## Fact Sheet
### Academic Year 2015-2016

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<th>Full Legal Name of the Institution</th>
<th>Akita International University</th>
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<tr>
<td>Mailing Address</td>
<td>Yuwa, Akita-city, Akita 010-1292 Japan</td>
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<tr>
<td>Website</td>
<td><a href="http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/">http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/</a></td>
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### Akita International University (AIU) at a Glance

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<th>Programs:</th>
<th>Faculty of International Liberal Arts (Global Business Program, Global Studies Program, and Japanese Language Program)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Language of Instruction:</td>
<td>English, excluding Japanese Language Program</td>
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<td>Average Class Size:</td>
<td>17.0 students per class</td>
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<td>Degree-seeking Students:</td>
<td>899 (undergraduate)</td>
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<td>Non-Degree-seeking International Students:</td>
<td>Spring 2015: 184 (from 32 countries and regions) Fall 2014: 171 (from 31 countries and regions)</td>
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<td>Full-time Faculty Members:</td>
<td>64</td>
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<td>Administrative Staff:</td>
<td>85</td>
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<td>Partner Institutions:</td>
<td>174 in 46 countries and regions</td>
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Important Dates

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<th>Fall Semester 2015</th>
<th>Winter Program 2016</th>
<th>Spring Semester 2016</th>
<th>Summer Program 2016</th>
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<tr>
<td>Application Deadline</td>
<td>Apr 1, 2015</td>
<td>*Only available for those who are enrolled in Fall Semester</td>
<td>Nov 1, 2015</td>
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Note: The above academic calendar is subject to change.

Academic Information

Courses Offered to International Students

All subject matter courses are taught in English (excluding some higher level language courses) and are available to international students. International students may not enrol in preparatory English language courses or required non-content courses for degree-seeking students.

Please find our most recent course list from the link on our “Academics” page:
http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/in/academic/

Summer Program
http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/in/summer-program/

Language of Instruction

English (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)

Grade Definitions (from Fall semester of AY2009)

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<th>Grade</th>
<th>Score</th>
<th>Grade Points</th>
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<tr>
<td>A+</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>4.00</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>95-99</td>
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<td>A-</td>
<td>90-94</td>
<td>3.70</td>
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<td>B+</td>
<td>87-89</td>
<td>3.30</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>83-86</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>59 or lower</td>
<td>0.00</td>
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Official 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.

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* (Minimum) / 18 credits (Maximum)

*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 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
# Accommodation Information

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<th>Residence</th>
<th>All international students are provided with <strong>guaranteed on-campus housing</strong>.</th>
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<td>Home Stay</td>
<td>Not available</td>
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## Accommodation and Meal Fee (Fall/Spring semesters)

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<th>Cost /semester</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sakura Village Apartment</td>
<td>162,000 yen</td>
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<tr>
<td>Global Village</td>
<td>90,000 yen</td>
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<tr>
<td>University Village</td>
<td>85,500 yen</td>
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<tr>
<td>Komachi Residence Hall</td>
<td>90,000 yen</td>
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### Meal Fees

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<th>Cost /semester</th>
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<td>21-Meal Plan</td>
<td>100,800 yen</td>
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<td>10-Meal Plan</td>
<td>58,200 yen</td>
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### Bedding & Cleaning Fee

- 20,000 JPY

*You can also choose to cook on your own or purchase individual meals from the Cafeteria in cash.

(Breakfast: 310 JPY / Lunch: 410 JPY / Dinner: 410 JPY)

*Please note that the Japanese government is debating a sales tax increase from 8% to 10%. If this change takes effect, AIU housing, bedding, and meal fees may be adjusted accordingly.

*Detailed information about meal option and housing information is at:

*All new students are required to pay for the first two-week meal fees in the amount of 14,400 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 **after your arrival** by cash or credit card.

# Financial Matters

## Required Fees

*Please note that the Japanese government is debating a sales tax increase from 8% to 10%. If this change takes effect, the fees below, including AIU fees, textbook costs, and transportation costs, may be adjusted accordingly.

- **General Deposit**: 20,000 yen at the time of admission (Partly Refundable)
- **International student activity fee**: 10,000 yen per semester (Non Refundable) *5,000 yen during the winter program
- **Insurance fees**: 30,000 yen per year (Partly Refundable)

## Textbooks

- Approximately 15,000 – 50,000 yen per semester

## City Transportation

- **Bus**: AIU to the nearest train station: 160 yen
  AIU to the nearest shopping mall: 160 yen
- **Train**: The nearest station to Akita station: 240 yen (once every hour)

## Payment Schedule

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<th>Spring Semester</th>
<th>Fall Semester</th>
<th>Winter Program</th>
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<td>Billing Date</td>
<td>February 1</td>
<td>July 1</td>
<td>TBA</td>
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<td>Payment Date</td>
<td>Last day of February</td>
<td>Last day of July</td>
<td>TBA</td>
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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

- Bring enough traveler's checks and/or cash to cover your first few weeks in Japan. It will take a few weeks to open a bank account and receive international wire transfers.

### Credit Cards

- 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 coming.
### Arrival Information

#### Access to the University

- **From Tokyo by airplane** (Haneda Airport - Akita Airport) → 50 minutes
- **From Tokyo by bullet train** Komachi Shinkansen → 4 hours
- **From Osaka by airplane** (Itami Airport – Akita Airport) → 1 hour and 20 minutes
- **From Seoul by airplane** (Inchon International Airport - Akita Airport) → 2 hours and 15 minutes.

#### Pick-up Service

Available at Akita Airport and Akita Station during the designated time

#### Pre-Departure Information

http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/in/pre-departure-information/

### Application Procedure

#### How to Apply

Application information is available at the following webpage: [http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/in/admission-information/](http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/in/admission-information/)

Home institution needs to submit the Online Nomination Form to AIU, and then nominees 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.

#### Application Forms


1) Completed and signed application form with “Confirmation Sheet”
2) Official Academic Transcript from Home University
3) One International Student Reference Form (2 pages each)
4) Proof of English Proficiency (if applicable)
5) Two ID Photos

#### GPA Requirement

Applicants must have completed two semesters before applying and have a cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) of 2.50 (4.0 scale) or higher.

#### Level of English Proficiency Requirement

Applicants whose first language is NOT English are required to achieve a standard of TOEFL score 500 (PBT) or its equivalent, or IELTS score of 5.0 or equivalent.

Please refer to the following webpage: [http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/in/admission-information/eligibility-to-apply/](http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/in/admission-information/eligibility-to-apply/)

### Visa Information

#### Student Visa Application Procedure

1) Submit the following required supporting documents along with the application documents for AIU admission:
   - Copy of Passport
   - Evidence of Financial Support (Bank Statement or Financial aid/Scholarship certificate)

2) After admission to AIU, each student must submit “Offer Acceptance and Immigration Information Form” online.

3) The Center for International Affairs will submit the application for the CoE to the immigration office in order that admitted students can 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)

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.

* Please refer to the following webpage: [http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/in/admission-information/how-to-apply/](http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/in/admission-information/how-to-apply/)

#### Work Permit

International students may engage in part time work after obtaining a work permit from the immigration office in Akita. Instructions on applying for a work permit will be provided during the orientation sessions for new international students.

Please also refer to the webpage: [http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/in/after-arrival-information/work-permit-and-re-entry-permit/](http://www.aiu.ac.jp/international/en/in/after-arrival-information/work-permit-and-re-entry-permit/)