

Academic Year 2027

Transfer Admissions Examination Guide



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I Admission policy

1. Mission Statement

With its innovative international liberal arts educational philosophy, Akita International University aspires to prepare students to be leaders in global society.

The International Liberal Arts education at AIU enables students to acquire a broad scope of knowledge and sharpen analytical thinking skills while gaining insight into various critical issues that are confronting the world and develop in them a global outlook, and equip them with the ability to communicate effectively in English and other languages.

AIU's International Liberal Arts education fosters self-realization; it opens minds, instills the will to act and develops a capacity to rise to the complex challenges of the times with integrity and discipline. AIU students learn to commit themselves to serving their local communities, their countries, and the world.

2. Characteristics

- From the perspective of an emphasis on education, we widely recruit faculty members with enthusiasm and capability for education from all over the world, regardless of nationality, age, or gender; all classes are conducted in English by the professors, about half of whom are foreigners.
- In order to acquire international vision and sense through cross-cultural experience, our students are obliged to study abroad for one year.
In conjunction with this, a cosmopolitan educational environment and campus life are offered where foreign students gather from across the globe.
- As a university open to the world based on constant exchanges with the cross-cultural community, we deepen cooperation with universities/colleges around the world including 211 partner universities/colleges in 52 countries/regions (as of August, 2026).
- As a select few, our students are provided a whole person education by, for example, everyone being obliged to live in a dormitory for at least one year after admission.

3. Future Students

At Akita International University, we want students who share our philosophy:

Successful applicants should be equipped with:

- A balanced basic academic competency across the broad fields of humanities, the natural and social sciences, as well as logical, critical and creative thinking skills, and an outstanding ability or experience in specific areas that they are enthusiastic about further developing within the scope of their learning.
- A strong interest and an inquiring mind toward global affairs including the nature of diverse cultures, languages, history and societies of the world based on their experiences in having studied abroad or participated in various international activities in and out of their countries.
- A strong desire to gain practical skills of foreign languages (especially English) and knowledge from a broad range of liberal-arts subjects.

II Overview and Schedule of Admission for Transfer Students

Enrollment Date		April 2027
Number of Seats Available		2 nd -year Equivalent: 7 3 rd -year Equivalent: 1
Application Commitment Type		Concurrent applications allowed
Credit Confirmation Deadline for submission of required documents		September 10, 2026
Application Period	Period for online application and payment of the application fee	October 1, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – October 9, 2026, 11:00 p.m.
	Deadline for submission of required documents after online application	October 1, 2026 – October 26, 2026 (*Must arrive by the deadline)
Exam Date	Interview	November 28, 2026 *The interview schedule varies depending on your registration number. Your interview time will be announced when your Admission Ticket is issued.
	English Essay	November 29, 2026
Announcement of Successful Applicants		December 9, 2026
Enrollment Procedure Period		December 10, 2026 – January 8, 2027 (*Must arrive by the deadline)
Disclosure of Examination Results		December 18, 2026 – December 25, 2026 (*Must arrive by the deadline)

※ Please note that all dates and times are in Japan Standard Time (JST).

1. Transfer Admission Examination (April Enrollment)

Application Qualifications

【2nd Year Student】

Applicants must meet one of the following educational requirement criteria, (A)~(D). (Those who have already been enrolled at AIU are not eligible for (A)~(C)).

- (A) Graduated from a university, a junior college or a technical college, or be expected to graduate from one of these educational institutions by the end of March 2027.
- (B) Completed two or more years of study at a higher vocational school (or the equivalent, as determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology) by March 2027 (limited to those who have a University Entrance Examination Qualification, as regulated by the School Education Law, Article 90).
- (C) Be a registered student at a university for one year or more and received 30 or more credits by the end of March 2027.
- (D) Have attained the prescribed grade as a special non-degree-seeking student of Akita International University

【3rd Year Student】

Applicants must meet one of the following educational requirement criteria, (A)~(C) and, in principle, must have completed 2 years or more of study at a higher education institution where English is the language of instruction, including at least 1 year of study at an overseas higher education institution.

- (A) Graduated from a university, junior college, technical college, or expected to graduate from one of these educational institutions by the end of March 2027.
- (B) Completed two or more years of study at a higher vocational school (or the equivalent, as determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology) by March 2027 (limited to those who have the University Entrance Examination Qualification, as regulated by the School Education Law, Article 90).
- (C) Be a registered student at a university for two years or more and received 60 or more credits by the end of March 2027.

