As an AIU student, RCOS events were definitely the highlight of my study abroad experience. Most of the events I joined included teaching elementary, middle, and high school students English. The events I enjoyed the most were spending the day with students in a Japanese school. Those were a great opportunity to experience the tasks I might take on when I pursue my dream of teaching English in Japan. I also joined events like rice planting and giving speeches about developing Akita.

RCOS events are much more than just speaking with Japanese people; they are an opportunity to represent the best of your home country and leave a positive expression with the Akita community.

Student Voice

Marie Egea, Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès, France

My favorite RCOS activity was visiting the Omagari Minami Kindergarten. I've visited four separate times to talk about my home country, play games with the children, and join cooking parties. One event was a Christmas Cake cooking party, which is a tradition in both France and Japan, though the cakes are different here. It can be a challenge to explain the cultural differences to young children when we don't share a language, but everyone tries really hard, and that makes it fun.

I've also participated in rice harvesting, visiting another Japanese university, and even singing in a concert! I have friends in other universities in Japan, but they don't have any opportunities like this. I strongly recommend that every student at AIU try RCOS activities at least once!

Many more online:
http://goo.gl/Sm2g91

Traditional and modern characters at the Cultural Performance Festival

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Get Immersed in Real Japanese Culture

Enjoy *shidarezakura*, weeping cherry blossoms, from a 17th-century samurai house, visit the Namahage gods of Oga Peninsula, tour a sake brewery, or climb 1000 steps up a temple built into the face of a mountain! AIU's bus trips take you back in time to the roots of Japanese culture and offer a chance to reflect not only on Japan, but on your home country traditions, as well.

2014 Trips

April	**Cherry Blossoms in Kakunodate Samurai Village and Lake Tazawa**
June	**Kabuki Performance Tour**
June	**GAO Aquarium and Namahage Museum, Oga Peninsula**
September	**Lake Tazawa and Kakunodate Samurai Village**
October	**Cultural Performance Festival and Yamadera Mountain Temple, Yamagata Prefecture**
November	**Manga Museum and Sake Brewery**
February	**Sedo Matsuri (Festival), Oga Peninsula**

(Future years' offerings subject to change)

Among the Sake Brewing Vats

Costume Try-on at the Namahage Museum

View from Yamadera Temple

Student Voice

Jirawat Nuntajurapo, Mahidol University International College, Thailand

"There are university-organized bus trips almost every month, and they are a great way to get to away from campus and explore, but there is so much to do, I only wish we had more time for each stop."

Student Voice

Helen Tresize, The Australian National University, Australia

"Our trip to the Kabuki performance was a very enjoyable experience. It was great to rub shoulders with the Akita locals, and enjoy together a truly unique Japanese style of theatre. I recommend it for anyone wanting to experience some traditional Japanese culture."

Read more student feedback at:
http://goo.gl/hXIaZV

クラブ活動

Clubs and Circles

Join one of AIU's 40+ clubs and circles to follow your passions, build friendships, and practice intercultural communication in several languages. 2014-2015 clubs are listed below, but all students are also welcome to propose new ideas.

Sports

- **Aikido**
- **Badminton**
- **Baseball**
- **Basketball**
- **Extreme Martial Arts** (XMA)
- **Futsal** (Men's and Women's)
- **Handball**
- **Judo**
- **Kendo**
- **Rugby**
- **Running**
- **Shorinji Kempo** (Shaolin Boxing)
- **Soft Tennis**
- **Swimming**
- **Tennis**
- **Track and Field**
- **Volleyball**

(Clubs/Circles are subject to change in future years)

Japanese Culture

- **Calligraphy**
- **Karuta** (Japanese Card Game)
- **Ikebana** (Flower Arrangement)
- **Japanese Traditional Dance**
- **Tea Ceremony**
- **Yatose** (Japanese Contemporary Dance)

Arts, Culture, and Music

- **A Cappella**
- **Art**
- **Brass Band**
- **Dance**
- **Gospel Choir**
- **Magazine**
- **Manga and Anime Research**
- **Mixed Chorus**
- **Rock Band**
- **Theater Rousoku Dance**

Common Interests

- **Action for Tohoku**
- **Committee on International Security**
- **Debating**
- **Diversity-LGBT**
- **Happy People in Akita** (Travel)
- **Honey Bee** (English Teaching)
- **Japan Taiwan Student Conference**
- **Le Piment** (French Culture)
- **Northeast Asia Student Round Table**
- **Service Travel ICC**
- **Sign Language**
- **Takinomata Team** (Local Community Interaction)
- **V-ACT** (Support for the Philippines)

Karuta

Find Student Interviews and Descriptions Online:
http://goo.gl/nJ7Bbl

Yatose

Student Voice

Inka Ahola, University of Lapland, Finland

Yatose is an exciting mix of traditional and modern Japan in an energetic dance. We wear ***happi*** festival coats and dance to modern arrangements of traditional songs. I wasn't really sure what it was until I saw a performance, but it looked like a lot of fun – plus I loved the outfits – so I had to join.

About half the club is international students, and we speak in a mix of Japanese and English. We practice twice per week, or more if there's a performance coming up, and also hang out outside. We've performed several times this semester, including twice at AEON Mall, and there's always a party afterwards.

Ikebana

Student Voice

Iulia Cosinschi, University of Bucharest, Romania

Ikebana was challenging at first, because it is very different from the types of flower arrangements you see in Europe, so it took me some time to get used to it. But the teacher was very helpful, and many of the other students were beginners, too, so we could progress together. It made it easier to relate and to make friends between the Japanese and international students, too. AIU has a few places established around campus for us to set our arrangements and mine are by the campus ATM so other students can enjoy them.

Each of the clubs I've joined have really helped to bring Japanese and international students together to make friends. They're also a great way to practice Japanese communication skills!

Kanto

Student Voice

Keon Jerry, Ursinus College, USA

I first heard about Kanto when I was searching for information about Akita online, and it looked amazing but terrifying- holding a giant pole with burning lanterns over your head. That challenge was the reason I joined.

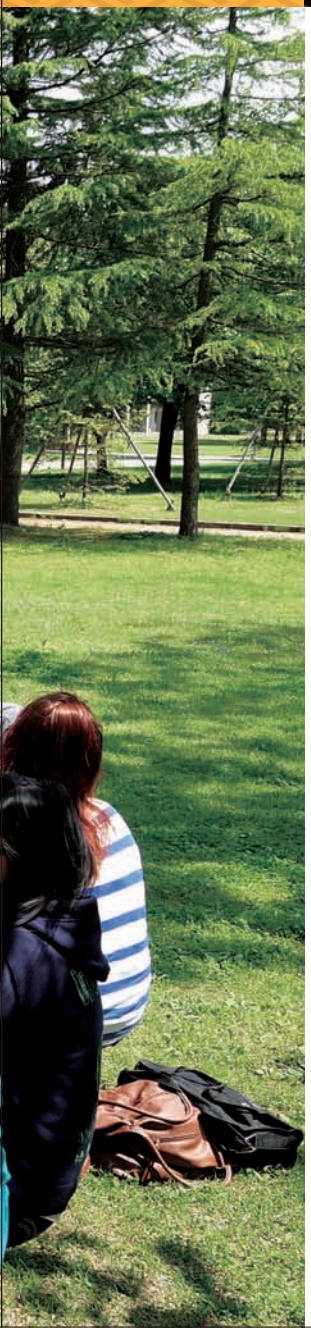
The team is made up of pole-carriers and musicians. I joined the pole-carrier group and we meet three nights per week for two and a half hours. It takes a lot of practice to get used to balancing the 50 kg pole (110 lbs), but it's a great workout. I've learned a lot of Japanese through the club, and bonded with my teammates too. I'm going to stay for the Kanto Festival in August, but already I got to perform once at a smaller event, and I was proud that I was able to do the *hirate* (open hand) and *kata* (shoulder) balances. My goal is to master all four, including *hitai* (forehead) and *koshi* (back), by the end of spring.

