



Akita University (Akita Prefecture)

Individualized curriculums in the unique environment of Akita

◇ University overview



① Characteristics and history

Akita University is a university comprising four faculties; the Faculty of International Resource Sciences, the Faculty of Education and Human Studies, the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Engineering Science.

The Faculty of Education and Human Studies has a long history. For the past 120 years, it has produced a lot of talented people in the fields of education, liberal arts, and culture.

Akita Prefecture is rich in natural beauty that has four distinct seasons. Students can enjoy hiking and visiting hot springs during every season.

Akita City is in the central part of Akita Prefecture, located on the western side of the Tohoku Region (the Northeastern Part of Mainland Japan).

② International exchange (As of October 1)

- Number of international students

AY 2023: 277

AY 2022: 259

AY 2021: 221

- Number of Teacher Training Students

AY 2023: 0

AY 2022: 0

AY 2021: 0

◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

① Characteristics of the program

It is known that the elementary and junior high school students in Akita have top-level academic ability in annual nationwide academic achievement tests carried out by Japanese Government. The Teacher Training Students can visit and inspect schools offering excellent education in Akita Prefecture, including affiliated schools of Akita University. Students may also participate in local field surveys and join regional activities. The course aims to deepen students' understanding of specialized subjects while taking advantage of Akita's educational and local resources.

② Number of students to be accepted: 3

③ Period of scholarship : October 2024 – March 2026

④ Requirement for program completion

Although it varies depending on the supervising professor, students are required to take approximately 5–6 courses and 10–12 credits of lectures, exercises, and thesis instruction, and pass an examination.

⑤ Outline of the course

The period of the course, including Japanese language classes, is for one year and a half in principle. It is also possible not to take Japanese classes if your Japanese language abilities are sufficient for this program.

- Japanese language education

You can take Japanese language and culture classes according to your Japanese language level.

- Specialized training

1. Lectures, seminars, trainings at laboratory classes
2. Observation of classroom teaching
3. Individual studies

Although almost all classes are conducted in Japanese, individual studies can be offered in English.

- Practical training, participatory curriculum such as field trips and regional exchanges

1. Visiting and inspection of schools
2. Field survey, guidance and survey analysis through exchanges with local people
3. Visiting and participating in activities held by local governments

◇ Follow-up for graduates

After finishing the study, students and teachers are will continue to keep contact using SNS.

For example, one former student reported having organized a symposium for teachers in their home country using teaching materials that they used during their course in Japan.

◇ Accommodations

Although the training period is for one year and a half, the period of dormitory accommodation for international students is only one year. For this reason, the teacher training students are required to stay at a private apartment. Private apartment rent is about 30,000 yen to 40,000 yen per month (excluding internet usage fee and utility fees). You can find an apartment through the Akita Univ. Co-op (www.akita.u-coop.or.jp/living).

○ Information for daily life

Tegata-Campus, where the Teacher Training Students study, is located around 15 minutes on foot from JR Akita Station. There are supermarkets, banks, post offices, and hospitals nearby the campus, so it is convenient for shopping and other amenities.



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