Application Requirements

① Language Ability

Must possess one of the following grades. The expiry date of the score or grade must be specified by the testing organization and be within two years from the last day of the application period. (Photocopies are acceptable)

【2nd Year Student】

Applicants must meet one of the following requirements:

- **TOEFL iBT® Test:** 71 or higher on the previous scoring scale (or a band score of 3.5 or higher)
- **IELTS™ Band:** 6.5 or higher

【3rd Year Student】

Applicants must meet one of the following requirements:

- **TOEFL iBT® Test:** 79 or higher on the previous scoring scale (or a band score of 4.0 or higher)
- **IELTS™ Band:** 6.5 or higher

■Consideration of the current COVID-19 situation

The following English language qualifications, which only fulfill the requirements for the 2023 entrance exam as a temporary measures of the COVID-19 situation, will not be accepted after the Academic Year 2024 entrance exam.

- TOEFL iBT® Home Edition
- IELTS™ Indicator
- IELTS™ Online

② Residential Status

Applicants who are not Japanese citizens or who do not have permanent residence status are requested to acquire a status of residence that has no obstacles to university enrollment according to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Law in order to enter Japan by the end of March 2027.

*Applications that do not meet the above requirements ① and ② will not be accepted.

III Credits Confirmation Prior to Application

1. Credits Confirmation Procedure

We will verify the details and number of credits for the courses you have already completed. Please prepare the documents and certificates listed in ① through ⑦ below and submit them by email by the deadline indicated under the “Deadline for Submission of Required Documents for Credit Confirmation” on page 2. For the mailing address, please refer to “4. Application Address and Inquiries” on page 15.

*Those who have not completed the credit confirmation in advance will not be able to apply. Thus, please submit the following documents if you consider applying.

① University Transcripts

Please contact your current (or graduated) university and submit the most recent transcripts (English in principle) as a PDF file.

② Syllabus for Completed Courses

Please provide them in English and submit one PDF file per course. If an official English version is not available, translations generated using generative AI or automated translation tools will be acceptable (for syllabi only).

③ Documents Showing the Number of Class Hours

ONLY if the number of credits is not listed on your transcript, please submit the document in either way.

- a) Contact your current (or graduated) university with the target information and submit the email reply from the university as a PDF file
- b) Provide the URL of the university website that shows the target information in an email

④ Documents Showing the Grading Criteria

ONLY if the grading criteria as shown below is not described in your transcript, please submit the document in either way.

- a) Contact your current (or graduated) university with the target information and submit the email reply from the university as a PDF file
- b) Provide the URL of the university website that shows the target information in an email

Grade Definitions

Grade (Definitions)	Score	Grade Points
A+	100	4.00
A (Excellent)	95–99	4.00
A-	90–94	3.70
B+	87–89	3.30
B (Good)	83–86	3.00
B-	80–82	2.70
C+	77–79	2.30
C (Satisfactory)	73 ~ 76	2.00
C-	70–72	1.70
D+	66–69	1.30
D (Poor)	60–65	1.00
F (Failure)	59 or lower	0.00

⑤ Documents Showing the Accreditation Body

Please submit the document in either way.

- Contact your current (or graduated) university with the target information and submit the email reply from the university as a PDF file
- Provide the URL of the university website that shows the target information in an email

*The Japan University Accreditation Association and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology accredits Akita International University (from the university's website).

Quick Facts

As of Apr. 1, 2021

Established:	April, 2004
English Name:	Akita International University (AIU)
Japanese Name:	国際教養大学 (Kokusai Kyoyo Daigaku)
Location:	See AIU on Google Maps 
Accreditation:	AIU is a four-year undergraduate college with a graduate school, both of which are accredited by Japan University Accreditation Association, an accreditation organization designated by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology - Japan.

⑥ Basic Information About the University

Only if you are (or were) a student at an overseas university, please contact the university with the following information and submit the email reply from the university as a PDF file.

- Type of degree (e.g., Bachelor's degree/Associate degree)

- Whether the university uses ECTS in its credit system
- Number of credits required for graduation
- Number of credits required in a year
- Number of credits required per semester
- Number of years of study
- The semester system (e.g., 2 semester system / 3 quarter system / 4 term system)
- How many weeks are in a semester

⑦ Table of Contents of the Textbook

Only if you wish to receive credit for language courses, please submit a table of contents of the textbook for each course as a PDF.

2. Credit Approval and Required Years for Graduation

Regardless of a student's year status when transferred, only credits with a grade corresponding to a "C-" or above by AIU standards (at least 70% of maximum credit in course assignments and exams) are transferrable. In addition, the number of credits in a course or courses transferred must be no less than the number of credits of the corresponding AIU course/courses. Maximum number of credits, including credits transferred from other universities prior to enrollment, credits earned from online courses offered at AIU, and credits transferred from other universities after enrollment, is 60 credits. As for credits transferred from other universities prior to enrollment, the maximum number of credits is 30 credits when the instruction of courses was in English and 18 credits for other cases. However, when a student is admitted as a 3rd year transfer student and has already earned 30 credits or more at a foreign university, the study abroad requirement is considered sufficient, and in this case, credits will be transferred within the aforementioned maximum credit limit. If 60 credits are approved for transfer, then the student will be admitted with a Junior status. In other cases, the student will be admitted with a Freshman or Sophomore status.

