IMMERSE YOURSELF IN JAPAN

STUDY ABROAD @ AKITA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
2018-2019
WHY CHOOSE AIU?

You want to immerse in Japanese culture both inside and outside the classroom.

You aim to improve your Japanese while also taking courses in English in your major.

You seek interaction and friendships with students from Japan and around the world.

You want to learn more about Japanese culture, history and society in small, interactive classes.

WHAT TO EXPECT

At the leading edge of higher education in Japan, AIU is the only university that offers an English-only content curriculum for all students. Classes are small and interactive so you can build relationships with your professors and classmates – from Japan and around the world. Since 90% of AIU students live on campus, you’ll find unique chances to get involved, including club activities and student-led events. AIU – and Akita prefecture – is a peaceful environment to study and immerse yourself in Japanese culture. AIU students visit schools, participate in local festivals, and even work in rice fields. While urban Tokyo is only an hour flight away, by living in Akita, you can experience true, rural Japanese culture in a way that no city resident could.

Come and immerse yourself in Japanese Culture.
EXPERIENCE THE REAL JAPAN

ACCESS TO AUTHENTIC, RURAL JAPANESE CULTURE

At AIU, you are not just a tourist, you are part of the community. Get involved in 200+ community events, 40+ clubs, and bus trips throughout the year to experience Akita and Japan your way!

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WHERE TRADITIONAL AND MODERN JAPAN COEXIST

**Overview**

Akita City is located on the west coast of Japan’s Tōhoku region, the northern stretches of the main island, Honshu. A small city of approximately 300,000, it is known for its stunning natural environment, wide variety of folk culture and performances, and its warm, welcoming people.

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**AKITA HIGHLIGHTS**

**Town and Country**

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AIU’s Research and Community Outreach Services (RCOS) arranges over 200 activities with the local community each year. Consistently rated among students’ favorite aspects of AIU, these activities offer a unique backstage pass to experience rural Japanese life and culture.

Sample Activities

- Teaching English and English games at AIU and local schools
- School holiday parties including Halloween, Christmas, and Girl’s Day
- Cooking local and international dishes at schools
- Traditional rice planting and harvesting with schools and farming communities
- Homestays and activities with local children
- Participating in set-up and execution of local festivals
- Testing and evaluating new local tourism programs

2017 Trips

**APRIL**
- Cherry Blossoms in Kakunodate Samurai Village and Lake Tazawa Tour

**JUNE**
- Oga Peninsula Tour
- Kabuki Performance Tour

**SEPTEMBER**
- Kakunodate Samurai Village and Lake Tazawa Tour

**OCTOBER**
- Oga Peninsula Tour

**NOVEMBER**
- Go HAPPINETS! Pro Basketball Game Trip
- Odate Candy Market Festival Tour

**FEBRUARY**
- Oga Peninsula Tour

**SEPTEMBER**
- Kakunodate Samurai Village and Lake Tazawa Tour

Enjoy cherry blossoms from a 17th-century samurai house, visit the Namahage gods of Oga Peninsula and enjoy traditional performances. AIU’s trips take you to the roots of Japanese culture and offer a chance to reflect on Japan and on your own traditions, as well.

**STUDENT VOICE!**

Valentina Strakova
Masaryk University, Czech Republic

Bus trips are an ideal way to get to know Akita prefecture. You can see a lot in one day without worrying too much about travel expenses. I particularly enjoyed the bus trip to Oga Peninsula where we visited the Namahage Museum and saw a traditional Namahage performance. At AIU, students actively participate in class with captivating discussions. AIU organizes various events where you can get to know fellow students as well as people outside of university. This is why I was charmed by AIU.

Md Kamaruzaman Muhammad Erzat
Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia

I joined many visits to kindergartens, elementary and junior high schools to teach English and interact with the students as a foreigner. I also joined activities to receive visits to AIU. For example, students came to AIU to do a presentation of their town’s culture, such as dance and local cuisine. I also met with adults and community leaders in Akita to discuss current issues and problems, such as the discussion of the declining population in Akita and about how to attract more people to Akita. I learned a lot from these activities and would have liked to join more.

