

# AIU Student Exchange Fact Sheet

Information on this sheet is for usual semester exchange and there might be changes due to the impact of the ongoing pandemic. Please contact AIU for the most up-to-date information.

As of October 1, 2021

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<b>Akita International University (AIU) at a Glance</b>	<p><b>Programs:</b> Faculty of International Liberal Arts (Global Business Program, Global Studies Program, Global Connectivity Program, Japanese Language Program, Japan Studies Program)</p> <p><b>Language of Instruction:</b> English, excluding Japanese Language Program</p> <p><b>Average Class Size*:</b> 19 students per class</p> <p><b>Degree-seeking Students*:</b> 844 (undergraduate)</p> <p><b>Non-Degree-seeking International Students:</b> Spring 2021: 36 (from 14 countries and regions) Fall 2020: 23 (from 12 countries and regions)</p> <p><b>Full-time Faculty Members*:</b> 64</p> <p><b>Administrative Staff*:</b> 95</p> <p><b>Partner Institutions*:</b> 200 in 50 countries and regions</p>	*Figures current as of April 1, 2021

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## ■ Important Dates

	Fall Semester 2021	Winter Program 2022	Spring Semester 2022	Summer Program 2022
<b>Nomination Deadline</b>	Feb 28, 2021	-----	Sep 30, 2021	Feb 15, 2022
<b>Application Deadline</b>	Apr 1, 2021	*Only available for those who are enrolled in Fall Semester	Nov 1, 2021	Mar 9, 2022
<b>Arrival Dates</b>	Aug 25, 2021 <b>Orientation Week:</b> Aug 25 - 31, 2021	-----	April 1, 2022 <b>Orientation Week:</b> Apr 2 - 7, 2022	Jun 16, 2022
<b>Semester/Program Dates</b>	Sep 2 - Dec 20, 2021 <b>Final Exam Week:</b> Dec 14 - 20, 2021	Jan 5 - Mar 1, 2022 <b>Final Exam Week:</b> Feb 23 - Mar 1, 2022	Apr 8 - Jul 29 <b>Final Exam Week:</b> Jul 25 - 29, 2022	Jun 16 - Jul 28, 2022

Note: The above academic calendar is subject to change.

## ■ Academic Information

<b>Courses Offered to International Students</b>	<p><b>All subject matter courses are taught in English</b> (excluding some higher-level language courses) <b>and are available to international students.</b> International students may not enrol in preparatory English language courses or required non-content courses for degree-seeking students.</p> <p><b>Please find our most recent course list from the link on our “Academics” page:</b>  <a href="http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/academic/">http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/academic/</a></p> <p><b>Summer Program</b>  <a href="http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/summer-program/">http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/summer-program/</a></p>																																							
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	<b>English</b> (except for language courses, Teacher's License Courses, and a few courses in the Japan Studies Courses for international students with advanced Japanese language skills)																																							
<b>Grading System Academic Transcript</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grade Definitions (from Fall semester of AY2009)</b></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>Score</th> <th>Grade Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>A+</td><td>100</td><td>4.00</td></tr> <tr><td>A</td><td>95-99</td><td>4.00</td></tr> <tr><td>A-</td><td>90-94</td><td>3.70</td></tr> <tr><td>B+</td><td>87-89</td><td>3.30</td></tr> <tr><td>B</td><td>83-86</td><td>3.00</td></tr> <tr><td>B-</td><td>80-82</td><td>2.70</td></tr> <tr><td>C+</td><td>77-79</td><td>2.30</td></tr> <tr><td>C</td><td>73-76</td><td>2.00</td></tr> <tr><td>C-</td><td>70-72</td><td>1.70</td></tr> <tr><td>D+</td><td>66-69</td><td>1.30</td></tr> <tr><td>D</td><td>60-65</td><td>1.00</td></tr> <tr><td>F</td><td>59 or lower</td><td>0.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Official Academic Transcript</b>            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.</p>	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
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<b>Credit System</b>	<p><b><u>Number of Credits Required for Undergraduate Degree</u></b> 124 credits</p> <p><b><u>Standard Number of Credits that Undergraduate Students Complete in One Semester</u></b> 15 credits (most courses are 3 credits so students will be taking 5 courses per semester)</p> <p><b><u>Minimum / Maximum Credits per Semester</u></b> 12 credits* (Minimum) / 18 credits (Maximum) *Required by Japanese Immigration Law</p> <p><b><u>Class Hours and Credits</u></b> 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 is based on the following conditions:            a) One credit for a lecture class requires 15 class hours per semester            b) One credit for an experimental, laboratory or an activity course requires 30 class hours per semester            c) One credit for a seminar requires 15-30 class hours per semester</p>																																							