The transfer of credit is examined and approved after enrollment. Even if a student is admitted as a 2nd or 3rd year transfer student, the student's class status might be a freshman or sophomore due to the potential of credits not receiving approval.

Therefore, please make sure to receive confirmation from AIU before submitting your application.

【Classification of Status of Students at AIU】

Class	Credits Earned
Freshman	28 or lower
Sophomore	29 - 60
Junior	61 - 92
Senior	93 or above

IV Application Documents and Procedure

1. Application Documents

Documents	Notes
	※All documents and forms to be printed after downloading should be A4 or letter-size. Either color or black and white is acceptable.
1. Application Form	Please download the form from the online application website and print it out single-sided.
2. Statement of Purpose	Please download the form from AIU website and write in English (approximately 500 words).
3. Diploma (Certificate of Graduation)	Please submit the original certificate of graduation or expected graduate certificate from a university, junior college or technical college in a sealed envelope. Applicants who apply with the above-mentioned application qualification (C) must submit the original certificate of student enrollment or a certificate of enrollment period. (A copy is not acceptable.) • For documents issued in a language other than English or Japanese, please attach a Japanese or English translation, notarized by a Japanese embassy/consulate or an appropriate public office in your country.
4. Transcript from University(ies)	Please submit the original transcript from a university, junior college or technical college in a sealed envelope. Applicants who are currently taking courses at their university, junior college or technical college must submit the original certificate of course registration in which the expected number of credits is made clear. (A copy is not acceptable.) • For documents issued in a language other than English or Japanese, please attach a Japanese or English translation, notarized by a Japanese embassy/consulate or an appropriate public office in your country.
5. Transcript from High School	1) Use the format designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan. This must be prepared and completely sealed by the principal of the high school from which the applicant graduated. (A copy is not acceptable.) 2) Use the format designated by the Minister of Education if the applicant has completed 3 years at one of the National Colleges in Japan, or has graduated from an educational institution which is accredited by the Minister of Education to be equivalent to high schools in Japan, or has graduated from an overseas educational institution of Japan. (A copy is not acceptable.) 3) Applicants who have completed a 12-year curriculum of courses at an accredited school outside of Japan or applicants who possess the equivalent of the above-mentioned standard after graduating from

	one of the high schools accredited by the Minister of Education must submit an original transcript from the school. The following documents must be submitted if the applicant has acquired one. • International Baccalaureate – the original Certificate and transcript of 6 subjects of the final examination • <i>Abitur</i> (Germany) – the original Certificate • <i>Baccalaureate</i> (France) – the original Certificate and official transcript Note: For documents issued in a language other than English or Japanese, please attach a Japanese or English translation, notarized by a Japanese embassy/consulate or an appropriate public office in your country. 4) Applicants who have completed a specialist training course designated by the Minister of Education, who have passed the University Entrance Qualification Examination, or have acquired a Certificate for Students Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary School Graduates, can submit an original certificate of the results instead of an original transcript from high school. Should the applicant have obtained a portion of the required credits at a high school or high schools, please submit an original transcript for each, as well. Note: All the original transcripts except for the result of the University Entrance Qualification Examination or a Certificate for Students Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary School Graduates must have been issued after April 1, 2026.
6. Letter of Recommendation	One letter of recommendation is required. Please download the form from AIU website and it must be written by a faculty member who was responsible for the applicant at the last institution he/she attended, or by the current dean of faculty he/she is enrolled in, or by anyone in an equivalent position. The letter may be written in English or Japanese and must be sealed in the envelope by the recommender.
7. Document which verifies English Proficiency	Please submit a photocopy of TOEFL iBT® TEST or IELTS™ score document. *You may request that ETS send the score document directly to AIU. <u>Please make sure the document must be received by AIU by the last day of the application period.</u> Should you request that ETS send your TOEFL score to AIU, please note that AIU's Institution Code is 8524.
8. Return Envelope ※If you wish to return your English Language Proficiency Certificate	*The delivery destination will be limited to addresses within Japan. If you have enclosed an original English Language Proficiency Certificate and wish to have it returned, please enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope for return.

*In principle, documents and materials submitted in your application will NOT be returned to you.