See more online: https://goo.gl/eAS3nB
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Join one of AIU’s 40+ clubs and circles to pursue your passions, build friendships, and practice intercultural communication in several languages. AY2017 clubs are listed below, but all students are also welcome to propose new ideas.

**JAPANESE CULTURE**
- Ikebana / Flower Arrangement
- Kendo
- Japanese Dance
- Kimono
- Kanto Team
- Karuta / Japanese Card Game
- Yatose Team / Japanese Contemporary Dance

**ARTS, CULTURE, AND MUSIC**
- A Cappella
- Brass Band
- Dance
- Debating Society
- Drama
- Gospel Choir
- Hawaiian Hula Dance
- Rock Band

**COMMON INTERESTS**
- Action for Tohoku
- AIU Promotion
- AIU Supporter
- Bible Study
- Committee for International Security
- LGBTQ Diversity
- Happy People in Akita / Local Travel
- Korean Society
- Northeast Asia / Student Round Table
- Service Travel ICC / International Community Service
- Sign Language
- Philosophy

**SPORTS**
- Aikido
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Extreme Martial Arts / XMA
- Futsal / Men’s and Women’s
- Handball
- Rugby
- Running
- Shorinji Kenpo / Shaolin Boxing
- Soft Tennis
- Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball
- Wander Vogel

Clubs and Circles are subject to change.

Playing rugby here has allowed me to make great friends and I enjoyed every second of the time that I played. It was also great that people who were not in the club came to some of our games to support us. Thank you all. The highlight of my experience at AIU would have to be when we became undefeated champions of the Tohoku Rugby Third Division. It was amazing to see that everyone’s hard work payed off.

**STUDENT VOICE!**

Edward Fang
Saint Mary’s College of California, USA

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ALL-ENGLISH CURRICULUM

SMALL CLASSES
MIXED JAPANESE-INTERNATIONAL CLASSROOMS

Gain exposure to global viewpoints in our small, diverse classrooms and acquire the credits you need from our wide range of course options.

AIU ACADEMIC ADVANTAGE

International Exchange of Ideas in English

AIU brings together students from around the world in discussion-based small classes for a unique exchange of ideas and values. Each semester, over 20% of our student body is made up of international students, representing an average of 30 countries. The combination of Japanese and international students in the same classrooms, with an average of 18 students per class, gives students the opportunity to forge personal connections across cultural barriers and develop intercultural communication skills.

Japanese Language and Japan Studies

Our Japanese Language and Japan Studies programs are second to none. AIU offers 8-10 levels of core Japanese each semester, with a placement test offered during orientation, as well as skill and practice courses at the upper levels. Japan Studies includes everything from Akita Studies and traditional arts, to advanced courses in Contemporary Japanese Economy or Japan-U.S. Relations. Turn the page for more!

Ease the Stress of Study Abroad

AIU is Japan’s only university to offer all content courses in English, so international students can be sure to get the credits they need toward their degrees. Our course offerings and syllabi are available online (see page 22 for examples) and our 4.0 GPA scale and 15-week semester facilitate compatibility with systems around the world. Our unique Academic Calendar (page 32) makes it easy to study at AIU for either the fall or spring semester, or a full year!
We encourage all international students to enroll in one of our 8 (fall) to 10 (spring) levels of core Japanese courses, whether you are an absolute beginner in studying Japanese or have passed the JLPT N1. Taking classes in Japanese language and culture, in addition to living with Japanese students and participating in extracurricular activities, will help you to make your study abroad experience most valuable and beneficial. Our instructors have many years of experience in working with international students, both in Japan and abroad. The small size of our classes and a wealth of additional individual support systems provide all the resources you need to reach your language learning goals.

