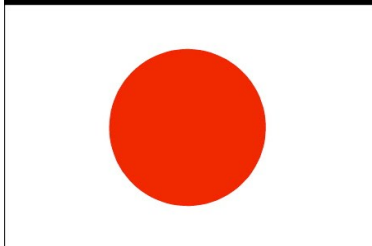




A STUDY ABROAD EXCHANGE PROGRAM



- ◆ Study Business & Humanities
- ◆ Year or semester options
- ◆ Pay GU tuition & fees
- ◆ Excellent student/faculty ratio
- ◆ All classes taught in English
- ◆ Live in residence hall with Japanese students
- ◆ Experience traditions of Japan



国際教養大学

The distinctiveness of the Akita International University (AIU) education begins with the fact that the international campus culture of AIU seeks to selectively blend elements of American universities with those of Japanese universities. Not only is English the main language of instruction but certain features of an American-style university curriculum are being followed with the goal of meeting the highest internationally recognized educational standards.



Akita International University is situated in Akita City, the capital of Akita Prefecture. The campus is set in a lovely rural area surrounded by a forest and a large sports facility across the road. This rich natural setting includes nearby cedar forest, various mountain ranges, the meandering Omono River (one of the largest rivers in Japan), and vibrantly colored rice fields. A distinctive feature of AIU is the view of ancient cherry trees blossoming against the backdrop of snow-capped mountains which can be seen from the campus each spring. AIU is 30-40 minutes by car from the center of Akita City.



As an international student, you will encounter positive, life-changing experiences as you study at Akita International University. There are many opportunities to experience Japanese traditions, to participate in local festivals, and to get to know the people of Akita who take great pride in being Japanese. The beautiful natural environment coupled with the traditional community surrounding AIU provides a wonderful and rich context for you to experience “a real taste of Japan.”





Visit AIU online: www.aiu.ac.jp

COURSES

Courses in Business and Humanities are offered at AIU. All classes are offered in English with the exception of foreign language courses. For a list of courses offered at AIU, visit: <http://www.aiu.ac.jp/>, select English, click on Academics, or go to the following link: <http://www.aiu.ac.jp/en/academics/>

LANGUAGE

Courses are taught in English, with the exception of language classes.

HOUSING

Students live in a residence hall on campus with Japanese suitemates. This living experience provides for opportunities to learn more about Japan and its language from the suitemates. You will use English in the classrooms and learn to use Japanese in the residence hall.

PROGRAM COST

Gonzaga University tuition. Student pays housing (which includes 3 meals on weekdays) and fees in Akita (approximately US\$500 per month). Airfare and textbooks are not included.

PASSPORT AND VISAS

All students must have a valid passport to study in Japan and it should be valid six months beyond their stay in Asia. More information will be provided by the Gonzaga University Study Abroad Office.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall 2012 / Spring 2013: **February 1, 2012**

Early application is encouraged. Incomplete applications will not be considered until all documents have been received.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Akita International Exchange program is open to all undergraduates who have completed sophomore year. Admission to the program is based on the following:

- ◆ 3.0 GPA
- ◆ Letters of academic recommendation
- ◆ Program recommendation from Japanese instructor
- ◆ 2 years college level Japanese or permission
- ◆ Clearance forms

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Application form
2. Student Life clearance form
3. Academic clearance form
4. Academic recommendations
5. Program recommendation from Japanese instructor
6. \$50 non-refundable application fee payable online
7. Completed applications will be accepted at the Study Abroad Office, 323 East Boone Avenue.

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