■AIU Website

<https://admission.aiu.ac.jp/en/ug/>

■Online Application Website

<https://e-apply.jp/ds/aiu/>

2. Application Procedure

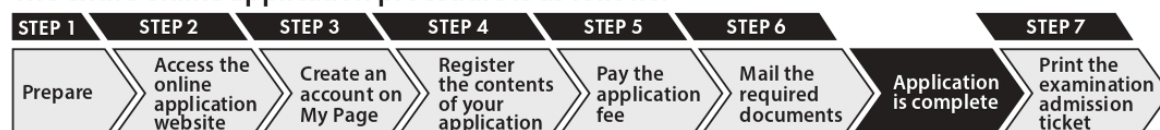
After registering your application information on the online application website and paying the application fee, please print out the downloadable documents, such as the application form, and mail them together with the other required documents, such as the statement of purpose.

The completed documents must arrive at AIU by the close of the last day of the application period. Please write on the envelope in red: “Application for Transfer/Admission Examination Enclosed.” Be sure to send the documents to AIU by registered, special delivery mail. Overseas post must also be registered and sent by air.

Regarding the application procedure, please follow the instruction for “Online Application Procedure” on the following pages.

Online Application Procedure

The entire online application procedure is as follows.



STEP
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Prepare

Prepare a PC with an Internet connection and a printer, etc.
It may take time for the required documents* to be issued. Please start preparing them early and ensure






Data of your photo

*Required Documents : application form, statement of purpose, diploma, etc.
For details, refer to the application information.

STEP
2
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Access the Online Application Website

Access from the Online Application website ▶

or

the University website for applicants ▶

<https://e-apply.jp/ds/aiu/>

▶

<https://admission.aiu.ac.jp/en/>



STEP

3

Create an Account on My Page

Enter the required information according to the instructions on the screen to create an account on My Page. If you have already registered on My Page, proceed to STEP 4.



① If you are registering for the first time, click.

My Page Registration



② Register your e-mail address and click

Send an e-mail for temporary registration



③ Click on the **To the log-in page** from the user registration screen.



④ A default password and a registration URL will be sent to your registered e-mail address.

* Configure your e-mail settings to receive e-mails from @e-apply domain.



⑤ From the log-in screen, use your registered e-mail address and the default password you received in Step 4 and click.

log-in



⑥ Change your default password.



⑦ Enter your personal information and click

Next



⑧ Confirm your personal information and click

Register this information



⑨ Registration is completed. Click **To My Page**



⑩ When the above page appears, My Page registration is complete.

* You can proceed to the application procedures by clicking on the **Apply** button only while applications are being accepted. You cannot proceed from here onward after the application period. Click on the **Log-out** button.

STEP

4



Register the Contents of Your Application

Make sure to check the procedures and important notices on the screen, and then enter the required fields according to the instructions on the screen.



- ① After logging in to My Page, click on the **Apply** button, and the registration page will appear.
- ② Select an entrance exam and confirm the important notices.
- ③ Select the desired department, etc.
- ④ Upload a photo. Click **Select Photo** button to select a photo.



- ⑤ Enter your information (name, address, etc.).
- ⑥ Confirm the contents of your application. Click on the **Application Form (sample)** button to check your application form.
- ⑦ Your application is registered. Click on the **Pay** button to proceed to the page where you can pay your application fee.
- ⑧ Payment methods for application.
 - Convenience stores
 - ATMs with Pay-easy
 - Online banking
 - Credit cards



- ⑨ Document required for the application in PDF format. (Sample)

*This document can be printed out after the application fee is paid.

If you have selected "Convenience Stores" or "ATMs with Pay-easy" as your payment method, write down the Payment number, which will appear after the selection of a payment method, in the memo space below, and make the payment at a convenience store or an ATM with Pay-easy within the designated payment deadline.

For 7-ELEVEN	
Payment slip number Memo (13 digits)	

For Daily YAMAZAKI, Selcomart	
Online Payment number Memo (11 digits)	

For LAWSON, MINISTOP, FamilyMart, ATMS with Pay-easy	
Customer number memo (11 digits)	
Confirmation number memo (6 digits)	
Receiving agency number (5 digits)	5 8 0 2 1

*A receiving agency number will be required for payment Pay-easy

A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you after the application registration is completed. If you have restricted the reception of e-mails, please allow e-mails from the sender (@e-apply.jp) to be received. *Please note that confirmation e-mails may be sorted into your junk e-mail folder, etc.



Please be careful not to enter Incorrect Information, as the registered Information cannot be changed or modified after the application registration is completed. However, if you have not yet paid the application fee, you can substantially modify the information by re-registering using the correct information.

*Please note that if you have selected a credit card for the "Payment Method for the Application Fee," the payment will be completed simultaneously with the registration for application.

STEP

5



Pay the Application Fee

1 Credit Card Payment

You can select this method and make payment when registering your application.

【Accepted Credit Cards】

VISA, Master JCB, AMERICAN EXPRESS, MUFG Card, DC Card, UFJ Card, NICOS Card



2 Online Banking Payment

After registering your application, you will be redirected to the page of each financial institution from the current page. Please follow the instructions on the screen to make the payment.

