# Fact Sheet
## Academic Year 2011

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<th>Full Legal Name of the Institution</th>
<th>Akita International University</th>
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| Institution’s Website             | [http://www.aiu.ac.jp/](http://www.aiu.ac.jp/) |

## Akita International University (AIU) at a Glance

- **Establishment**: April 1, 2004
- **Faculty**: Faculty of International Liberal Arts
- **Majors**: Global Business and Global Studies
- **Other Program**: Japanese Language Program
- **Language of Instruction**: English, excluding Japanese Language Program
- **Average Class Size**: 15.1 student per class
- **Degree-seeking Students**: 680 (undergraduate)
- **Non-Degree-Seeking International Students 2010**:
  - **Spring**: 119 (representing 22 countries and regions)
  - **Fall**: 163 (representing 25 countries and regions)
- **Full-time Faculty Members (undergraduate)**: 47
- **Administrative Staff**: 66
- **Partner Institutions**: 113 in 32 countries and regions

(as of September 1, 2010)

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| **Akita Consortium** | |
# Academic Information

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<td>August 24 and 25, 2011</td>
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<th>January 10 – March 2, 2011</th>
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*Only available for those enrolled in Fall semester

Note: The above academic calendar is subject to change.

### Website for Courses Offered to International Students

1. Japanese Language Program
2. Japan Studies Program
3. Courses available at AIU
4. Summer Program 2010:

### Language of Instruction

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

### Grade Definitions (from fall semester of AY2009)

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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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### 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 in 2-3 weeks after the end of final exams.

### Credit System

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<th>Number of Credits Required for Undergraduate Degree</th>
<th>124 credits</th>
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<td>Standard Number of Credits that Undergraduate Students Complete in One Semester</td>
<td>15 credits (most of the courses are 3 credits so students will be taking 5 courses per semester)</td>
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<td>Minimum / Maximum Credits per Semester</td>
<td>12 credits (Minimum) / 18 credits (Maximum)</td>
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### 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

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## General Information

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### Accommodation

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<th>Residence</th>
<th>All international students are provided with on-campus housing.</th>
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<td>Home stay</td>
<td>Not available</td>
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<td>Home Visit Program</td>
<td>A host family may be arranged for international students through the Home Visit Program of the local cultural exchange association.</td>
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### Approximate Costs (in yen)

- **Komachi Hall:** 182,450 yen (including 3 meals a day)
- **University Village:** 186,950 yen (including 3 meals a day) 99,450 yen (without meal plan)
- **Global Village:** 191,450 yen (including 3 meals a day) 103,950 yen (without meal plan)

* as of Fall 2010

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

- **Textbooks:** Approximately 15,000 – 50,000 yen per semester

### City Transportation

- **Bus:**  
  - AIU to the nearest train station: 150 yen  
  - AIU to the nearest shopping mall: 150 yen
- **Train:**  
  - The nearest station to Akita station: 230 yen (once every hour)

### Billing Date

- **Spring Semester:** Mid-February
- **Fall Semester:** Mid-July
- **Winter Program:** Mid-December

### Payment Date

- **Spring Semester:** Late February
- **Fall Semester:** Late July
- **Winter Program:** Late December

### Form of Bill

- An Invoice in PDF format will be sent to the student or home institution by email.

### Payment

- The full amount needs to be paid to the AIU bank account by wire transfer.

### Arrival Information

- **Access to the University:**  
  - The AIU campus is only a 7-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, Shinkansen Komachi: 4 hours.
  - From Osaka by airplane: Kansai or 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

### Campus Map

## Application Procedure

### How to Apply

Application information is available at the following webpage:


Home institution needs to send the nomination form to AIU, and then, nominees can complete our online application forms. Applicants are required to send the application forms and supporting documents by airmail in accordance with the guidelines on the website. (Mailing Address: Yuwa, Akita-City 010-1292 Japan)

### Application Forms

The information about Fall 2011 has been updated on February 1, 2011 on our website.

Admission and Certificate of Eligibility:


### Supporting Documents Required

1. Completed Confirmation Sheet (4 pages)
2. Official Academic Transcripts of Home University
3. Statement of Purposes (300-500 words)
4. One Letter of Recommendation
5. Proof of English competency (if applicable)
6. Two ID photos

### Level of English Proficiency Requirement

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


### Application Deadline

- **Fall Semester 2011:** April 1, 2011
- **Spring Semester 2012:** November 1, 2011
- **Summer Program 2011:** February 10, 2011

## VISA Information

### Student Visa Application Procedure

1. Submit the application for the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to Division of International Affairs along with the admission application documents.
   
   [Required Supporting Documents:]
   
   1) Application form for COE
   2) Financial statement
   3) Copy of passport
   4) One ID photo

2. The Division of International Affairs will submit the application for the COE to the immigration office after the student is accepted.

3. The immigration office will issue the COE in approximately six weeks and send it to the Division of International Affairs.

4. The Division of International Affairs will send the COE to the student or home institution.

5. The student will apply for a visa. The student needs to submit the COE with supporting documents to the nearest Japanese Embassy or Consulate.

### Work Permit

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