



**Summer Intensive Japanese Language Program  
at  
Akita International University**

**June 22, 2009 to July 31, 2009 (6 weeks)**

**Levels:** Elementary (3 sub levels within elementary level, approximately 10 students per class) and intermediate (1 level, approximately 10 students per class)

**Credits:** 6 university semester credits

**Grade:** A-F grade with pass/fail option

**Textbooks:** *Genki I*, *Genki II* and *J-Bridge to Intermediate Japanese*

**Program Fee:** 300,000 yen

### **Program Features**

- ◆ Intensive 6-week program of 90 class hours for 6 credits
- ◆ Small class sizes
- ◆ Experienced Japanese native instructors
- ◆ Japanese student tutors to assist individual communication drills
- ◆ Experience Japanese culture through workshops on Japanese Kimono, Calligraphy and so on.
- ◆ Live on the same campus with regular Japanese students and international students studying at AIU.
- ◆ Bus trips to visit local cultural sites
- ◆ Enjoy Akita's beautiful summer!

The AIU Summer Intensive Japanese Language Program provides opportunities for learners to improve their Japanese language skills in small classes as well as to deepen their understanding of Japan through culture workshops and field trips to local sites. You can also experience living on the AIU campus with Japanese students and international students. The intensive 6-week program of 90 class hours is worth 6 credits. Please consult your academic advisor or the international office of your school about credit transfer.

Division of International Affairs

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### Schedule in 2009

June 22	(Mon)	Check-in, Opening Ceremony and Orientation
June 23	(Tue)	Placement Test and Orientation
June 24	(Wed)	Classes begin
July 30	(Thu)	Last day of class
July 31	(Fri)	Closing Ceremony & Check-out
August 3	(Mon)	Kanto Festival (For those who are interested)
August 4	(Tue)	Check-out (For those who stay till August 3 for Kanto Festival.)

### Daily Schedule

9:00	-	9:50	Japanese language class 1
10:00	-	10:50	Japanese language class 2
11:00	-	11:50	Japanese language class 3
12:00	-	13:00	Lunch at Cafeteria
13:00	-		Tutorial session, Japanese culture workshops, conversation practice.
Weekends			Field trips

### Admission Criteria

- ◆ Have completed at least two semesters at an accredited university/college at the time of application.
- ◆ Be a full-time student at the time of application.
- ◆ Maintain full-time status at your home institution during your stay at AIU.
- ◆ GPA 2.50 or above
- ◆ Certificate of TOEFL iBT 61 (CBT173, PBT500) or above, or equivalent English competency. (Not necessary to submit if you are a native English speaker.)

### Application Process

- ◆ Required Application Materials
  - a) Completed application form including “Japanese Competency Form” - available to download from AIU web site: <http://www.aiu.ac.jp/is/index.html>
  - b) Official academic transcript from your university
  - c) Personal statement of purpose about your participation in this program (300-500 words)
  - d) Two letters of recommendation from faculty
  - e) Proof of English competency (if necessary)
  - f) Visa application materials (if necessary)
- ◆ Application Deadline : February 27, 2009.
- ◆ The application form and all supporting documents should be sent to:

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NOTE: In case we receive more applications than available seats, students with better academic results, including Japanese language classes, will be given priority in admission.

### **Program Fee**

Admission Fee*	50,000 yen
<u>Program Fee**</u>	<u>250,000 yen</u>
Total	300,000 yen

\*Admission Fee is non-refundable.

\*\*Program Fee includes tuition, Room & board, activities and insurance costs.

NOTE: Students should contact the international office of their schools to find if the universities and AIU have a summer exchange agreement. If the university has such an agreement, AIU Admission Fee and Tuition Fee will be waived.

### **How to Pay**

After receiving an invoice from AIU, students will be required to pay Program Fee of 250,000 yen by wire transfer in yen to AIU's bank account listed on the invoice along with Admission Fee of 50,000 yen. The payment deadline is May 15, 2009. Please note that participants are responsible for all bank transaction fees associated with the payment, and payment by credit card is not accepted.

Bank account information:

Pay to: Akita International University

Account #: 182072

Bank Name: Akita Bank, Kawabe Branch

Bank Address: 12-4 Aza Hojogasaki, Wada, Kawabe, Akita-city, 019-2601, Japan

ABA or SWIFT Bank ID Code (BIC): AKITJPJT

### **Cancellation Policy**

If participation is cancelled after May 15, 50% of the Program Fee, 125,000 yen, will be reimbursed.

