



# Akita University (Akita Prefecture)



## Individualized curriculums in a unique environment of Akita

### ◇ University overview

#### ○ Characteristics and history



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

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

Akita is rich in natural beauty of the seasons. Students can enjoy hiking and hot springs through every seasons.

#### ○ International exchange

##### • Exchange Agreements

57 universities in 29 countries and regions as of October 1, 2018.

• Number of international students (as of Oct.1 each year)

	Year/ 2016	2017	2018
International students	198	215	199
Teacher Training Students	0	2	1

### ◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

#### ○ Characteristics of the course

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. You can also participate in local field surveys and join regional activities. The course aims to deepen your understanding of specialized subjects while taking advantage of Akita's education and local resources.

#### ○ Number of students to be accepted: 3

#### ○ 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 sufficiently high.

##### • Japanese language education

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

##### • Specialized training

Lectures, Seminars, Trainings at Laboratory classes, Observation of Classroom Teaching, Individual Studies.

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

##### • Practical training, participatory subjects such as field trips and regional exchanges

Visit and inspect schools, Field survey, Guidance and survey analysis through exchanges with local people, Visit and experience activities of local governments.

### ◇ Follow-up for graduates

After finishing the study, students and teachers are still keeping in contact using SNS.

We heard that a student organized a symposium for teachers in home country, using teaching materials used during the course in Japan.

### ◇ Accommodations

The training period is for one year and a half, on the other hand, the period of accommodation of dormitories for international students is one year. For this reason, the teacher training students are required to stay at a private apartment in principle. Private apartment rent is about 30,000 yen to 40,000 yen per month (excluding internet usage fee and utility fee). You can find an apartment through the Akita Univ. Co-op ([www.akita-u-coop.or.jp/living](http://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, hospitals nearby the campus, so it is convenient for shopping and other amenities.



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◇ Course Description, Number of students to be accepted, Qualifications and, etc.

Name of department	Graduate School of Education						
Course code	Name of adviser	E-mail	Teaching field(s)	Course description	Language	Number of students to be accepted	Qualification and requirement for students, number of students in past 5 years
05001	<a href="#">ABE, Noboru.</a> (Professor)	<a href="mailto:abe@ed.akita-u.ac.jp">abe@ed.akita-u.ac.jp</a>	Japanese Language Education	Theory and Methodology of Japanese Language Education, Study of Instruction.	Japanese	2	Enough proficiency in Japanese to conduct research and five years or more experience of teaching.(0)
05002	<a href="#">TONOIKE, Satoshi.</a> (Professor)	<a href="mailto:stono@ed.akita-u.ac.jp">stono@ed.akita-u.ac.jp</a>	Social Studies Education	Theory and Methodology of Social Studies Education. History Education, Community Education.	Japanese	2	Enough proficiency in Japanese to conduct research and five years or more experience of teaching. (0)
05003	<a href="#">HAYASHI, Takeshi.</a> (Professor)	<a href="mailto:thayashi@ed.akita-u.ac.jp">thayashi@ed.akita-u.ac.jp</a>	Physical Geography, Hydrology	Physical Geography and Environmental Education based on water environment in Akita	JapaneseEnglish	2	Writing and communication skills in Japanese and English.
05004	<a href="#">TAKAHI, Sachiko.</a> (Associate Professor)	<a href="mailto:takahi@gipc.akita-u.ac.jp">takahi@gipc.akita-u.ac.jp</a>	Multidisciplinary fields: Environmental policy, Environmental Education	Social science and the Field science of Environmental problems. Environmental education in ESD.	JapaneseEnglish	2	Enough proficiency in English to be able to conduct research.(0)
05005	<a href="#">KAWAMURA, Norihito.</a> (Professor)	<a href="mailto:norihito@ed.akita-u.ac.jp">norihito@ed.akita-u.ac.jp</a>	Science Education	Practical Research on Teaching Material Development for Elementary and Secondary School Science Education.	Japanese	1	Writing and communication skills in English and Japanese.(0)