*For online payment, your bank account must be signed up for internet banking.

The procedures are completed online.

3 Convenience Store Payment

Payment at a convenience store can be made using the payment number that will appear after you have registered the application information.

● Payment can be made at the cash register.

● Payment can be made using a store terminal.



Multi-functional copy machine



4 Bank ATMs with Pay-easy

Payment can be made using the payment number that will appear after you have registered the application information at bank ATMs with Pay-easy by following the instructions on the ATM screen.

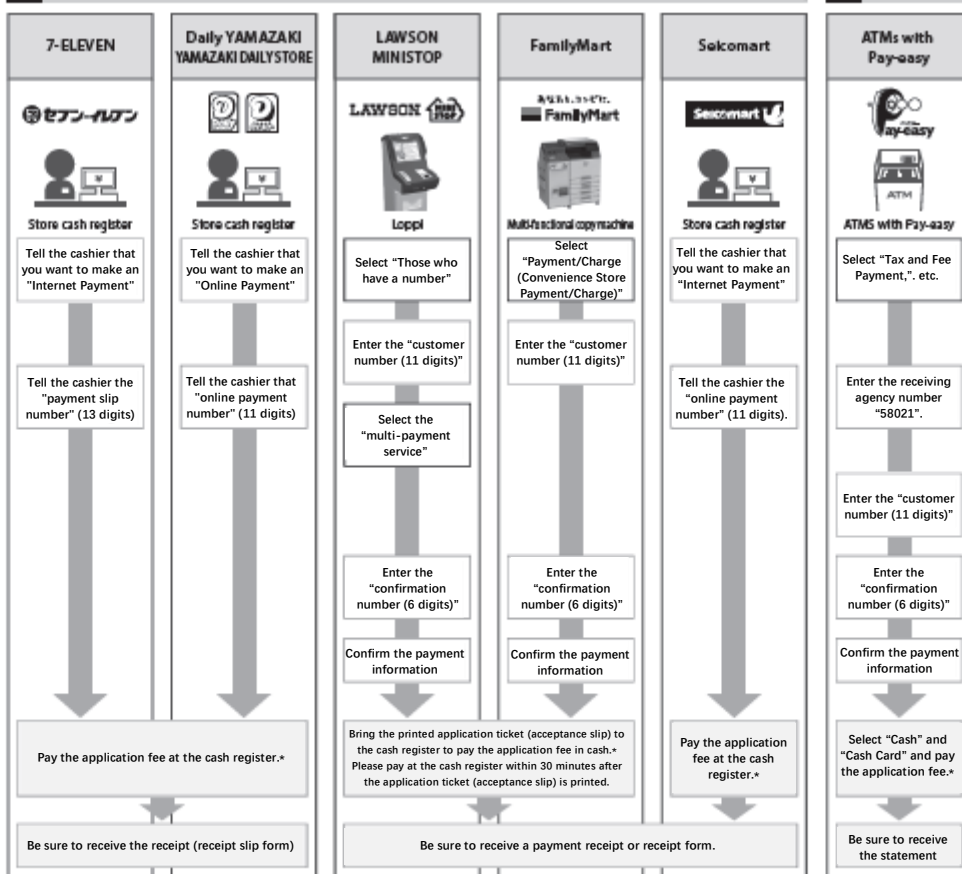


*Please check the *Payment Method Selection* screen to see the banks that offer this payment method.

Enter the required information following the instructions on the screen of each convenience store terminal or ATM and confirm the details before paying the application fee.

3 Convenience Stores

4 Bank ATMs



*When using ATMs of Japan Post Bank or banks, you need to pay using a cash card if the amount exceeds 100,000 yen. When using a convenience store, you can pay up to 300,000 yen in cash.

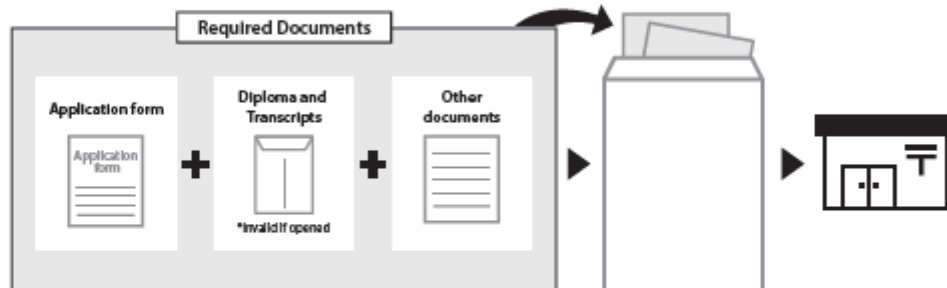
STEP

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Print and Mail the Required Documents

After completing the application registration and the payment of the application fee, print out the downloadable documents, and mail them together with the other required documents by registered, special delivery mail. Overseas post must also be registered and sent by air. *The application must arrive by the final date of the application period.