**Course Offerings**

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*JPL 100 is a one-credit introductory course. All other core courses are 6-credit courses. Course offerings are subject to change.*

**Daniel Tay**  
The College of William & Mary, USA

My two main goals for this exchange were to learn how to better express my personality in Japanese and to be able to strike up a conversation with Japanese students. I think I met both of these objectives! Core Japanese (JPL 300) and Japanese Reading were the highlights of my semester. The classes provided a good balance between skills. The final project was really interesting as well: We got to choose any topic, make a poster, and present it in a 5-7 minute Japanese-only speech! I also made use of the LDIC’s Conversation Partner program to practice Japanese outside of the classroom!
The Japan-related curricular and co-curricular offerings and opportunities at AIU are unique and second to none anywhere in Japan. Students may select courses that range from Japan’s traditional arts of tea and flower arrangement to the cutting edge of Japan’s business world to the interplay of popular culture and Japanese society today. Combine serious study of the Japanese language, coursework in English about Japan, and direct access to the people, places, and cultural traditions of Akita, Tohoku, and Japan at large for an unforgettable learning experience.

The Japan Studies curriculum has expanded to include a wider range of locally focused courses that invite careful consideration across multiple, academic disciplines. Current Japan-focused course offerings incorporate analysis from political, legal, international, economic, historical, anthropological, religious, cultural, and aesthetic viewpoints.

AIU’s Japan Studies course options enable students to perceive connections among current popular culture phenomena and the more traditional cultural roots from which these artifacts spring. So, alongside coursework focused on anime and cinema, students may practice the traditional arts of sado (tea ceremony) and kado (flower arrangement), as well as discover more about the philosophies behind these traditional aesthetic practices. AIU’s traditional arts classes are held in a serene Japanese tatami mat room - the perfect place to quiet the mind and develop greater awareness of the Japanese spirit.
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Ludwigsafen University of Applied Sciences, Germany

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In this hands-on course, you will learn by doing. We’ll study all three major golden ages of Japanese cinema, and what makes the cinema of Japan, almost unique worldwide, able to withstand the cultural onslaught of Hollywood. You’ll learn about the sorts of films Japanese audiences actually want to see, and learn how best to watch, discuss and think critically about films. If you are interested in discovering multiple dimensions of Japanese cinema, beyond Kurosawa or animation, then this course is for you. Whether you have extensive experience watching Japanese films, or absolutely none, you are most welcome!

Dr. Sean O’Reilly

This course provides an overview of religious practices in Japan including Buddhism, Shinto, Confucianism, New Religions, and Christianity. In addition to a historical overview, the course also takes a thematic approach exploring such topics as ancestor worship, vengeful spirits, State Shinto, and gender issues. Taking full advantage of being in Japan, the class will also include field trips in which we visit religious sites in the vicinity so as to experience living traditions. Prior knowledge of Japanese religions is not required, if you want to explore rich and diverse religious traditions of Japan, please join us!

Dr. Hiako Omura

See more online: https://goo.gl/C4VyFC
Theory and Practice for Diverse Applications

In recent years, 100% of AIU graduates have had a job or graduate school admission offer prior to graduation, and it’s no surprise why. AIU’s business program gives students a firm grounding in economic theory as well as practical education in in-demand skills, like marketing, leadership, and Big Data analysis of current market conditions. AIU offers students the opportunity to develop their business strategy skills in an interactive environment to compete in today’s market as well as to respond to the unknown and lead, no matter what challenges the future may hold.

The Japanese Example and Regional Expertise

As Japan’s longest-standing all-English undergraduate program, AIU offers the best opportunity for international students to get an inside perspective on Japanese economics and business, with courses including Japanese Business Culture, Japanese Finance and Practices under Globalization, and Contemporary Japanese Economy. Instructors across all courses also introduce examples from Japanese media and current events to help students understand Japan’s values in relation to its neighbors and trading partners around the world.

Networking and International Cooperation Practice

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Olivia Lascari
State University of New York at Oswego, USA

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Course Spotlight

ECN 350 Organizational Behavior and Game Theory

Why do people often have different behavior in organizations? This course provides students with an opportunity to gain an understanding of theoretical and practical issues in the fields of organizational behavior with an application of game theory. Students will also be able to analyze and forecast individual as well as group behavior in real-world organizations.

