

Accepting Applications for Non-Degree-Seeking Students and Auditors for 2026 Admissions

Akita International University is now accepting applications from non-degree-seeking students and auditors for 2026 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 non degree-seeking students, but take a few courses for which they do not receive credits.

1. Availability of Courses

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

- ※ Non-degree-seeking students and auditors may not register for courses with the following codes: EAP (English for Academic Purposes), JPL (Japanese Language), TLP (Teacher's License Program), courses noted as "Degree-Seeking Students only" on Course Schedule.
- ※ Some courses have limited capacity (Cap). Degree-seeking students are given priority, so non degree-seeking students and auditors may not take courses which have reached their capacity.
- ※ If the number of students who register for a course is below five, the course may be cancelled.
- ※ Applicants will be required to pay the application fee even if the course they wish to enroll in reaches its capacity, or if the course is not offered.
- ※ 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 7) and both 8) and 9).

- 1) Have completed a high school or equivalent secondary education.
- 2) Have completed 12 years of regular pre-college education.
- 3) Have completed 12 years of regular pre-college education abroad or the equivalent as designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan.

- 4) Have completed education at a designated secondary education-equivalent institution as accredited by the Minister of Education.
- 5) Be officially designated by the Ministry of Education.
- 6) Have passed the University Entrance Qualification Examination administered by the Minister of Education as designated in the University Entrance Examination Regulations or have passed the High School Equivalency Examination administered by the Minister of Education as designated in the High School Equivalency Regulations.
- 7) Be considered by the AIU President to possess equal or higher academic ability of the high school graduates studying at AIU and to have sufficient ability to complete the courses for which they intend to register.
- 8) Have sufficient English ability to complete courses.
English ability equivalent to TOEFL® iBT 61, TOEIC® (L&R+S&W)1100 or *EIKEN* Pre-1 level is necessary.
- 9) Be able to attend all classes for the course.

【Auditors】

Must be 18 years old or older by April 1, 2026 and possess both of the following:

- 1) Have sufficient English ability to complete courses.
English ability equivalent to TOEFL® iBT 61, TOEIC® (L&R+S&W)1100 or *EIKEN* Pre-1 level is necessary.
- 2) Be able to attend all classes for the course.

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: “My Number 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 (PDF)

* 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 Director/Head of Department

6. Tuition and Fees

Application Fee: JPY 9,800

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: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Fall Semester: Monday, August 17, 2026 – Friday, August 21, 2026

Winter program: Monday, December 7, 2026 – Friday, December 11, 2026

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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