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



World Class Academics- in English

AIU is Japan's only university to offer all content courses in English, so international students can be sure to get the credits they need toward their degrees. International and Japanese students study together in small classes, averaging 17 students, and AIU's emphasis on participation and increasing adoption of "inverted classrooms" exposes students to unique, international perspectives they could only get here. See pages 18-19 for a partial list of upper-level courses.

Japanese Language and Studies

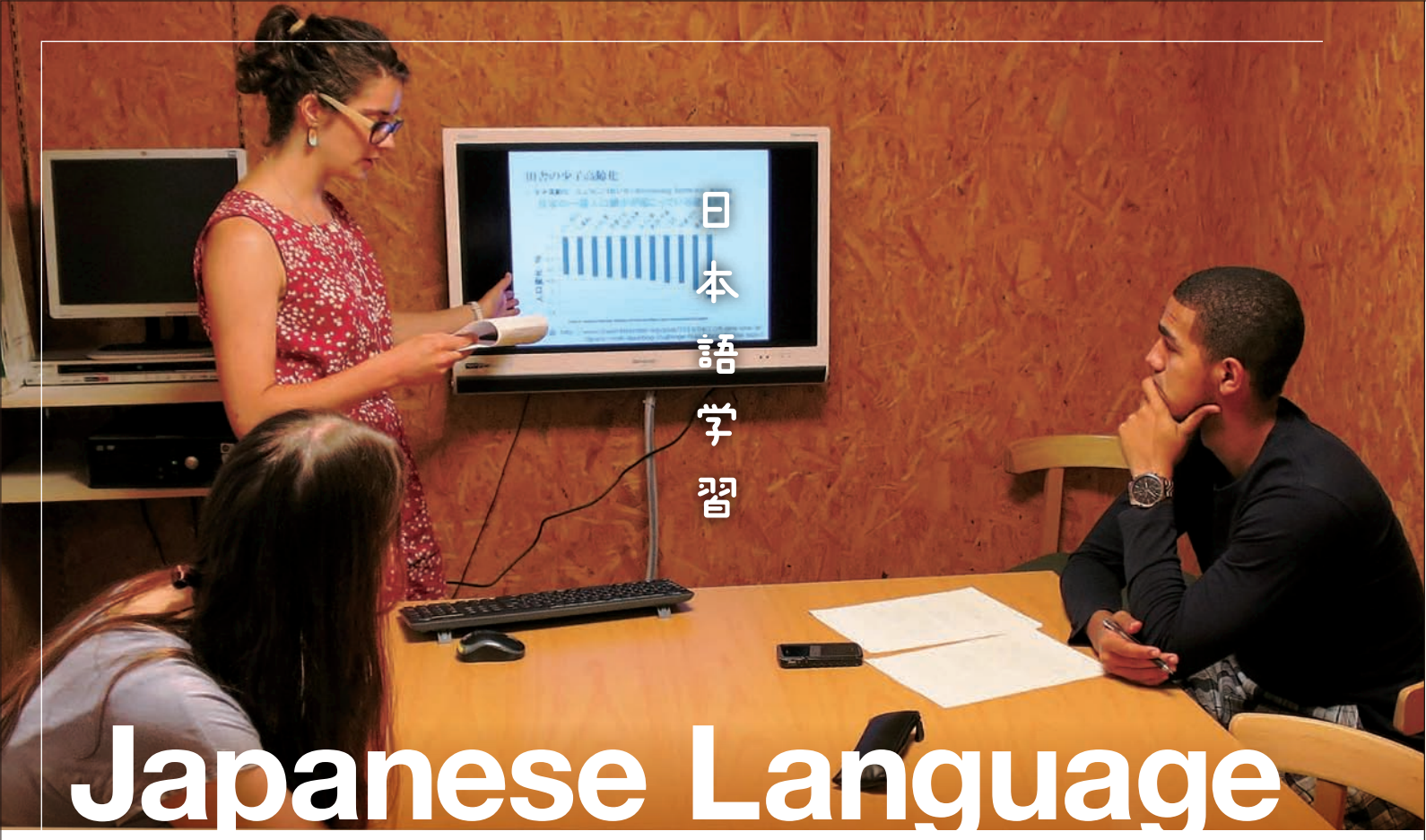
Our Japanese language and Japanese studies programs are second to none. AIU offers 11 levels of core Japanese, with a placement test offered during orientation, as well as skill and practice courses at the upper levels. Japanese studies courses include everything from Akita studies and traditional arts, to advanced courses in Japanese Business Culture or Foreign Policy. Turn the page for more!

Take the Stress Out of Study Abroad

AIU uses the credit and GPA system commonly used in the USA and posts its entire syllabus online, making course matching and credit transfer easy. Additionally, our academic calendar integrates with almost any system whether you want to study for a semester or a full year.

See our Academic Calendar on Pages 28 - 29

Online Syllabus, Course Offerings by Semester, Course Schedule, and more: http://goo.gl/0rTTS0



Japanese Language

Unparalleled Language Improvement

Core Japanese language courses are 6 credit-hours each, making it possible to take 18 hours in a single year, including the Winter Intensive Program. That's two years of Japanese at most universities. Plus our small class sizes, internationally experienced instructors, and extracurricular activities give you more chances to practice and improve!

Custom-Tailored Program

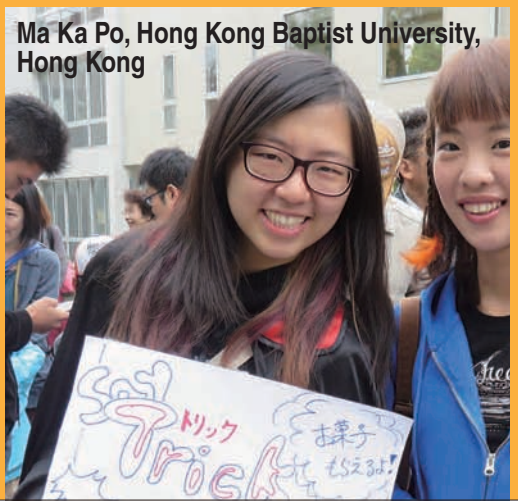
The language placement test during orientation will identify the best level of AIU's 11 core Japanese classes for you to reach your language goals. AIU also offers 1 credit practice courses and 1-3 credit skill courses (see chart on next page), so intermediate and higher level students can build a full-load program with a focus on specific goals.