Addressee

Admissions Office
Akita International University
Yuwa, Akita-city 010-1292 Japan

The documents should be in an envelope large enough to contain A4 size paper (24cmx33.2cm) without folding.

How to print out the "Application Form"



(1) Click on the **Print Application Form** button Shown on My Page

(2) Once the payment has been successfully completed, you will be able to click on the

Print Application Form Button to print out The web application form.

Application Documents

For details, please check "Application Documents" in the application information.

*Once received, the application fee will not be refunded, nor will any of the required documents to be returned.

<Application is Complete.>

Important points when submitting your application

Your application will be completed by paying the application fee and mailing the required documents after completing the registration on the online application website. Please note that even if you complete the registration, your application will not be accepted if the required documents are not received by the final date of the application period.

Online application is available 24 hours a day. However, the application registration and payment of the application fee must be completed by 11:00 pm on the application deadline date (business hours vary depending on each facility, such as convenience stores, ATMs, and other facilities).

STEP

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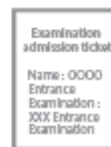


Print the Examination Admission Ticket

When the examination admission ticket is ready to download, a notification will be sent to the e-mail address you registered at the time of application, and also to your My Page on the online application website. Please make sure to download the examination admission ticket from the online application website and print it out.

【Notes about Printing】

The examination admission ticket must be printed single-sided on A4 or letter-size paper.



3. Application Fee

- ① Application Fee: 17,000 JPY
- ② Refund Policy: The application fee is non-refundable, except in the following cases. If any of these apply to you, please contact the AIU Admissions Office via email (ugrad@gl.aiu.ac.jp) by the deadline below.
 - i. The application fee was paid, but application documents were not submitted.
 - ii. The application fee was paid, but application documents were submitted after the deadline.
 - iii. The application fee was paid and documents were submitted, but the application was not accepted due to incomplete documents, ineligibility, or other reasons.

Refunds will be made by bank transfer, regardless of the original payment method. Any transfer fee or service charges incurred will be borne by the applicant.

Deadline for Refund Request	December 4, 2026, (JST)
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4. Application Address and Inquiries

Admissions Office

Akita International University

Yuwa, Akita-city 010-1292, Japan

TEL +81-18-886-5931 (Direct, open on weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., JST)

E-mail: ugrad@gl.aiu.ac.jp

*In principle, inquiries by telephone should be made by the applicant themselves.

5. Important Notes for Application

- ① Instructions for entering applicant information during online application are follows:
 - 1) Please enter your legal name as it appears in your official government-issued identification.
 - 2) If you have a passport, enter your name in English exactly as spelled in your passport.
 - 3) Foreign nationals residing in Japan must enter their name exactly as printed on their Residence Card (or Special Permanent Resident Certificate).
 - 4) As the university may contact you regarding your application details, please provide an emergency phone number different from the applicant's primary number.
 - 5) For your ID photo data, please upload a photo that strictly meets the specified requirements displayed on the screen. If an invalid photo is uploaded, you will be required to re-upload it after submitting your application.
- ② Applications that do not meet all of the criteria below will not be accepted, so please exercise due care:
 - a) Must be a complete set of all application documents

- b) Must have no omissions or incorrect entries (corrections may be made by striking out the incorrect text and writing the correction above it. But corrections made using correction fluid or correction tape will render the document unacceptable).
- c) Any handwritten entries by the applicant must be in black ballpoint pen or black ink, only
- ③ Changes to application details are not permitted once the application has been accepted. However, if there are changes to your name, address, or phone number, please contact the Admissions Office.
- ④ For applicants whose application documents have been accepted in full, the Admissions Office will send a notification regarding the issuance of the "Admission Ticket" to the email address registered on the online application portal (scheduled for approximately one week prior to the examination date). Upon receiving the email, please log in to My Page on the online application portal, download your "Admission Ticket," and print it out (A4 size or letter-size; either color or black-and-white is acceptable).
- ⑤ Even after acceptance has been granted, if any discrepancies are found between the submitted application documents and the actual facts, acceptance may be revoked.
- ⑥ In principle, application documents and application fees once accepted will not be returned or refunded.
- ⑦ Personal information in the application documents will be handled in the following manner. *Those who apply to AIU will be considered to have agreed with the following.
 - 1) Personal information kept by AIU will be handled in accordance to the Akita Prefecture Personal Information Protection Clause. It will also be kept strictly confidential in keeping with the Public University Corporation AIU's Personal Information Protection Regulations.
 - 2) Personal information will be used to screen applicants and for admission procedures, follow-up checks on applicants, assistance and support following admission (scholarships, health care, etc.), guidance on academic matters, and collection of tuition fees.

