

## AIU Student Exchange Fact Sheet

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(except for language courses, and a few courses in the  
Japan Studies Courses for international students with advanced  
Japanese language skills)

Approx.

Degree-seeking Students: (undergraduate)

Non-Degree-seeking International Students:

- (from 27 countries and regions) in Spring 2023
- (from 25 countries and regions) in Fall 2022

Full-time Faculty Members: Approx. 60

Administrative Staff: Approx. 100

in 51 countries and regions

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\*Application Timeline: <https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/application-timeline/>

\*Academic Calendar: <https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/academic/academic-calendar/>

Period*	, 2023
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Dates	, 2023 (Orientation: <u>Aug 25 - 31, 2023</u> )
Dates	, 2023 (Final Exam: <u>Dec 18 - 22, 2023</u> )
	, 2024 (Final Exam: <u>Feb 26 - Mar 1, 2024</u> )
	" <a href="#">Winter Program</a> " is an OPTIONAL, intensive study period available for students enrolled in the fall semester. There is no tuition charge and it does not count in the exchange balance.

Period*	, 2023
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Dates	
Dates	, 2024 (Final Exam: <u>Late July</u> )

: We understand that some of our partners may not complete their student selection process by the nomination deadline. In that case, please inform us of the expected number of nominees and the expected nomination submission date by the nomination deadline and we will secure spaces for your students.

Students who wish to study at AIU for one or two semesters must meet all of the requirements ( , , ) listed on the following webpage.

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/eligibility/>

Our application procedure consists of three steps:

- \*submitted by students' home institutions.

- \*submitted by nominated students.

- by Email.

Application information is available at the following webpage:

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/how-to-apply/>

Home institutions submit the to AIU during the nomination period. AIU will then send the home institution a username and password for each student to access our Online Application System.

For more information, please refer to the following webpage.

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/how-to-apply/#application>

After receiving their username and password from their home institution, students complete the AIU Online Application Form in the [Online Application System](#).

For more information, please refer to the following webpage.

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/how-to-apply/#application>

After completing the Online Application Form, students scan all application documents and email them to [international@gl.aiu.ac.jp](mailto:international@gl.aiu.ac.jp). All documents must be written in English.

Please send each application document as its own separate file, and send all document files as email attachments. (Please do not send all the documents together as one data file.)

Required documents are available at the following webpage:

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/how-to-apply/#documents>

*\*International students may NOT enroll in preparatory English language courses or certain courses that are required for and restricted to degree-seeking students only. Be sure to check the restrictions indicated in the Course Offerings available at the following link.*

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/academic/>

All new students register for courses

Please note that the course list students submit in their application forms is for our screening committee's reference, NOT for official course registration.

- We strongly recommend students to obtain approval for as many alternatives as possible prior to arriving at AIU, in case they cannot get into their first-choice approved courses.

- Our class sizes are small in order to ensure maximum interaction, so the capacity of each class is limited. Please note that there is a registration fee for each class.

All international students are required to live in . Over 80% of all AIU students live on our residential campus, and living here gives you easy access to student clubs and circles, campus events, and many kinds of community interaction opportunities.

Not available

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/housing/#details>

\*Note regarding Komachi Hall: Students will share a room with first-year degree-seeking AIU students in Komachi Hall. The housing rules (Quiet Hours, no drinking, etc.) differ from other AIU residences.

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/housing/#rentandfees>

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/dining/#shortterm>

The AIU campus is approximately a                      drive from Akita Airport and a                      drive from the Akita JR train station.

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/about/access/>

All students must arrive on campus during the designated date and times (no exceptions) in order to be able to complete necessary paperwork related to residence registration, mandatory insurances, etc. that will need to be done on the date of arrival.

If students cannot find a flight that arrives in Akita during that time, they must arrive the night before and come to campus during the designated date and time. The designated date and times of arrival will be informed to accepted students at the time of application results announcement.

As public transportation is very limited in Akita, we ask that students use AIU's free pick-up bus service from Akita Airport, or JR Akita Station at the designated times on the arrival date.

For more information, please refer to the following webpage.

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/transportation-and-hotel/>

It is the student's responsibility to enter Japan with the appropriate Student Visa to start their studies at AIU. Students must be familiar with the information described in the webpage below:

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/visa/>

International students may engage in part time work after obtaining a work permit                      . Instructions for applying for a                      will be provided by email at least one month before the semester begins.

Please also refer to the webpage:

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/work-permit-and-re-entry-permit/>

All admitted students are required to submit a completed Medical Information Form, which is available in their AIU Online System account after acceptance. The Medical Information Form consists of three parts. Part I is completed online by students. After completing the online part (Part I), they must bring the Part II to their physician for completion, have their parent, guardian, or next-of-kin complete Part III, then submit ALL THREE PARTS TOGETHER by email.

Students and their home university coordinator are asked to go over the Medical Information Form together before submission. Home universities should also know about any conditions students have so that we can work together to provide support in case of an emergency.

There is a "Health and Medical Care Room" and a "Counseling Room" on campus. Please note that there is no medical doctor stationed on campus. For more information, please refer to the following webpage.

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/health-and-counseling/>

If students require any Academic and/or Physical Support (such as housing considerations) while at AIU, applications must be submitted by the specified deadline. For more information, please refer to the following webpage <https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/disability/> or contact Study Support and Student Wellbeing Coordinator ([studentwellbeing@aiu.ac.jp](mailto:studentwellbeing@aiu.ac.jp)).

Students who intend to bring medications or continue using medications in Japan should prepare to bring all required medicines with them upon arrival, as it may be difficult or impossible to acquire the same medicines in Japan.

However, it is illegal to bring some prescription and over-the-counter medicines commonly used in the United States or other countries to Japan, including some inhalers, allergy, and sinus medications. For more information on how to bring medications to Japan, please refer to the following webpage.

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/health-and-medical-care/>

There is little medical support available in English at clinics and hospitals in Akita. Students must ensure that they can access any necessary ongoing medical services during their stay in Akita prior to traveling to Japan. In general AIU does not provide hospital escort or interpretation services. Please refer to the following webpage for some common misconceptions regarding medical preparation.

<https://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/health-and-medical-care/>

International students are required to purchase overseas travel insurance before departure. Please read the detailed information on the following web page:

<http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/insurance/>