Personal Support and Mentorship

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

Student Voice

AIU's Japanese courses are intensive, covering as much in a semester as my home university does in a year, and they're also small, so you have a lot of opportunities to practice and improve. I'm also taking the practice course, which is self-directed and lets me push myself by searching for a variety of materials. I use the Language Development and Intercultural Studies Center (page 24) resources and Conversation Partner program, too. Every week, graduate students in the Japanese Language Teaching Practices program hold "Happy Wednesday" conversation practice events, and other nights, I practice with my Japanese roommate. It's always easy to find conversation partners and opportunities to practice!
After my first month at AIU, I decided to extend for another semester, because this is the best environment I can imagine for studying Japanese.



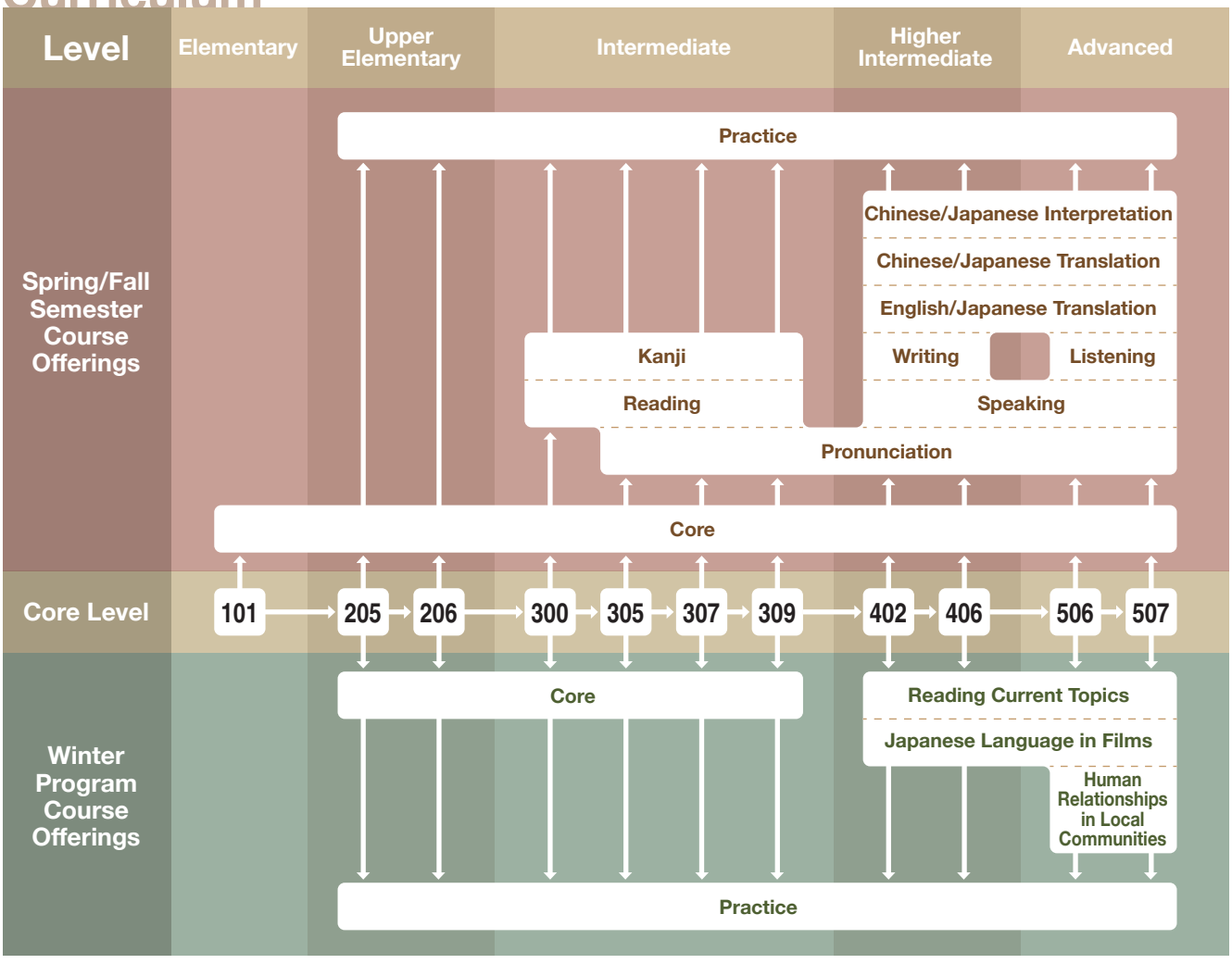
Ma Ka Po, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong

Dr. Akiko Sugiyama

Head of Japanese Language Program

Whether you are an absolute beginner or have passed the JLPT N1, we encourage all international students to enroll in one of our 11 levels of core Japanese. Classes in Japanese language and culture, in addition to living with Japanese students and participating in extracurricular activities, will help you get the most benefit from your study abroad experience. Our instructors have years of experience with international students, both in Japan and abroad. Our class sizes are small, and AIU offers a wealth of additional, individual support, so you will have all the resources you need to meet your language goals.

Curriculum



More interviews & complete program description online:
http://goo.gl/GwRdB8

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Japan Studies

Know Your Host Culture

AIU's Japan Studies courses are the perfect complement to participation in our community outreach, club, and exploration activities. By pairing academic research on Japanese religion, literature, history, or politics, with the wealth of activities and community access possible only at AIU, you will gain a thorough understanding of Japan, and may even find a new perspective on your home culture.

Traditional Arts

Japanese traditional arts, such as *Sado* (Tea Ceremony), *Shodo* (Calligraphy), and *Kado* (Flower Arrangement) have spread around the world, but nothing compares to studying and practicing in their native environment. Akita is known for artistic output and AIU's green campus and natural surroundings make an ideal environment to find insight and tranquility through artistic practice.

Within Your Major

AIU's Japanese Studies are not confined only to "Japan Studies"-coded courses. If you're on a tight credit requirement from your home university, you still have the opportunity to deepen your knowledge of Japan through courses in Economics, Humanities, Political Science, and more. See pages 18-19 and our website for a complete list.

Student Voice

Course Spotlight: Intercultural Perspectives on Japanese Society

I'm taking the Intercultural Perspectives on Japanese Society class, which is available for students at Japanese 307 level or higher. It's like a combination of Japanese language and Japan studies, because we talk about issues like Japanese society, education, holidays, and customs, like job hunting, all in Japanese. Half of the class is made up of international students and half the members are Japanese, so we can exchange opinions with one another. Not only have I learned a lot about Japanese culture, but I've been able to improve my knowledge of complex Japanese, as well!

Lizzie Parkes,
The University of Sheffield, UK

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 English-language Japan Studies courses (see Course List, pages 18-19), including at least one at the 300 level or higher, as well as 15 credits of Japanese language at or above the 305 level.

Find out more online:
http://goo.gl/4Qv1s7

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International and Regional Studies

Unique Perspective on East Asian Studies

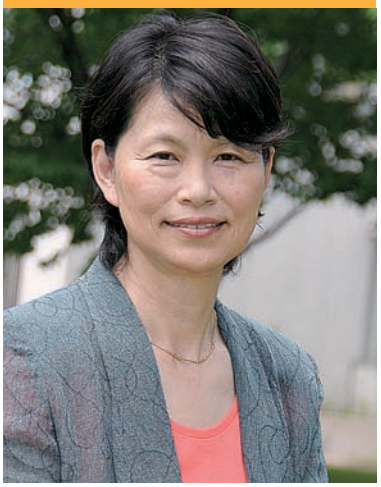
Get an inside look at East Asian Studies from the Japanese perspective and exchange ideas with students from Japan and around the world.
Study abroad students at AIU explore regional relations from historical, political, economic, and sociological angles in AIU's small, English-speaking, multinational classes and enjoy a confluence of international ideas with professors and classmates from around the world.