Dr. Fiona Sussan
DIRECTOR, GLOBAL BUSINESS PROGRAM

AIU courses in business and economics prepare degree-seeking and international students for meaningful careers in these and other fields after AIU, whether they are joining the workforce here in Japan or abroad, or continuing study at the graduate level. We offer courses of a foundational and advanced nature in economics, as well as courses designed to provide deeper insight into marketing, management, Japanese business culture, international business, and business in the digital age. We offer interactive classes that engage students in developing their critical thinking and communication skills, and link content to broader social and political issues of importance in the 21st Century.

Dr. Wenti Du

See more online: https://goo.gl/WbtG5I

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For students who are interested in studying about the world, a particular region, or a country, going abroad is an indispensable part of their academic experience, although it may seem daunting at first. With an all-English curriculum, small class sizes, and a balance of lecture and discussion courses, AIU offers a familiar environment to international students so that they will have the least trouble adjusting. Our strength is our active and diverse student body - many of our courses have at least 5-6 nationalities represented - that constantly provides each student with a welcoming environment.

DIRECTOR, GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAM
Dr. Norihito Mizuno

SOC 460  Environmental Sociology

How does our society impact the environment? How do environmental conditions impact society? Environmental Sociology considers the ideological, ethical, and practical challenges of relationships between modern societies and the environment. Through weekly environmental challenges, research writing and group environmental leadership projects, students explore the contributions of consumption, population, development, policy, and technology on social and environmental problems, such as environmental injustices and global climate change.

Dr. Jacklyn Kohon

Samantha King
Griffith University, Australia

While at AIU, I enrolled in several courses, including International Security and Human Security. AIU was the perfect environment to study such subjects as both have a global view and you get to hear many different points of view from students around the world. The teachers were also great and very experienced in their fields. I also studied Japanese language. AIU is a fantastic place to study languages, with students from many different countries eager to help you learn their native language.

STUDENT VOICE!

Courses Available Across Disciplines

The Global Studies Program has three concentrations: East Asian Studies, North American Studies, and Transnational Studies. The Program offers courses in multiple disciplines, as seen below, from which students can match their academic interests. Classes are small and emphasize student interaction; therefore, students can actively exchange ideas with instructors and students from Japan as well as our 190 exchange partners in 49 countries and regions. Students also have opportunities to take short-term intensive courses taught by visiting instructors from our partners and to attend lectures by business leaders and government officials to expose themselves to the diverse intellectual and professional world.

» Political Science  » International Relations  » Foreign Languages
» Media/Communication  » Environmental Sciences  » Sociology
» History  » Geography

Perspectives on East Asia and North America

East Asian Studies and North American Studies look at the two regions from multiple perspectives. Students explore both regions from the angles of history, political science, economics, and sociology, and enjoy a confluence of ideas with instructors and classmates from around the world.

Perspectives on Transnational Issues

Transnational Studies looks at global issues involving multiple regions. Students can build knowledge and broaden their understanding of international law and organizations such as the EU, NATO, or UN, as well as multinational and interregional issues, including development, environment, immigration, and security.

See more online: https://goo.gl/EiqKHk
This is a partial list of courses available in Academic Year 2018, as of the time of printing. Courses that fit more than one field are double listed. (Course availability is subject to change. For the most recent list, availability by semester, credit information, and specific requirements, please see http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/academic/).

### Sample Course List

**Legend**
- / Japan Studies Course
- NEW / New Course Offering

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CAMPUS LIFE AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING SPACE

From active learning facilities and a 24/7 library to guaranteed housing, meal plans, and on-campus medical support, AIU has your study abroad needs covered.

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES CENTER (LDIC)

Learning Resources for 41 Languages

Improve your Japanese or work on a third or fourth language! The LDIC offers resources for any learning style in languages from Arabic to Vietnamese – Japanese included!

Foreign Language Conversation Partners

Through this program, you can meet one-on-one with speakers of other languages. Whether you want to practice a new language or help other students practice your language, it is a great opportunity to make new friends and develop your skills in a relaxed environment. Graduate students from the Japanese Language Teaching Practices program help international students with Japanese.