V Screening Process

Screening is based on documents submitted (English Proficiency, Statement of Purpose, Letter of Recommendation, Transcripts, etc.), an English essay examination and interview.

1. Exam Location

Akita International University Campus (see map on page 19)

2. Interview

- ① Based on submitted documents, individual interview in Japanese and English will be held.
- ② Papers/materials will not be allowed in the interview room.

3. Notes on the Examination

- ① You must bring your admission ticket to your exam. If you forget to bring it, you must quickly go to the examination headquarter and receive a temporary admission ticket. Please do not discard your admission ticket; it will also be required after the exam for entrance registration.
- ② You are required to enter and be seated in the designated examination room by the meeting time.
- ③ Cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, and other communication devices must be turned off and put away in a bag before entering the examination room or waiting room.
- ④ Please note that any person accepting acceptance telegrams, etc., near the exam location or station has no connection with AIU, and the university will not be responsible for any trouble.
- ⑤ Please prepare your lunch.
- ⑥ In the case of a health issues or medical emergencies, please bring documentation to confirm your health insurance status (a *My Number* Health Insurance Card or a Confirmation of Eligibility). However, applicants who have not recovered from influenza or other infectious diseases for which suspension of attendance is permitted under the School Health and Safety Act on the day of the examination may not take the examination because they may infect other students and proctors. COVID-19 will be treated in the same way as the above-mentioned infectious diseases.
- ⑦ The press may film some examination rooms.
- ⑧ In case of unexpected circumstances such as the spread of COVID-19, natural disasters, or delays in public transportation, the university may decide that the entrance examination cannot be held according to the schedule and content of the examination, as announced in this guideline. In such cases, the university will notify the applicant on the university's website.
- ⑨ If there is any other necessary information, you will be notified on our website.
- ⑩ You will be allowed to take the examination if you arrive late within 30 minutes after the start of the English essay examination. However, the examination time will not be extended.
- ⑪ In principle, leaving the room in the middle of the examination is not permitted.
- ⑫ On the day of the examination, be sure to bring your admission ticket, a black lead pencils (mechanical lead pencils are acceptable), and an eraser.
- ⑬ Please place your admission ticket on your desk to make it visible to the exam proctor.
- ⑭ Items allowed during the English Essay include a black lead pencils (or mechanical lead pencils), eraser, pencil sharpener, and clock/watch (one with only a clock function). Earplugs are not allowed since directions from the proctor may not be heard.
- ⑮ Borrowing or lending items between examinees during the exam is strongly disallowed.

VI Announcement of Successful Applicants and Admission Procedures

1. Announcement of Successful Applicants

① Date of Announcement

Please refer to page 2 for the dates of the announcement of successful applicants for each examination.

② Announcement Method

We will send a letter of acceptance to successful applicants. Also, the application numbers of successful applicants will be posted on the AIU website (<https://admission.aiu.ac.jp/en/>) at approximately 2:00 p.m. on the day of the announcement. Please be sure to officially confirm your result by the acceptance letter. AIU will not respond to any inquiries regarding the results of the examination.

2. Admission Procedure

① Admission Procedure Period

Please refer to page 2 for the dates of the admission procedure period for each examination.

② Admission Procedure Method

Details of the admission procedures and required documents will be sent with the letter of acceptance and provided individually to successful applicants.

VII Others

1. Prior Consultation for Applicants with Physical or Other Disabilities

Applicants with physical or other disabilities who require special consideration in taking the entrance examination or in their studies must notify the Admissions Office by the deadline for each examination. Please note that depending on the content of the consultation, we may not be able to respond and give consideration before the University's examination date, so please consult with us as early as possible.

Request Period	September 1, 2026, (JST)
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2. Information on Examination Location

- ① Akita International University Campus: Okutsubakidai, Tsubakigawa-aza, Yuwa, Akita City, Akita Prefecture, Japan. (10 minutes by car from Akita Airport and JR Wada Station)

*On the day of the examination, a free shuttle bus will be available from JR Akita Station (We will notify you a detailed schedule at a later date.).

- ② Nearest Accommodations (Plaza Crypton)

This facility is designated as the University's guesthouse, and special discounts are available for applicants and their families, etc.

<Reservations and Inquiries>

Plaza Crypton 38-4, Toshima-aza, Uwamatsusawa, Kawabe, Akita City, Akita Prefecture, 019-2611, Japan

TEL : +81-18-882-4811

Web URL : <https://www.plaza-crypton.jp/>

【Examination Location and nearest accommodations】



【Bus Stop for Free Shuttle Bus at Akita Station East Exit】



3. First Year Payment, etc.

① Matriculation Fee

(1) 423,000 JPY (282,000 JPY for residents of Akita prefecture).