Transnational Issues in Multinational Classes

Considering a career in international organizations or government? Build your personal network along with your understanding of international perspectives on transnational issues and organizations. Study international law, development, and cooperation, as well as organizations such as the EU, NATO, and the UN, alongside classmates from six continents to gain a depth of understanding possible only at AIU.

Special Topics Guest Lecturers

In addition to our standard syllabus, AIU brings in guest professors from our 174 partner universities in 46 countries, as well as experienced professionals, such as ambassadors and business leaders, for short-term, intensive courses throughout the semester. While the slate of guests differs each year, past special topics have included Environmental Issues and Opportunities on the Korean Peninsula, Law and Society Perspectives on LGBT Activism in Asia, Russia's Role and Interests in Asia, and many more.



Dr. Hiromi Maenaka

Director of Global Studies Program

For students who are interested in studying about the world, a particular region, or a country, going abroad is an indispensible 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.

Student Voice

I'm an International Relations major in the US, so I'm taking courses for my major, including Northeast Asian Relations, Study on Southeast Asia, Chinese Foreign Policy, and US-China Relations. It's interesting to take Chinese Foreign Policy in Japan with a Japanese professor, because you see a different perspective than I got in similar courses in the US. That has given me a wider view and the ability to see issues from multiple perspectives.

I've also joined the Service Travel ICC club, where we take annual study tours to a country that none of us have visited. We're planning to go to Vietnam in the spring, and so we were able to sit down with my Southeast Asia professor outside of class to get his recommendations for what we should do.

Liangyan Wu,
San Francisco State University, USA

Match Your Major

As an interdisciplinary field, International and Regional Studies includes courses in a variety of disciplines, including:

- Political Science
- Education
- Sociology
- Environmental Sciences
- History
- Foreign Languages
- International Relations

Refer to pages 18-19 for a partial list of offerings.

More interviews & complete program description online:
http://goo.gl/E1RRR6

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International Business and Economics

Forward-Looking Education

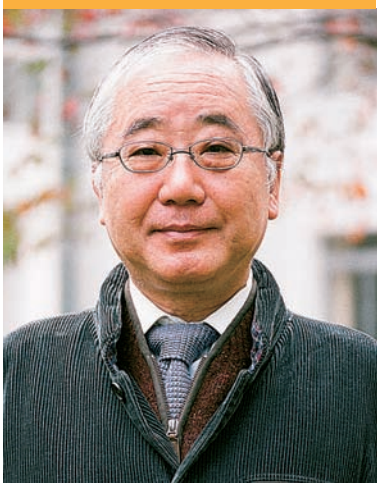
There's a reason 100% of 2014 AIU graduates had job or graduate school admissions offers by graduation. AIU's business program gives students a firm grounding in theory as well as practical education in in-demand skills, like big data analysis of current market conditions, to develop their business strategy skills to compete in today's market and to respond to the unknown and lead, no matter what challenges the future may hold. In addition to guest lectures from leaders in Japanese business, the program offers courses in advanced academic analysis tools such as OxMetrics.

Regional Expertise

As Japan's longest-standing all-English undergraduate program, AIU offers the best opportunity for international students to get an inside perspective on Japanese economics and business. Professors 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.

Ideal Networking Environment

In business and economics courses at AIU, you will have the opportunity to share ideas with classmates from around the world and gain practical experience in international communication. Although class sizes are small, averaging only 17 students, many have over half a dozen nationalities represented, so you can exchange perspectives with peers from developed and developing countries, as well as ASEAN, EU, and TPP member states, and establish professional connections that will follow you home and into your business career.



Dr. Hiroya Ichikawa

Director of Global Business Program

The goal of our business program is to equip students with the theoretical and practical background to understand actual market conditions, from market mechanisms and the role of civil society to governmental and market failures, and to develop their ability to respond to emerging issues in unstructured settings. Students who come to AIU can expect a strong grounding in theory and critical thinking, to equip them to face any situation, as well as specific training in economic data analysis tools to strengthen their skills in the big data era.

Student Voice

The biggest advantage to AIU classes in comparison to my BBA program in Canada is the international perspective. My Global Marketing class isn't global in name only, the students are from Norway, Sweden, France, Taiwan, Slovenia, Morocco, and more, so it has been a great chance to build an international network and the inputs from around the world have changed my perspective on business, in general, as well as my study habits!

The great thing about Akita is that students don't just come here as tourists, they come to AIU because they're driven and they want the international experience. I have learned things here that I never could have otherwise, and AIU has made me wonder whether real education is what we study in the classroom, or what we experience outside.

Scott Walter,
Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada

Student Voice

Course Spotlight: Entrepreneurship

I chose Entrepreneurship because the syllabus mentioned guest lectures from working entrepreneurs, but the course far exceeded my expectations. The course demands brainstorming and critical thinking skills and is based on solving case studies. Many cases are drawn from our guest lecturers' actual experiences so we can discuss our solutions together and get valuable feedback. The professor is a venture capitalist himself, too, so when we have solution proposals, he is able to draw on his experience to give us clear feedback on what would and wouldn't work. We also held a business plan competition in class, judged by actual entrepreneurs who visited from Tokyo.

This is probably the best class I have ever taken.

Zhanna Zakirzianova,
National Research University,
Higher School of Economics,
Russia

More interviews & complete program description online:
http://goo.gl/TkIlZT

Sample Course List

This is a partial list of upper-level courses, plus Japan Studies and language courses, available in Academic Year 2015, as of the time of printing.
(Course availability is subject to change. For the most recent list, availability by semester, credit information, and specific requirements, please see our website on the following page).

Japan Studies

(Some courses are listed under other fields, as well)

JAS 110/111 Sado: Tea Ceremony
JAS 120/121 Shodo: Calligraphy
JAS 130/131 Kado: Flower Arrangement
JAS 155 Japanese Religion
LAW 160 Japan's Constitution and Law
ART 200 Japanese Art History in the World Context
JAS 200 Japanese Literature
JAS 210 Introduction to Japanese History
JAS 220 Japanese Politics
HUM 232 Archaeology: Prehistoric Japan
JAS 240 Foreign Policy of Japan
JAS 250 Introduction to Japanese Society
JAS 280 Akita Studies
JAS 310 Intercultural Perspectives on Japanese Soceity
ECN 315 Japanese Finance and Practices under Globalization
ECN 343 Japanese Business Culture
JAS 380 Akita Rural Studies
PLS 423 Japan-U.S. Relations
PLS 425 Japan-China Relations

Japanese Language Teaching

JLT 180 Introduction to Japanese Language
JLT 210 Japanese Phonetics

Japanese Language

Core Courses

JPL 101 Elementary Japanese
JPL 205/206 Upper Elementary Japanese
JPL 300/305/307/309 Intermediate Japanese
JPL 402/406 Higher Intermediate Japanese
JPL 506 Advanced Japanese

Practice Courses (200-500 level)

