# Fact Sheet

**Academic Year 2020-2021**

Updated on February 1, 2020

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<th>Akita International University</th>
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**Akita International University (AIU) at a Glance**

- **Programs:**  
  Faculty of International Liberal Arts  
  (Global Business Program, Global Studies Program,  
  Japanese Language Program, Japan Studies Program)
- **Language of Instruction:**  
  English, excluding Japanese Language Program
- **Average Class Size:**  
  18 students per class
- **Degree-seeking Students:**  
  871 (undergraduate)
- **Non-Degree-seeking International Students:**  
  Fall 2019: 187 (from 31 countries and regions)  
  Spring 2019: 151 (from 30 countries and regions)
- **Full-time Faculty Members:**  
  63
- **Administrative Staff:**  
  91
- **Partner Institutions:**  
  195 in 50 countries and regions

*Figures current as of April 1, 2019

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## Important Dates

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<tr>
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<th>Summer Program 2020</th>
<th>Fall Semester 2020</th>
<th>Winter Program 2021</th>
<th>Spring Semester 2021</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Nomination Deadline</strong></td>
<td>Feb 13, 2020</td>
<td>Feb 28, 2020</td>
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<td>Sep 30, 2021</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Application Deadline</strong></td>
<td>Mar 13, 2020</td>
<td>Apr 1, 2020</td>
<td><em>Only available for those who are enrolled in Fall Semester</em></td>
<td>Nov 1, 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Arrival Dates</strong></td>
<td>Jun 16, 2020</td>
<td>Aug 25, 2020</td>
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<td>Apr 1, 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Orientation Week</strong></td>
<td>Aug 25 - 31, 2020</td>
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<td>Orientation Week: Apr 2 - 7, 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Final Exam Week</strong></td>
<td>Dec 16 - 22, 2020</td>
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<td>Final Exam Week: Jul 23 - 29, 2021</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:

- [Summer Program](http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/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)

### Grading System

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<th>Score</th>
<th>Grade Points</th>
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<td>A+</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>59 or lower</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.

### 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* (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 required to live in <strong>guaranteed on-campus housing</strong>.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Homestay</td>
<td>Not available</td>
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#### Accommodation and Meal Fee (Fall/Spring semesters)

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<td><strong>Student Housing</strong></td>
<td><strong>Cost /semester</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Sakura Village Apartment</td>
<td>184,000 (FA)</td>
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<td>(Utilities included)</td>
<td>180,000 (SP)</td>
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<td>Global Village</td>
<td>112,000 (FA)</td>
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<td>(Utilities included)</td>
<td>108,000 (SP)</td>
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<tr>
<td>University Village</td>
<td>114,000 (FA)</td>
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<td>(Theme Houses)</td>
<td>108,000 (SP)</td>
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<td>(Utilities included)</td>
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<td>Komachi Residence Hall</td>
<td>90,000</td>
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<td>Bedding &amp; Cleaning Fee</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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- **Accommodation Information**
  - **Pre-paid Card**
    - *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)*
    - *The 10-Meal Plan cost varies based on the number of weekdays in the semester.*

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 14,670 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 *after your arrival* by cash or credit card.

### Financial Matters

#### Required Fees

- **General Deposit:** 20,000 JPY at the time of admission *(Partly Refundable)*
- **International student activity fee:** 20,000 JPY per semester *(Non Refundable)* *9,000 JPY during the winter program*


#### Textbooks

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

#### Transportation

- Bus: AIU to the nearest shopping mall: 200 JPY

#### Payment Schedule

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<td><strong>Billing Date</strong></td>
<td>February 1</td>
<td>July 1</td>
<td>Dec 15</td>
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<td><strong>Payment Date</strong></td>
<td>Last day of February</td>
<td>Last day of July</td>
<td>Last day of December</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 5 - 6 weeks in Japan and be sure to exchange them to Japanese Yen before arriving in Akita. 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**
The AIU campus is only an approximately 10-minute drive from Akita Airport and a 30-minute drive from the Akita JR train station.
- 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 on the arrival date.

**Arrival Information**

**Application Procedure**

**How to Apply**
Application information is available at the following webpage:

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 airmail in accordance with the guidelines on the website.

**Supporting Documents Required**
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 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**
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.

Please refer to the following webpage:

**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 (See detailed instructions at the webpage below)
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://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/how-to-apply/

**Work Permit**
International students may engage in part time work after obtaining a work permit at their airport of arrival. Instructions on applying for a work permit will be provided along with students’ CoEs.
Please also refer to the webpage: http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/work-permit-and-re-entry-permit/