Additional Resources

- Learning skills, workshops, and guest speakers
- Course support for Japanese & foreign language practice courses
- Online database of resources
- Materials & equipment lending
- Purchase requests

STUDENT VOICE!

Elina Koskinen
University of Tampere, Finland

I joined the Foreign Language Conversation Partner (FLCP) program as an English leader. I enjoyed it because each partner was interested in discussing different topics. Some asked difficult questions about my country, for example about taxes and politics; some were interested in how to get a boyfriend. Each time I learned something new, sometimes about myself or my home country.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CENTER (AAC)

Free Peer Tutorial Support

Academic Reading/Writing/Presentation skills, Japanese language, and content course support

Easy to Use

Support is available in English or Japanese (for Japanese courses) and all students are welcome! Make your reservation online for tutorials for academic subjects or language.

STUDENT VOICE!

Zibusiso Ncube
University of Waterloo, Canada

I am interested in teaching English in the future, so I found tutoring to be very enriching. Although it was intimidating at first, I was encouraged by the students’ stories. I realized that tutoring is not only about helping someone, but also building a relationship with the person. If you can, definitely utilize the services and help someone as well.
AIU’s collection is designed to meet your needs, so you can be sure of access to the materials necessary to continue your studies. Take advantage of strengths in linguistics and economics, as well as materials on Japanese history and culture. Our online catalog and English-speaking reference service staff make navigating our collection easy.

Most Beautiful Library in Eastern Japan
Nikkei, September 2015

Top 10 Must-See University Landmark
Nikkei, October 2016

United Nations Depository Library

Books: 80,048 (91,000+ in English)
Journals/Periodicals: 168 Titles (100+ in English)
Audio/Visual Materials: 3,300
E-books: 292,000 Titles
E-Journals: 3,000 Titles
Electronic Databases: Britannica Online Japan, CiNii, LexisNexis Academic, Needs-Financial Quest, Nikkei Telecom 21, Proquest Central

24-HOUR, 365-DAY STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Inside the library building, AIU’s computer labs have over 150 computers, with Windows OS available in English or Japanese, plus print and scan equipment. Students who prefer to use their own computers, tablets, or smartphones can access Wi-Fi around the campus.

Study on Your Schedule

A place to study 24 hours per day, AIU’s award-winning library is a study destination, not just a book repository. Built from local Akita cedar, with the ceiling patterned on a traditional umbrella, the library offers a warm, sheltering atmosphere with individual workspaces, tables, and study rooms providing a variety of ideal study environments.

Hybrid library

AIU offers access to over 292,000 e-book titles and 3,000 e-journal titles in English from anywhere on or off campus! With the new web-based “ONE-Search” engine available, you can search not only paper books and articles in the Nakajima Library but also all e-books, e-journals, online articles, databases to which AIU subscribes, and other open access content in the world at once.

24-Hour Computer Labs

See more online: https://goo.gl/BE6sof
100% Guaranteed On-Campus Housing for International Students

More international and Japanese students cite living in the on-campus community as their favorite part of studying at AIU over all other aspects of life and study. When you live in Komachi Hall, Global Village, Sakura Village, or our Themed Houses in University Village, you are never more than a 10-minute walk from your friends, classes, and our wealth of on-campus activities.

## Housing Options

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<td>Single bedroom, triple occupancy suite</td>
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<td><strong>Number of rooms</strong></td>
<td>185 (1)</td>
<td>196 (4)</td>
<td>107 (2)</td>
<td>71</td>
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<td><strong>Toilet/Bath/Shower</strong></td>
<td>One per suite</td>
<td>One unit bath per room</td>
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<td><strong>Kitchen</strong></td>
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<td>One per room (IH Range)</td>
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*All fees are subject to change.

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### Komachi Hall

All AIU degree-seeking students are required to live in Komachi Hall for their first year, so this is a great place to live if you want to make friends with Japanese students. Floor-by-floor activities, a common kitchen, and lounge with satellite TV and games make Komachi a natural choice for students who want more social interaction.

