

Akita International University

Yuwa



The University

Akita International University (AIU) was established in 2003 and is one of Japan's newest, most innovative and most competitive universities. All its courses, except language courses, are taught solely in English. It is an extremely unusual opportunity to study business and economics in English alongside regular full-time Japanese students as well as students from around the world. The Global Business programme includes study visits to local companies, and the university has particular expertise in regional study of China.

University Website: www.aiu.ac.jp



Location

The University is located in Yuwa, a suburb on the outskirts of Akita City, approximately 25km from the city centre. Akita Prefecture is in the northern part of the main island of Honshu. Although Akita City has a population of over 300,000, the region is largely rural and mountainous and known for its beautiful national parks, historic towns, coastline and traditional festivals and way of life.

www.city.akita.akita.jp/en/sightseeing/default.htm

Travel

The University is situated almost adjacent to Akita International Airport, which has daily international flights to Seoul and frequent flights to destinations around Japan. There is also a shinkansen (bullet train) connection with Tokyo, and good regional rail links, as well as a sleeper train to Sapporo. Access from Narita International Airport (Tokyo) is via transfer to Tokyo's domestic airport, Haneda. There is a regular bus service from the campus to central areas of the city.



Immigration

The University of Exeter produces a visa factsheet for students travelling to Japan which includes approximate costs.

For further information:

<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/international/abroad/exchange/visa/>

Housing

International Exchange students are guaranteed housing in either the Komachi Dormitory or the Global Village Apartments. Prices range from 181,775 yen—190,775 per semester (including 3 meals a day) (£1,367-£1,435). Please note that international students usually share a room with a Japanese student.

For further information: <http://www.aiu.ac.jp/en/admissions/admissions07.html>





Health Insurance

Mandatory for all and obtained on arrival. AIU require students to purchase insurance arranged by the university, at ¥300,000 per semester. Subscribers to the national health insurance scheme pay 30% of costs of treatment or prescriptions. International students may additionally apply for medical fee reimbursement, which covers 80% of fees paid.

Details from: www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/faq/faq04e.html

Term Dates

Term dates for 2010/11 to be confirmed.

Semester 1 2009		Semester 2 2010	
Orientation begins	Date tbc		
Classes begin	2 September	Classes begin	9 April
Classes end	22 December	Classes end	31 July
Exam period	16-22 December	Exam period	27-31 July



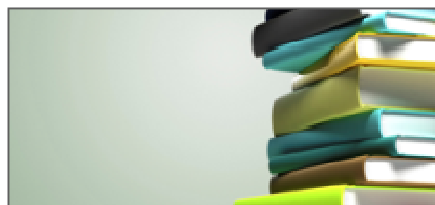
Services

Website for International Students: www.aiu.ac.jp/en/

Course Requirements

Students are welcome to take any courses, the majority of which should come from the International Business stream. Studies should be agreed with tutors ahead of time:

<http://www.aiu.ac.jp/en/academics/>



Application

- 1 February 2011** Deadline for submitting internal application form accompanied by personal statement, transcript of studies to date and 2 academic references.
- 8 February 2011** Allocation of host institution made (in liaison with Study Abroad Co-ordinators). Students notified and provided with relevant host institution application form.
- 1 March 2011** Deadline for submitting host institution application form and any additional supporting documentation required (e.g. transcript, photographs, financial statements, housing applications etc).

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