

Seeking Applications for Non-Degree-Seeking Students and Auditors Graduate School for 2025 Admissions

The Graduate School of Global Communication and Language at Akita International University (AIU) is now accepting applications from non-degree-seeking students and auditors for 2025 admissions. These students will take courses at AIU along with degree-seeking students.

Non-Degree-Seeking Students:

These students are not degree-seeking students, but take a few courses and receive credits for them.

Auditors:

These students are not degree-seeking students, but take a few courses for which they do not receive credits.

1. Courses, Class Schedule, and Academic Calendar

For courses open to non-degree-seeking students and auditors, please see the [Course Offerings](#).

- ※ No course in Japanese Language Teaching Practices (JLT) is available for non-degree-seeking students and auditors.
- ※ If the number of students registered for a course is below the minimum class size, the course will be cancelled.
- ※ The Class Schedule is subject to change. Please check the [latest version](#).
- ※ For more information on each course, please see the [Syllabus](#).
- ※ For information on important dates, please see the [Academic Calendar](#).

2. Number of Seats Available

A few students per course

3. Application Requirements

【Non-Degree-Seeking Students】

Applicants must meet one of the requirements 1) to 9) and both 10) and 11).

- 1) Have graduated from an undergraduate university/college.
- 2) Have attained a bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education.
- 3) Have completed 16 years of education in a foreign country.
- 4) Have completed 16 years of education in Japan through correspondence education based in a foreign country.
- 5) Have graduated from a foreign-based university within Japan (after completing 16 years of education in that foreign country), which is specifically designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology.
- 6) Have completed a vocational education program (of 4 years in length or specially designated by the Minister of Education), which is specifically recognized by the Minister of Education, after the date on which the program was recognized.

- 7) Be officially designated by the Minister of Education (in accordance with Announcement Article 5 of the year 1953)
 - a) Have graduated from an educational institution designated under the former University edict, or under a Ministry Act of Incorporation.
 - b) Hold a special teaching license for Elementary, Junior High, or High School or Pre-school or Kindergarten, in accordance with Bill, Article 117 of the year 1949.
- 8) Have matriculated to a graduate school, as defined by the Education Law (Bill 26 of the year 1947) Article 102, paragraph 2, and be determined to possess the necessary academic skills to take courses at AIU's graduate school.
- 9) Submit personal documents for review to AIU so as to be determined to possess academic ability equal to a university graduate.
- 10) Have sufficient English ability to complete courses.

[English Language Teaching Practices]

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[Global Communication Practices]

TOEFL iBT® 79, TOEFL®PBT 550, TOEIC®L&R 800, IELTS™ 6.5, Cambridge English Qualifications C₁ Advanced, or STEP *EIKEN* 1st level
- 11) Be able to attend all classes for the courses.

【Auditors】

Must be 22 years old or older by April 1, 2025, and possess both of the following:

- 1) Have sufficient English ability to complete courses.

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- 2) Be able to attend all classes for the courses.

4. Documents to be Submitted

- 1) Verification of Qualifications
 - a) Diploma of last school/educational program completed *Photocopy accepted.
 - b) A photocopy of one of the following: health insurance card, driver's license, or passport
- 2) The scores/certificates for English language proficiency test(s) must be dated within two years from the last day of each application period. *Photocopy accepted.
- 3) Completed Application Form

Fill out the application form and affix your photo. Photo must be taken within three months of applying, 3 x 4 cm in size, full-face, and of the upper half of your body. Do not wear a hat.

【Mailing Address】

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Yuwa, Akita-city 010-1292 Japan

5. Screening Procedures

Applicants are assessed on their motivation to learn and their English ability. The assessment will be based on the following:

- 1) Review of the Application Materials
- 2) Online Interview (Zoom) by a Head of Department

6. Tuition and Fees

Application Fee: None
Matriculation Fee: JPY 28,200
Tuition: JPY 14,800 per credit for Non-Degree-Seeking Students
JPY 7,400 per credit for Auditors

7. Application Period

Application documents must be received at AIU during the following periods:

Spring semester: Monday, March 17, 2025 – Friday, March 21, 2025

Fall semester: Monday, July 28, 2025 – Friday, August 1, 2025

Winter program: Monday, December 1, 2025 – Friday, December 5, 2025

8. Interview Schedule

Applicants will be informed of the specific date and time at a later date.

9. Notes

AIU's classes have a low student-to-teacher ratio and in most courses students are expected to contribute significantly to the class. Most courses have an assignment for every class, requiring an extensive out-of-class time commitment. The conditions of study for non-degree-seeking students and auditors are the same as degree-seeking students and only those who are willing to study in this style should apply. If it is judged that a student's absences or failure to complete out-of-class work makes it difficult for him/her to complete the class, or that it is negatively affecting other students, the student may be removed from the class.

10. Contact information

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