### Campus Apartments


The campus apartments offer a little more privacy as well as the opportunity for students to cook for themselves. Global Village and University Village (which hosts the Themed Houses) have a double-occupancy bedroom connected to a kitchenette area. Sakura Village, AIU’s newest housing facility, offers three separate bedrooms connected to a common Kitchen/Dining/Living area.

### Cafeteria

With floor-to-ceiling windows, a piano, and TVs to catch up on international news, the cafeteria offers meal plans and à la carte options. Students with special dietary needs, from allergies to halal or vegan diets, can arrange for meals to meet those needs as well.

### College Café

For a coffee shop or café environment, with a permanent menu and weekly specials, take a seat in College Café, inside or out. College Café also hosts club concerts and serve alcohol to students of age in the evenings.
THEMED HOUSES

Themed Houses at AIU offer international and Japanese students the opportunity to live together based on common interests and work together on projects and activities throughout the semester. Themed Houses began with the Japan House (Japanese Arts and Culture House) in the Spring 2015 and the number of houses and their specific themes change each semester. Themes scheduled for the Spring 2018 are found below.

Themed Houses as of Spring 2018

- Japanese Nature & Culture House
- Nihongo House
- Fitness House

STUDENT VOICE!

Rosendo Lopez-Duran
Ursinus College, USA

Nihongo House

Our normal activities are movie nights, house dinners, going on field trips, having holiday celebrations, and other group activities. We also have a common room, Japanese movies, games, books, and studying materials available to all members of the Nihongo House. One of my favorite activities this past semester was our trip to Fujisato town and Shirakami-Sanchi. We met local people from Fujisato town and we made some delicious regional Akita cuisine. Afterwards, we went on a tour of the mountains near the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Shirakami-Sanchi. It was beautiful. I have learned a lot about Japan, other countries, and even myself thanks to my many encounters with the community here at AIU.

ON-CAMPUS MEDICAL SUPPORT

AIU takes international students’ health seriously. From pre-arrival consultation on students’ existing conditions, allergies, and care, to first aid and medical follow-up during your study abroad, our medical staff is committed to ensuring that you remain healthy and comfortable throughout your stay.

Medical Services
All Free of Charge

- Pre-arrival medical consultation and care planning
- On-campus medical center and nurse for general first aid
- Local clinic/hospital referrals for examinations/prescriptions
- Advice and examples of Japanese/ international medicinal equivalents
- Adaptable to international practices
- AEDs and First Aid kits available around campus
- Health maintenance and training events throughout the year

Health and Fitness Events

Students who take advantage of AIU’s local community interaction, on-campus festivals, and club activities may find their study abroad experience to be more active than their average semester at home. AIU takes a proactive approach to medicine to help students remain in top condition, with health classes, fitness events, first aid/CPR training workshops, and flu shots available on campus.

COUNSELING ROOM

AIU’s counseling staff has years of experience in helping English- and Japanese-speaking students through culture shock and adjustment to life in Japan. Although AIU offers a small campus environment with a close community and an emphasis on interaction, we understand that studying abroad can be a challenging adjustment.

Free Comprehensive Support

As with medical support, our counseling staff reviews students’ needs prior to arrival to begin consultation and care planning based on students’ medical information form entries. During your stay at AIU, you can make an appointment by email or in person to discuss any of the stresses related to your study abroad or daily life. Our staff has particular expertise in intercultural adjustment and culture shock and can help with a wide range of issues including interpersonal relationships and time management. Of course, all counseling discussions are strictly confidential to protect students’ privacy.

EXERCISE ROOM

Keep up your fitness habit or start a new one in Suda Hall’s training room or on its indoor running track. The main hall also converts to an indoor court for team sports.
Degree Program

Four-Year Bachelor's Degree Program

While the majority of international students at AIU come from one of our partner universities for a semester or year of exchange, we admit international degree-seeking students as well. Four-year international students at AIU follow the same requirements and course structure as Japanese students, including an all-English curriculum and required year of study abroad outside Japan.

4-Year Course Structure

Students have to specify their 1st year in freshman level.