JPL X31/X32/X33

Skill Courses

JPL 361/461 Pronunciation
JPL 381 Kanji Foundation
JPL 382 Kanji Consolidation
JPL 390/391/394/395 Reading Comprehension
JPL 411/412/572 Speaking
JPL 421/422 Writing
JPL 541 Listening Comprehension

Translation/Interpretation

JPL 442 English-Japanese Translation
JPL 521 Japanese-Chinese Translation
JPL 522 Chinese-Japanese Interpretation

Special Winter Subjects

JPL 453/553 Japanese Language in Films
JPL 463/563 Reading Current Topics
JPL 580 Country Life: Human Relationships in Japanese Local Communities

Business & Economics

ECN 300 Management Principles and Practice
ECN 301 Financial Theories & Applications
ECN 304 International Business
ECN 305 Principles of Macroeconomics
ECN 306 Management Practices in Global Business
ECN 310 Accounting
ECN 311 Principles of Marketing
ECN 313 Bank of Japan and Business Cycles
ECN 315 Japanese Finance and Practices under Globalization
ECN 317 Consumer Behavior
ECN 318 Global Marketing
ECN 320 International Trade
ECN 324 History of Economic Thought
ECN 325 Economic Development
ECN 327 Econometrics and Applications
ECN 328 Intermediate Microeconomics
ECN 330 Corporate Finance
ECN 331 Entrepreneurship
ECN 332 Business Law
ECN 334 Strategic Management
ECN 338 Time Series Econometrics
ECN 340 Corporate Auditing
ECN 343 Japanese Business Culture
GBP 343 Global Business Special Topic: Economic Forecasting
ECN 345 Leadership in International Management
ECN 346 International Finance
ECN 347 Portfolio Management
ECN 349 Emerging Market Finance
ECN 351 Managing Organizations and Human Resources
ECN 352 Japanese Trading Company (Field Studies)
ECN 364 Economic Growth
ECN 365 European Politics and Economy
ECN 366 Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECN 367 Open-Macro Economics
ECN 368 Environmental Economics
ECN 369 Economics of Public Sector
ECN 370 NIE Approach to Political Economy
ECN 395 U.S. Business and Economic Policy
ECN 410 Marketing Research
ECN 435 East Asia Political Economy
ECN 440 Accountability as the Foundation of an Economic Society
ECN 450 MBA Essentials

Political Science

PLS 360 Modern Chinese Politics and Thought
PLS 365 Study on Southeast Asia: Geopolitical and Economic Approach
PLS 385 Social Movements and Democratization
PLS 387 Visual Politics
PLS 390 U.S. Foreign Relations
IST 391 Invitation to EU Studies
PLS 410 Foreign Policy of China
PLS 420 U.S.-China Relations
PLS 423 Japan-U.S. Relations
PLS 425 Japan-China Relations
PLS 430 Northeast Asia Relations
PLS 441 Law and Politics of International Organizations
PLS 450 Borders and Migration
PLS 461 Comparative Politics
PLS 471 International Security

Sociology

SOC 345 Minorities in the U.S.
SOC 355 Social Problems in the U.S.
SOC 361 Urban Sociology
SOC 365 Chinese Society Today
SOC 370 Mass Media and Society
SOC 376 Mongolian Society Today
SOC 385 Russian Society Today
SOC 396 Mass Media in East Asia
SOC 397 Minorities in China

History

HIS 310 Modern History of Russia
HIS 320 Modern History of Mongolia

Education

EDU 310 Comparative Education
EDU 320 Contemporary Higher Education

Environmental Studies

ENV 420 Environmental Science in Global Perspective

Interdisciplinary Studies

INT 455 International Cooperation and Development II

Other Languages

Chinese, Korean, Russian, Mongolian, French, and Spanish

100/200/300 Levels I / II / III
101/201/301 Practice Course I / II / III

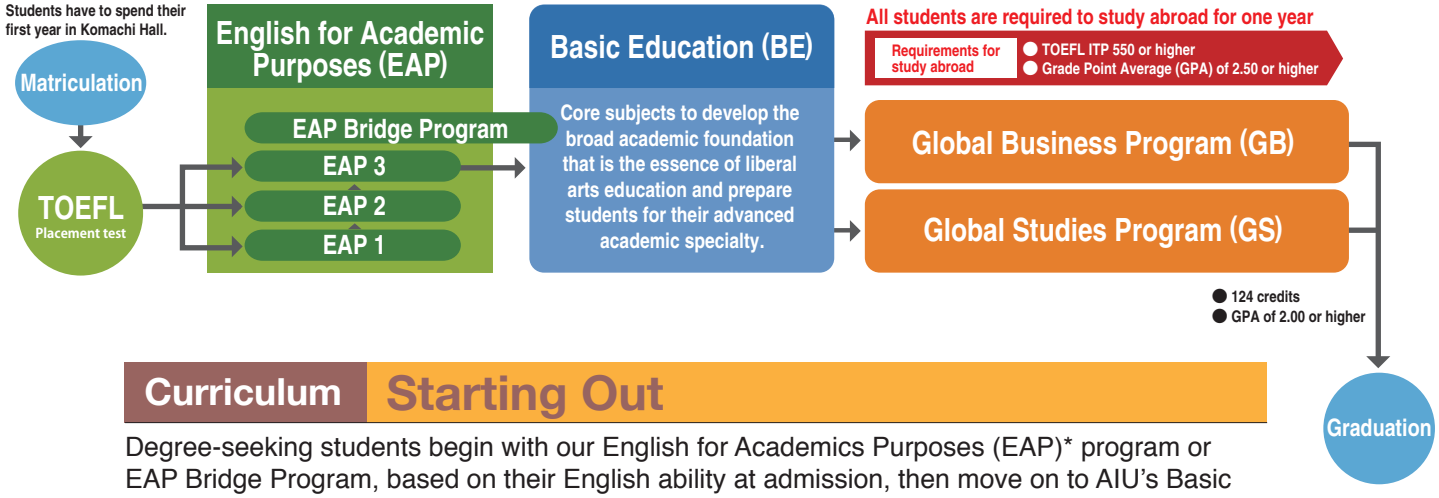
Chinese and Korean only

400 Seminar: Discourse Practice

Complete, current list, plus semester availability, registration information, and online syllabus: http://goo.gl/2p34eT

Four-Year Bachelor's Curriculum: Come to AIU for your full degree!

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 (4-year bachelor's degree) students, as well. As a four-year student at AIU, you will follow the same requirements and course structure as Japanese students, including an all-English curriculum and required year of study abroad outside Japan. Admission information may be found on page 30.



Curriculum Starting Out

Degree-seeking students begin with our English for Academics Purposes (EAP)* program or EAP Bridge Program, based on their English ability at admission, then move on to AIU's Basic Education (BE)* subjects, which offer the broad academic foundation that is the core of AIU's international liberal arts education. During the first year of studies, all AIU students live in Komachi Hall dormitory to begin their international immersion.
*For courses not listed on the previous pages, see our website for details.

Curriculum Major and Study Abroad

After a year of BE, you will select from one of our two majors: Global Business or Global Studies. Additionally, as soon as you meet AIU's Study Abroad eligibility requirements, you can begin applying for your study-abroad year at one of our 174 partners in 46 countries. Through your pre-departure, study abroad, and post-study-abroad seminars, you will explore your selected major in depth and leverage your international experience to write your graduation thesis.

