

Fact Sheet

Academic Year 2020-2021

As of September 1, 2020

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■ Important Dates

	Spring Semester 2021	Summer Program 2021	Fall Semester 2021	Winter Program 2022
Nomination Deadline	Sep 30, 2020	Mid-Feb, 2021	Feb 28, 2021	-----
Application Deadline	Nov 1, 2020	Mid-Mar, 2021	Apr 1, 2021	*Only available for those who are enrolled in Fall Semester
Arrival Dates	Apr 1, 2021 Orientation Week: Apr 2 - 7, 2021	Jun 16, 2021	Aug 25, 2021 Orientation Week: Aug 25 - 31, 2021	-----
Semester/ Program Dates	Apr 9 - Jul 29, 2021 Final Exam Week: Jul 23 - 29, 2021	Jun 16 - Jul 27, 2021	Sep 2 - Dec 21, 2021 Final Exam Week: Dec 15 - 21, 2021	Jan 5 - Mar 1, 2022

Note: The above academic calendar is subject to change.

■ Academic Information

Courses Offered to International Students	<p>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.</p> <p>Please find our most recent course list from the link on our “Academics” page: http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/academic/</p> <p>Summer Program http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/summer-program/</p>																																							
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Credit System	<p><u>Number of Credits Required for Undergraduate Degree</u> 124 credits</p> <p><u>Standard Number of Credits that Undergraduate Students Complete in One Semester</u> 15 credits (most courses are 3 credits so students will be taking 5 courses per semester)</p> <p><u>Minimum / Maximum Credits per Semester</u> 12 credits* (Minimum) / 18 credits (Maximum) *Required by Japanese Immigration Law</p> <p><u>Class Hours and Credits</u> 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</p>																																							

Accommodation Information

Residence	All international students are required to live in guaranteed on-campus housing .			
Homestay	Not available			
Accommodation and Meal Fee (Fall/Spring semesters)	Accommodation Fees		Meal Fees	
	JPY		JPY	
	Student Housing	Cost /semester	Meal Options	Cost /semester
	Sakura Village Apartment (Utilities included)	184,000 (FA) 180,000 (SP)	Meal Plan 21-Meal Plan (21 meals/week, 3 meals /day)	102,690
	Global Village (Utilities included)	112,000 (FA) 108,000 (SP)		10-Meal Plan (10 meals/week, Lunch and Dinner, Monday to Friday only)
	University Village (Theme Houses) (Utilities included)	114,000 (FA) 108,000 (SP)	Pre-paid Card	
	Komachi Residence Hall (Utilities included)	90,000	3,000 or 5,000	
Bedding & Cleaning Fee	20,000	<p>*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)</p> <p>*The 10-Meal Plan cost varies based on the number of weekdays in the semester.</p>		
<p>Detailed information about meal option and housing information is at :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Information: http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/housing/ Dining Information: http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/dining/ <p>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.</p>				

Financial Matters

Required Fees	<p>General Deposit: 20,000 JPY at the time of admission (<i>Partly Refundable</i>)</p> <p>International student activity fee: 20,000 JPY per semester (<i>Non Refundable</i>) *9,000 JPY during the winter program</p> <p>Please see details at: http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/cost-of-living/</p>				
Textbooks	Approximately 15,000 – 50,000 yen per semester				
Transportation	Bus:	AIU to the nearest shopping mall:		200 JPY	
Payment Schedule		Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Winter Program	
	Billing Date	February 1	July 1	Dec 15	*An Invoice will be available in each student's online application account.
	Payment Date	Last day of February	Last day of July	Last day of December	*The full amount needs to be paid to the AIU bank account by wire transfer.
Money Matters	<p>Cash and Traveler's Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Credit Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <u>Verify that your contract between you and your credit card company allows you to use your card in Japan before coming.</u> 				

■ Arrival Information

Access to the University	<p>The AIU campus is only an approximately 10-minute drive from Akita Airport and a 30-minute drive from the Akita JR train station.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Tokyo <i>by airplane</i> (Haneda Airport - Akita Airport) → 50 minutes • From Tokyo <i>by bullet train</i>, Komachi Shinkansen → 4 hours • From Osaka <i>by airplane</i> (Itami Airport – Akita Airport) → 1 hour and 20 minutes
Pick-up Service	Available at Akita Airport and Akita Station during the designated time on the arrival date.
Arrival Information	http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/transportation-and-hotel/

■ Application Procedure

How to Apply	<p>Application information is available at the following webpage: http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/how-to-apply/</p>
Application Forms	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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>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.</p> <p>Please refer to the following webpage: http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/eligibility/</p>

■ Visa Information

Student Visa Application Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Submit the following required supporting documents along with the application documents for AIU admission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>* Please refer to the following webpage: http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/short-term/semester-year-programs/how-to-apply/</p>
Work Permit	<p>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.</p> <p>Please also refer to the webpage: http://web.aiu.ac.jp/en/campuslife/work-permit-and-re-entry-permit/</p>