- **Matriculation**
- **TOEFL®TEST** Place examination test
- **Core subjects to develop the broad academic foundation that is the essence of liberal arts education and prepare students for their advanced academic specialty.**

4-Year Course Structure

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

- **EAP1**
- **EAP2**
- **EAP3**

Basic Education (BE)

- **EAP Bridge Program**

Global Business Program (GB)

- **Global Studies Program (GS)**

**All students are required to study abroad for one year.**

TOEFL® TEST 550 or higher

GPA of 2.00 or higher

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES

- **All Courses in English**
- **EAP Program for all Freshmen**
- **One-year Study Abroad on Tuition-Waiver Exchange**
- **On-Campus Housing for all Freshmen and more than 86% Campus Residency for all Students**
- **Two Majors: Global Studies and Global Business**
WORLDWIDE NETWORK

190 EXCHANGE PARTNERS IN 49 COUNTRIES AND REGIONS

AFRICA 3

TAIWAN
Yuan Ze University

THAILAND
Chulalongkorn University
Kasetsart University
Mahidol University
Thammasat University

VIETNAM
Foreign Trade University
VNU University of Economics and Business

ASIA 41

TAIWAN
National Taiwan University
National Taiwan Normal University
National Chengchi University
Kainan University

SINGAPORE
National University of Singapore
Nanyang Technological University

PHILIPPINES
University of the Philippines

MONGOLIA
University of Mongolian University of the Humanities

MALAYSIA
Universiti Sains Malaysia
University of Malaya
Universiti Sains Malaysia

INDONESIA
Universitas Indonesia

VIETNAM

AFRICA 3

ECUADOR

AUSTRIA 1

BELGIUM 1

CRUZADEA 1

CYPRUS 1

DENMARK 1

EUROPE 71

ESTONIA 1

FINLAND 1

FRANCE 1

GERMANY 1

HUNGARY 1

IRELAND 1

ITALY 1

LATVIA 1

LITHUANIA 1

MALTA 1

NETHERLANDS 1

NORWAY 1

POLAND 1

PORTUGAL 1

ROMANIA 1

RUSSIA 1

SLOVENIA 1

SPAIN 1

SWEDEN 1

SWITZERLAND 1

UK 1

LITHUANIA
Vilnius University

MALTA
University of Malta

NETHERLANDS
Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences

NORWAY
NHH Norwegian School of Economics
University of Bergen
University of Oslo

POLAND
University of Łódź
Warsaw School of Economics

PORTUGAL
ISCTE-IUL university Institute
Universidade Católica Portuguesa
University of Porto

ROMANIA
University of Bucharest
Far Eastern Federal University

RUSSIA
University of Ljubljana
University of Alcalá
Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Universidad de Málaga

SLOVENIA
University of Ljubljana

SPAIN
University of Alcalá
Universidad de Alcalá
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

SWEDEN
Linköping University
Linnæus University

SWITZERLAND
FHS St. Gallen, University of Applied Sciences

UK

University of the West of England

Lithuania
Vilnius University

Malta
University of Malta

Netherlands
Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
HAN University of Applied Sciences

Norway
NHH Norwegian School of Economics
University of Bergen
University of Oslo

Poland
University of Łódź
Warsaw School of Economics

Portugal
ISCTE-IUL university Institute
Universidade Católica Portuguesa
University of Porto

Romania
University of Bucharest
Far Eastern Federal University

Russia
University of Ljubljana
University of Alcalá

Spain
University of Ljubljana

Sweden
Linköping University
Linnæus University

Switzerland
FHS St. Gallen, University of Applied Sciences

UK
University of the West of England

Washington University in St. Louis

190 institutions from 49 countries and regions have partnered with Al Akhawayn University as of March 31, 2018.

*List includes partnerships with specific faculties or colleges at partner universities.
ACCESS

SAPPORO

JAPAN

AKITA

TOKYO

OSAKA

NAGOYA

Airplane

from Tokyo-Haneda Airport: 1 hour

Akita Airport » AIU

10 min by Car

Bullet Train (Shinkansen)

from JR Tokyo Station: 4 hours

JR Akita Station » AIU

30 min by Car

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