Curriculum information for degree-seeking students:
http://goo.gl/MBclfc

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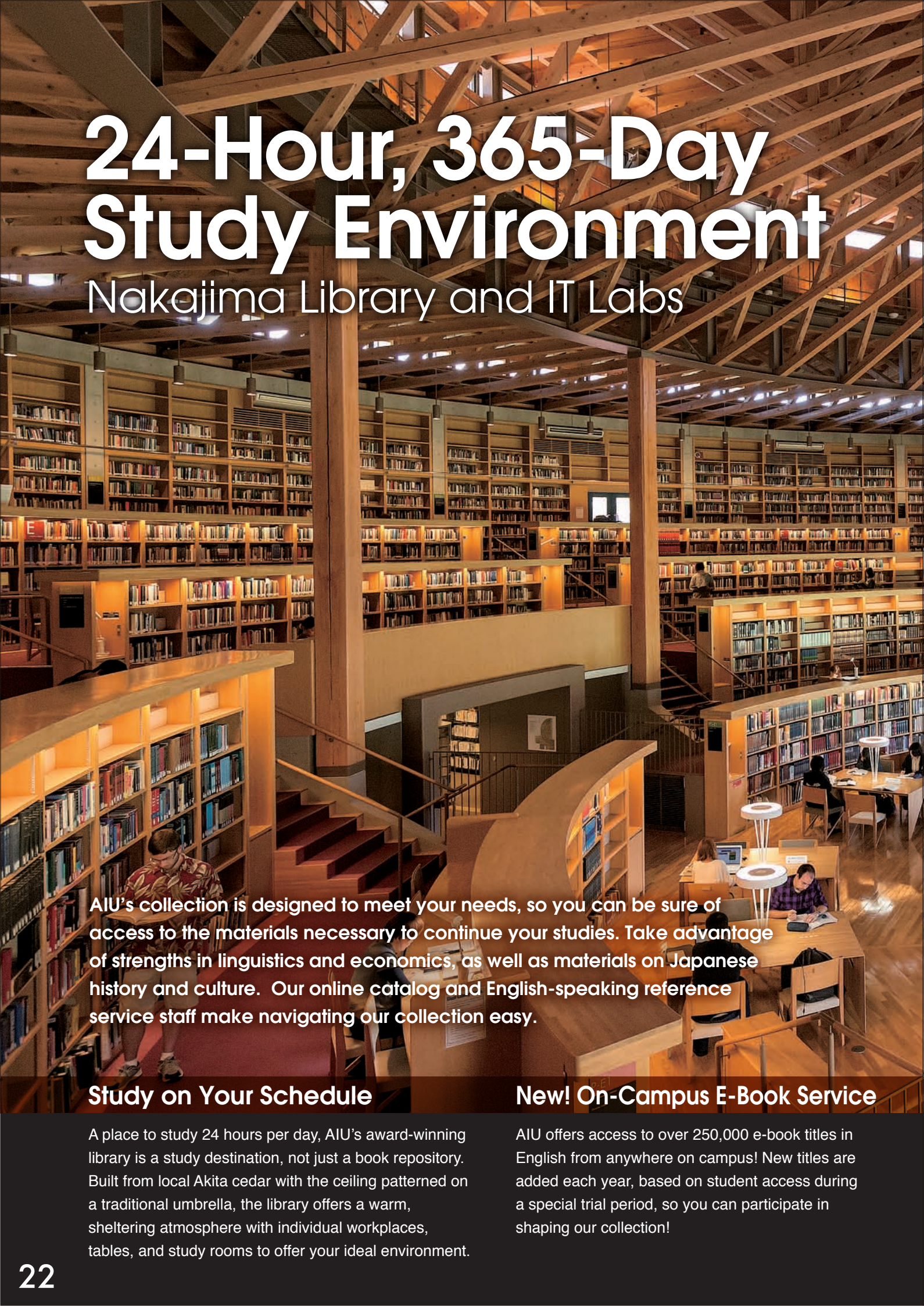


24-Hour, 365-Day Study Environment

Nakajima Library and IT Labs

AIU's collection is designed to meet your needs, so you can be sure of access to the materials necessary to continue your studies. Take advantage of strengths in linguistics and economics, as well as materials on Japanese history and culture. Our online catalog and English-speaking reference service staff make navigating our collection easy.

Study on Your Schedule

A place to study 24 hours per day, AIU's award-winning library is a study destination, not just a book repository. Built from local Akita cedar with the ceiling patterned on a traditional umbrella, the library offers a warm, sheltering atmosphere with individual workplaces, tables, and study rooms to offer your ideal environment.

New! On-Campus E-Book Service

AIU offers access to over 250,000 e-book titles in English from anywhere on campus! New titles are added each year, based on student access during a special trial period, so you can participate in shaping our collection!

Extensive English Resources

(As of April 2014)

- **Books: 73,285** (47,000+ in English)
- **Journals/Periodicals: 182 Titles** (100+ in English)
- **Audio/Visual Materials: 3,263**
- **Electronic Databases: 10**
- **Newspapers: 10**

24-Hour Computer Labs

Inside the library building, AIU's computer labs have over 150 computers, with Windows OS available in English or Japanese, plus print and scan equipment. Students who prefer to use their own computers, tablets, or smartphones can access wi-fi around the campus.

Take a video tour:
http://goo.gl/j1asw2

Complete Support: From Academics to Life Abroad

Language Development and Intercultural Studies Center (LDIC)

The LDIC offers a variety of resources and study methods to support all aspects of self-directed language learning.

Learning Resources for 41 Languages

Improve your Japanese or work on a third or fourth language! The LDIC offers resources for any learning style in languages from Arabic to Vietnamese- Japanese included, of course!

Study Facilities	Accommodates	Region-Free DVD Players	Internet-connected PCs	Speaking/Listening Software, Microphones	Skype, Webcams, Microphones	Portable CD players	Textbooks & Test preparation books	Novels & Magazines
Multipurpose Room (6 rooms)	8	●	●		●			
Listening/Speaking Room (12 rooms)	2	●	●	●				
DVD Booth (16 stations)	1	●	●					
Reading Lounge	24					●	●	●
Open Study Space	22					●	●	●

Foreign Language Conversation Partners

Through this program, you can meet one-on-one with speakers of other languages for half-hour blocks to practice informal conversation. Whether you join to practice a new language or as a volunteer to help other students practice your language, it is a great opportunity to make new friends and develop your skills in a relaxed environment. Graduate students from the Japanese Language Teaching Practices program help international students with Japanese and other volunteers offer an average of 15 languages per semester!

Additional Resources

- Learning skills workshops and guest speakers
- Course support for Japanese & foreign language practice courses
- Online database of resources
- Check out materials & equipment
- Purchase requests

Peer tutors work one-on-one to ensure students' academic success.

Academic Achievement Center (AAC)

Free Peer Tutorial Support

- Academic Reading/Writing/Presentation skills
- Japanese language course support
- Learning Advisor walk-in support

Easy to Use

Our Japanese course support tutors can assist you in English or Japanese and all international students are welcome! Make your reservation online for up to an hour of tutoring per week.

Join Us!

International students are eligible for employment in the AAC. Bring a transcript and letter of reference from your home institution to apply. Have tutoring experience in English? Skip our tutor training and start earning straight away.