## Accommodation Information

<b>Residence</b>	All international students are required to live in <b>guaranteed on-campus housing</b> .								
<b>Homestay</b>	Not available								
<b>Accommodation and Meal Fee</b> (Fall/Spring semesters)	<b>Accommodation Fees</b>	<b>Meal Fees</b>							
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	<b>Student Housing</b>	<b>Meal Options</b>							
	<b>Cost /semester</b>	<b>Cost /semester</b>							
	<b>Sakura Village Apartment</b> (utilities included)	206,500 (FA) 202,500 (SP)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #00b050; color: white;"><b>Meal Plan</b></td> <td><b>21-Meal Plan</b> (21 meals/week, 3 meals /day)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">102,690</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>10-Meal Plan</b> (10 meals/week, Lunch and Dinner, Monday to Friday only)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Approx. 60,000</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Meal Plan</b>	<b>21-Meal Plan</b> (21 meals/week, 3 meals /day)	102,690		<b>10-Meal Plan</b> (10 meals/week, Lunch and Dinner, Monday to Friday only)	Approx. 60,000
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<b>Global Village</b> (double occupancy) (utilities included)	130,000 (FA) 126,000 (SP)								
<b>Komachi Residence Hall</b> (double occupancy) (utilities included)	Not available in AY2022	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #00b050; color: white;"><b>Pre-paid Card</b></td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">3,000 or 5,000</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Pre-paid Card</b>	3,000 or 5,000					
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<b>New Apartment</b> (utilities included)	215,500 (FA) 211,500 (SP)								
<b>Bedding &amp; Cleaning Fee</b>	20,000	<p>*You can also choose to cook on your own or purchase individual meals from the Cafeteria in cash. (Breakfast: 340 JPY / Lunch: 440 JPY / Dinner: 440 JPY)</p> <p>*The 10-Meal Plan cost varies based on the number of weekdays in the semester.</p>							
<p>Detailed information about meal option and housing information is at :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Information: <a href="http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/housing/">http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/housing/</a></li> <li>Dining Information: <a href="http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/dining/">http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/dining/</a></li> </ul> <p>All new students are required to pay for the first two-week meal fees in the amount of 14,670 JPY. This fee is included in the invoice and must be paid before your arrival. The meal cost, which varies depending on the meal option you select, after the first two-week new student orientation period must be paid <b>after your arrival</b> by cash or credit card.</p>									

## Financial Matters

<b>Required Fees</b>	<p><b>General Deposit:</b> 20,000 JPY at the time of admission (<i>Partly Refundable</i>)</p> <p><b>International student activity fee:</b> 20,000 JPY per semester (<i>Non Refundable</i>) *9,000 JPY during the winter program</p> <p>Please see details at: <a href="http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/cost-of-living/">http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/cost-of-living/</a></p>				
<b>Textbooks</b>	Approximately 15,000 – 50,000 yen per semester				
<b>Transportation</b>	Bus:	AIU to the nearest shopping mall:		200 JPY	
<b>Payment Schedule</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Winter Program</b>	
	<b>Billing Date</b>	February 1	July 1	Dec 15	*An Invoice will be available in each student's online application account.
	<b>Payment Date</b>	Last day of February	Last day of July	Last day of December	*The full amount needs to be paid to the AIU bank account by wire transfer.
<b>Money Matters</b>	<p><b>Cash and Traveler's Checks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p><b>Credit Cards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are strongly recommended to bring a valid credit card with you to Japan (Visa, MasterCard, Diner's Club, American Express).</li> <li>Many major banks, hotels, restaurants, etc. accept credit cards, but the majority of local retailers, restaurants, etc. do not accept credit cards.</li> <li>Verify that your contract between you and your credit card company allows you to use your card in Japan before coming.</li> </ul>				

## Arrival Information

<b>Access to the University</b>	<p>The AIU campus is only an approximately 10-minute drive from Akita Airport and a 30-minute drive from the Akita JR train station.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>From Tokyo</b> <i>by airplane</i> (Haneda Airport - Akita Airport) → <b>50 minutes</b></li> <li>• <b>From Tokyo</b> <i>by bullet train</i>, Komachi Shinkansen → <b>4 hours</b></li> <li>• <b>From Osaka</b> <i>by airplane</i> (Itami Airport – Akita Airport) → <b>1 hour and 20 minutes</b></li> </ul>
<b>Pick-up Service</b>	Available at <b>Akita Airport</b> and <b>Akita Station</b> during the designated time on the arrival date.
<b>Arrival Information</b>	<a href="http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/transportation-and-hotel/">http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/transportation-and-hotel/</a>

## ■ Application Procedure

<b>How to Apply</b>	<p>Application information is available at the following webpage:  <a href="http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/how-to-apply/">http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/how-to-apply/</a></p>
<b>Application Forms</b>	Your home institution needs to submit the <b>Online Nomination Form</b> 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 airmail in accordance with the guidelines on the website.
<b>Supporting Documents Required</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Completed and signed <b>Application Form</b>.</li> <li>2) <b>Official Academic Transcript</b> from home university</li> <li>3) One International Student <b>Reference Form</b> (2 pages each)</li> <li>4) Proof of <b>English Proficiency</b> (if applicable)</li> <li>5) Two <b>ID Photos</b></li> </ol>
<b>GPA Requirement</b>	Applicants must have completed two semesters at an AIU partner institution <b>before applying</b> and have a cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) of <b>2.50 (4.0 scale) or higher</b> .
<b>Level of English Proficiency Requirement</b>	<p>Applicants whose first language is NOT English are required to achieve a standard of TOEFL ® Test score 71 (iBT) or its equivalent, or IELTS score of 6.0 or equivalent.</p> <p>Please refer to the following webpage:  <a href="http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/eligibility/">http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/eligibility/</a></p>

## ■ Visa Information

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