*“Residents of Akita prefecture” refers to those who satisfy one of the following criteria:

- a) Those who will have continuously lived in Akita prefecture for one year or more by the date of matriculation.
- b) Those whose spouses or relatives within one generation will have continuously lived in Akita prefecture for one year or more by the date of matriculation.
- c) Those who graduated high schools in Akita.
- d) Those whom the President of Akita International University authorizes.

(2) Payment

Payment must be made to the designated financial institution by the deadline for admission procedures according to the invoice of payment enclosed with the acceptance letter. Expenses for sending the matriculation fee must be paid by the applicant.

Although the University is eligible for the New System for Supporting Higher Education and Training, we will not postpone the payment of the matriculation fee. For all applicants, please transfer the full amount of the matriculation fee by the designated date. Those who wish to be exempted from paying the matriculation fee under the New System for Supporting Higher Education and Training for the first time after transferring to the University may receive a refund of the difference by following the specified procedures after enrolling in the University.

② Matriculation Fee

(1) 896,000 JPY/year

Should the amount of tuition fee be revised during the student’s enrollment, the new tuition fee will be applied at the time of revision.

(2) Payment Timing (after initial payment)

In principle, the tuition fee is paid separately each semester. Payment Deadlines are subject to change.

<u>Tuition per semester</u>		<u>Payment Deadline</u>
Spring Semester	448,000 JPY	May 1
Fall Semester	448,000 JPY	October 1

③ Residence Hall Fee

In principle, students are required to live in the dormitory for one year after entering the university.

(1) 622,900 JPY/year

*This is the amount for fiscal year 2026 and is subject to change. Should the residence hall fee be revised during the student's enrollment, the new amount will be applied from the time of the revision.

(2) Payment Timing (after initial payment)

In principle, the residence hall fee is paid separately each semester. Payment Deadlines are subject to change.

<u>Residence Hall Fee per semester</u>		<u>Payment Deadline</u>
Spring Semester	290,100 JPY	late-March
Fall Semester	332,800 JPY	mid-August

④ Financial Support

AIU has a tuition reduction/exemption system for students who do not qualify for the new financial support system for higher education (such as those who hold a foreign student visa), and who are experiencing financial difficulties due to unforeseen circumstances such as financial hardship or disaster.

Details will be announced after admission. Please note that students who are eligible to apply for the new financial support system for higher education should apply for it.

⑤ Other expenses

- Personal Accident Insurance and Liability Insurance (JPY 4,660/four years)
- Student Activity fee (JPY 60,000)
- Parents Association fee (20,000 JPY)
 - Detailed information, including the cost of textbooks and the TOEFL® TEST, will be provided with the enrollment procedure information.
 - International Students residing in Japan under the “Student” visa status are required to separately enroll in the Inbound Student Insurance (43,400 JPY).
 - A lifetime Alumni Association membership fee (30,000 JPY) is required separately from the university fees.
 - The above figures are based on the Academic Year 2026 and are subject to change.
 - Please note that the amount may vary depending on your status at the time of transfer/admission and the length of your enrollment.

4. Disclosure of Examination Results

Unsuccessful applicants may request the disclosure of their personal information related to the examination, provided that the request is made solely by the applicant themselves.

- (1)**How to Request:** Please submit your request by postal mail during the disclosure period (requests will be valid if postmarked by the final day of the disclosure period). Enclose your Admission Ticket and a self-addressed, stamped return envelope.

*Due to postal conditions, shipping to overseas locations may not be possible. If you wish to have documents sent abroad, please contact the Admissions Office in advance.

(2)Information to be Disclosed:

- Scores (Essay and Interview)
- Evaluation (Displayed by Rank)

(3)Disclosure Period: Please refer to Page 2 for the disclosure period.

(4)Send Request To:

Admissions Office, Akita International University
Yuwa, Akita-city 010-1292 Japan
TEL +81-18-886-5931 (Direct)

5. Study Abroad

As a rule, students must spend one year studying abroad at a partner university. Partner universities for the study abroad program include 211 universities in 52 countries and regions as of August 2026. Please be aware that some universities may require additional tuition fees.

*If a 3rd Year Transfer Student satisfies all conditions below, the student may be exempt from the study abroad requirement.

- a) Has a TOEFL iBT[®]TEST score of 92 or higher or/and TOEFL[®]PBT/TOEFL ITP[®] TEST score of 580 or higher, or/and a IELTS[™] score of 6.5 or higher.
- b) Has experienced study abroad for at least one academic year or longer at another accredited university before the transfer to AIU.
- c) Requests to waive the study abroad requirement.