More details online:
http://goo.gl/1hZCMx

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.

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.

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 that 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 (fall semester).

The new Health Care and Counseling Center opened in January 2015.

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 Comprehensive 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.

100% Guaranteed On-Campus Housing

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 Theme Houses (new in April 2015!), you're never more than a 10-minute walk from your friends, classes, and our wealth of on-campus activities.

Apply Online! The housing application is included in our online application, for quick, easy submission.

Double Room in Komachi Hall

Cooking Party in Komachi Common Kitchen

Komachi Hall

All AIU degree-seeking students are required to live in Komachi Hall for their first year, so international students almost all have Japanese roommates. Floor activities, a common kitchen, and common lounge with satellite TV make Komachi a natural choice for students that want to reach out and make friends.

Student Voice — Chen Po-You, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

I lived in the dorm at my home university for four years, and I enjoy dormitory life, but Komachi is nicer. My roommate is Japanese and there are many activities for dorm residents, so it has made it very easy to make friends with the Japanese students here. I really enjoy living in Komachi Hall!

Housing Options

	Komachi Hall	Global Village	Sakura Village
Room Style	Double-Occupancy Room; Two-Room Suite	Double-Occupancy Room	Single-Occupancy Room; Three-Room Suite
Number of Rooms (Wheelchair-accessible)	184 rooms (1 room)	196 rooms (4 rooms)	35 suites (2 rooms)
Kitchen	One common kitchen for entire dorm	One per room	One per suite
Bathroom	One per suite	One per room	One per suite
Fees (Per Semester or Program)	**Spring/Fall Semester**		
	90,000 JPY (750 USD*) Utilities included	90,000 JPY (750 USD*) PLUS utilities	162,000 JPY (1,350 USD*) PLUS utilities
	Winter Program		
	60,000 JPY (500 USD*) Utilities included	60,000 JPY (500 USD*) PLUS utilities	108,000 JPY (900 USD*) PLUS utilities

*US dollar amounts are current as of December 2014 and are provided for reference only. All fees will be charged in Japanese Yen.

Get more details online:
http://goo.gl/QTyF7l

Double Room in Global Village

Global Village

The Global Village apartments also offer an opportunity to live in a shared room with Japanese or other international students and each room has its own kitchenette!

Single Bedroom in Sakura Village

Shared living/dining/kitchen room

Sakura Village

Built in Spring 2013, Sakura Village offers suites of three individual bedrooms connected to a common living-dining-kitchen area for those who want a little more privacy.

New! Theme Houses

Beginning in Spring 2015, AIU will establish theme-based housing clusters, such as the Spring 2015 “Japan House” (Japanese Arts and Culture) so students with common interests can not only live together, but also join in house-wide activities and projects. Specific themes and details for each semester will be sent to applicants after acceptance.

Dining Options

Shop at the grocery and import store at nearby AEON Mall and cook for yourself, pick up a snack or light meal at the AIU Shop on campus, or enjoy local flavors at one of our on-campus eateries:

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

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

For meal plan details:
http://goo.gl/LBPBMS

Short-Term Study Abroad Application Instructions

Spend a semester or a year at AIU! We welcome short-term international students, whether coming from one of our exchange partners or any university in the world!

No Japanese Language Proficiency Required!

Eligibility

- **GPA 2.5** (on a 4.0 scale)
- **English Language Proficiency** (native speakers of other languages)
  TOEFL 500 (PBT)**/61** (iBT)
  IELTS 5.0
  TOEIC 630
- **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 2015)

	Fall Semester 2015	Winter Program 2016	Spring Semester 2016*
Orientation Begins*	August 25	n/a	April 2
Classes Begin	September 2	January 7	April 9
Classes End	December 22	March 2	July 29

*Orientation is mandatory for all students. Dates for Spring Semester 2016 are estimates only. All dates are subject to change. Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information.

Fall and Spring Semesters

Like most Japanese universities, AIU's school year runs from April to March. However, our curriculum is designed to accommodate new students beginning in either the Spring or Fall Semester. Students must take at least 12 credits and may take up to 18 in each semester.

Winter Program

Take 9 extra credits for zero tuition during our Winter Program! This intensive, 7.5-week extension program is only available to students enrolled in Fall semester. In general, students residing on campus at AIU from Fall through Spring Semester are expected to enroll in classes during the Winter Program.

Tuition and Fees

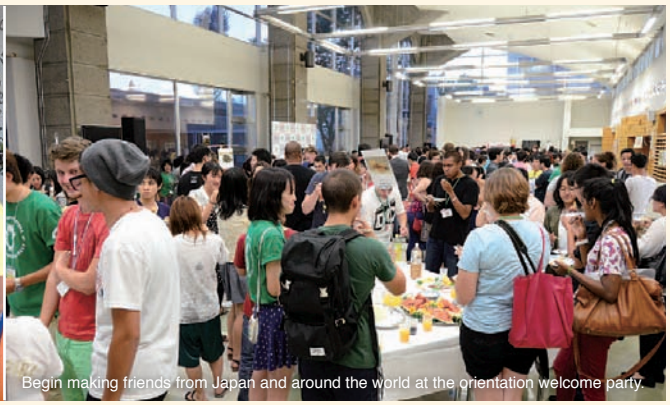
Since AIU is a public university, Akita's taxpayers and government funding cover 75% of students' expenses. The remaining costs to be borne by students are listed below:

	Fall/Spring Semester		Winter Program
	Exchange Partners	All Others	All Students
Admission Fee	Waived	28,200 JPY	n/a
Tuition	Waived	348,000 JPY	Waived
Housing	90,000 - 162,000 JPY		60,000 - 108,000 JPY
Bedding/Misc. Fee	20,000 JPY		6,750 JPY
Activities Fee	10,000 JPY		5,000 JPY
Mandatory Meal Plan (first two weeks)	14,400 JPY		n/a
Optional Meal Plan*	100,800 JPY (maximum)		n/a
Deposit**	20,000 JPY (first semester only)		n/a
Insurance**	30,000 JPY (first semester only)		n/a
Total	184,400 - 357,200 JPY	560,000 - 733,400 JPY	71,750 - 119,750 JPY

*All students will be entered in the 21-meal plan for their first two weeks. Semester-long 21-meal or 10-meal plans may be purchased after arrival. A la carte purchase and pre-paid cards are also available.

**AIU will pay your mandatory insurance bills (including Japanese National Health Insurance and student liability insurance) from the "Insurance" amount above and will refund the remaining amount, as well as any remaining "Deposit", at the time of departure.

New Student Supporter volunteers help with check-in and room key distribution.



Begin making friends from Japan and around the world at the orientation welcome party.

Application Process

Deadlines		As soon as we receive your nomination, your inbound exchange coordinator will reach out to guide you through your application, but here are the steps to expect:
Fall	**Spring**	
Feb 1 ▼ Apr 1	**Sep 1 ▼ Nov 1**	**1 Nomination - Online** **Exchange Partner University Students** (see page 31): Contact your university's study abroad office for instructions. **All Others:** Contact AIU directly and send us the name and email address of your study abroad advisor so we can contact them to get started
		2 Application - Online You can complete most of your application and view your progress online.
		3 Application - By Post Send the required supporting documents to AIU by post. All application documents must arrive by the deadline.
Apr 30	**Nov 30**	**4 Acceptance** Once you receive your acceptance notification, you can begin the remaining online application forms, below.
May 15	**Dec 15**	**5 Visa Application Part I - Online (Certificate of Eligibility)** Complete our online form and AIU will apply for your "Certificate of Eligibility" (CoE), which will allow you to apply for a student visa. The Immigration Bureau takes 1-3 months to process the application and AIU will send the certificate to you as soon as it is ready.
May 15	**Dec 15**	**6 Housing Application - Online** Complete your housing application online (See pages 26-27 for information on the housing options)
Jul 15	**Feb 15**	**7 Medical Information Form - Online & By Post** You will need your doctor to fill out part of this form before sending it to AIU by post, so please start early!
Jul 1 ▼ Jul 31	**Feb 1 ▼ Feb 28**	**8 Pay Initial Invoice - Bank Transfer** Your invoice will be available through the online application system.
Aug 1	**Mar 1**	**9 Visa Application Part II - At the Embassy** After receiving your CoE from AIU, take it to the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate as soon as possible to apply for your student visa.
Aug 15	**Mar 15**	**10 Arrival Form - Online** AIU will pick you up from Akita Station or Airport, so let us know when we can greet you!

Get started today!
http://goo.gl/cEFtbj

Earn your BA at AIU!

AIU's flexible admissions system accepts new four-year bachelor's program students and transfer students in the spring or fall semester.

Unique Skills and Experience

Earn your degree abroad at AIU in English, and you'll study in a familiar language while enjoying an experience unavailable anywhere else in the world. Not only will you build your understanding of Japanese language and culture, but you can take advantage of our close connections with the local community for incomparable immersion.
Plus, you'll enjoy a wide variety of multicultural experience both with our diverse, multinational student body and during your study abroad year at one of our partner universities around the world! (See next page)

Study-Live-Go International

All first-year students live in the Komachi Hall dormitory (see page 26) and AIU strives to ensure that each student has the opportunity to live with a roommate from another country, starting your international experience right away. Through mixed classrooms, a host of engaging multicultural clubs and activities, and study abroad, AIU takes "international" from the textbook pages to an all-encompassing environment.

Application Process

Download the application guidelines and forms from our website to get started!
You'll find detailed eligibility criteria for several countries' secondary education systems and contact information for further questions.
International applicants are not required to appear in person to apply! All forms and supporting documentation must be submitted by post.

Tuition and Fees for Freshman Year (subject to change)

Matriculation	423,000 JPY
Tuition	696,000 JPY
Housing	463,400 JPY
Student Activity Fee	39,000 JPY
Parents' Association Fee	20,000 JPY
Alumni Association Entry Fee	20,000 JPY
Influenza Vaccine	3,000 JPY
New Student Reception Fee	1,000 JPY
Mandatory Insurance Fees*	Approximately 29,660 JPY

For additional explanations and billing deadlines, please see our website, below.
*Includes Japanese National Health Insurance (approximately 25,000 JPY/year) and Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (4,660 JPY/four years).

Important Dates (subject to change)

	Spring 2016 Admission	Fall 2016 Admission
Application Period	Oct 26 - Nov 6, 2015	Feb 1 - 26, 2016
Announcement of Acceptance	Dec 7, 2015	Mar 18, 2016
Classes Begin	Apr 11, 2016	Sep 2, 2016

The final admissions calendar for 2016 has not yet been determined as of the time of printing. Please be sure to refer to our website below for updates.

For Undergraduate Admissions:
http://goo.gl/T81XsQ

Earn Your Master's Degree at AIU!
http://goo.gl/9kEphv

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174 Exchange Partners in 46 Countries/Regions

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Hong Kong Baptist University
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Konkuk University
Korea University
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National University of Mongolia
University of the Humanities

The Philippines
Ateneo de Manila University

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National University of Singapore

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Kainan University
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National Taiwan University
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NEOMA Business School
PGSM Business School
Rennes 2 University
Sciences Po Grenoble
Sciences Po Rennes
Toulouse Business School
Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès

Germany
Ludwigshafen University of Applied Sciences
University of Mannheim, Business School

Hungary
University of Pécs

Ireland
Maynooth University

Italy
University of Ferrara
University of Turin

Latvia
University of Latvia

Lithuania
Vilnius University
Vytautas Magnus University

Malta
University of Malta

Netherlands
Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
HAN University of Applied Sciences, Arnhem Business School
Hanze University of Applied Sciences
Leiden University

Norway
NHH Norwegian School of Economics
University of Bergen
University of Oslo

Poland
Warsaw School of Economics

Portugal
ISCTE-Lisbon University Institute
Universidade Catolica Portuguesa
University of Porto

Romania
University of Bucharest

Russia
Far Eastern Federal University
International University in Moscow
Lomonosov Moscow State University
Moscow City Teachers' Training University
National Research University Higher School of Economics

Slovenia
University of Ljubljana

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University of Alcalá
Universidad de Alicante
Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona
Universidad Carlos III De Madrid
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Linköping University
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FHS St. Gallen University of Applied Sciences
Zurich University of Applied Sciences Winterthur

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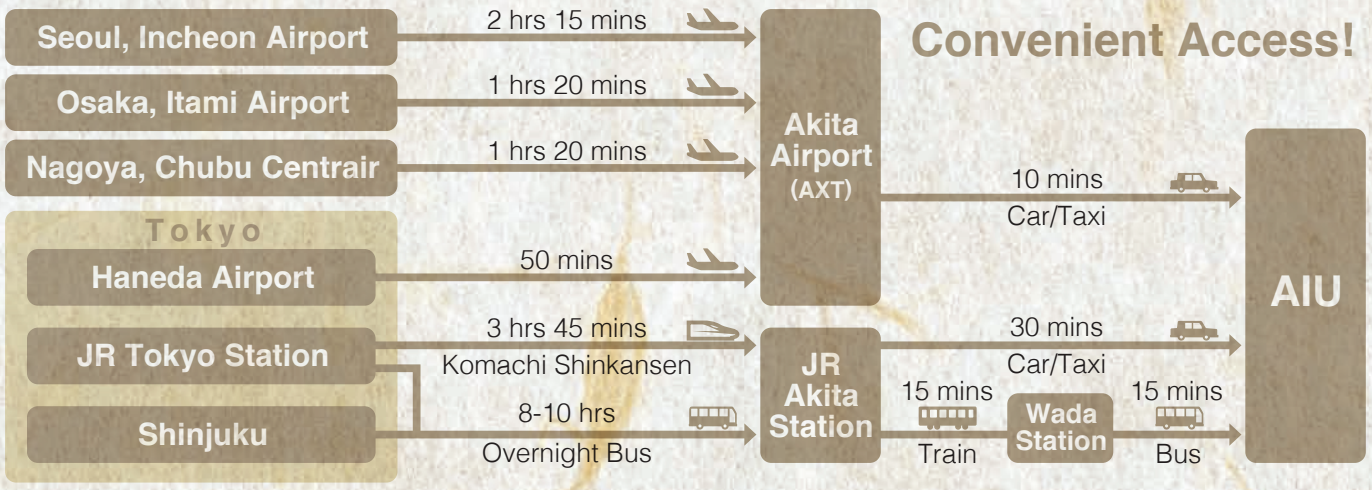
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