### **Other Costs**

- ◆ International and domestic travel costs, and the insurance cost for the trip to come to AIU are not included in the above program fee.
- ◆ A text book and work book will cost approximately 5,000 yen. If you have already had *Genki I*, *Genki II*, or *J-Bridge to Intermediate Japanese* you can bring them.
- ◆ Meal cost for three meals per day at AIU Cafeteria during the term of the program (From the dinner on June 22 to the breakfast on July 31) is included in the program fee. You may want to bring additional money to eat outside. The average meal cost off campus ranges from 600 yen to 1,200 yen.
- ◆ Extra transportation costs for weekends may be needed. One way bus and train fare from AIU to Akita station is about 400 yen.

## Housing

Summer Program participants are required to live in furnished housing on the AIU campus. Two students will share one room. All rooms have internet access, and a common laundry room is available 24 hours.

Check-in Day: June 22, 2009

Check-out Day: July 31, 2009

If the participants would like to join the “Kanto Festival\*” on August 3, rooms are available until noon on August 4. The Room Fee for extra nights, from August 1 to August 4, will not be charged, but the participants will have to pay for meals on a cash basis for any extra days.

\*“Kanto Festival” is one of the most famous summer festivals in Japan. AIU’s Kanto Team will perform at the Kanto Festival. Please find the details of the event at the following website: [http://www.kantou.gr.jp/english\\_top.html](http://www.kantou.gr.jp/english_top.html)

## Field Trips & Events

Several group bus trips will be scheduled to explore Akita sites such as **Oga Peninsula**, **Kakunodate** (an old-samurai town), and other local cultural spots (destinations are subject to change.) **Tanabata Festival** will be held by AIU students around July 7 to celebrate summer.

## Location

The campus of Akita International University is set in a lovely rural area, with forest on three sides. The campus is a 30-minute taxi ride from the center of Akita City and a 7- minute taxi ride from Akita Airport. Akita City is located in the northwest part of Honshu Island on the Japan Sea. It is a 55-minute flight away from Tokyo. Akita City is a pleasant and safe environment for study and leisure.



Japanese Class



AIU Campus in Spring



Field Trip to Lake Tazawa

**JPL 120: Elementary Japanese 120 (6 credits)**

**Course Description:**

JPL 120 is designed to acquaint students with grammatical structures and vocabulary appropriate for beginning learners. The first six chapters of "*Genki*", *Vol.1* will be covered in this course. Instruction will focus on the development of all four skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and cultural knowledge. Through a variety of communicative activities, students will learn how to express their own ideas and to use the language creatively both orally and in writing. The classes are conducted primarily in Japanese. Students who have problems during the classes are strongly encouraged to consult with the instructor.

**Course Objectives:**

At the end of the course, successful students will be able to:

- Read and write all Hiragana and Katakana and approximately 60 kanji characters.
- Understand basic Japanese grammar and its function necessary to greet, introduce themselves, talk and ask about their everyday routine, describe basic characteristics of people and things, talk and ask about one's preference, suggest plans, make requests, give and deny permission, explain reasons and offer assistance.

**Course Materials:**

- Textbook: Eri Banno and others. 2002. *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Vol. I*. The Japan Times.
- Workbook: Eri Banno and others. 2002. *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Vol. I*. The Japan Times.
- CD: on reserve in the library  
The CDs contains dialogues, vocabulary (in Japanese and English), practice exercises— all found in the Dialogue and Grammar section of the textbook, as well as the conversations used for listening practice in the Workbook.

**Grading Methods:**

15% Attendance and Class Participation  
20% Homework Assignments  
50% Tests and Quizzes  
15% Final Examination

**JPL 125: Elementary Japanese 125 (6 credits)**

**Course Description:**

JPL125 is designed to acquaint students with grammatical structures and vocabulary appropriate for beginning learners who have studied Japanese at the college level for approximately one semester. The last six chapters of “*Genki*”, *Vol.I* will be covered in this course. Instruction will focus on the development of all four skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and cultural knowledge. Through a variety of classroom activities, students will learn how to express their own ideas and to use the language creatively both orally and in writing.

The classes are conducted primarily in Japanese. Students who have problems during the classes are strongly encouraged to consult with the instructor.

**Course Objectives:**

At the end of the course, successful students will be able to:

- Read and write approximately 150 kanji characters.
- Understand basic Japanese grammar and its function necessary to talk and ask about their everyday routine, describe basic characteristics of people and thing, make comparisons, describe one’s plans, hopes, and aspirations, explain reasons, talk about past experiences, and make inquires and requests appropriately.

**Course Materials:**

- Textbook: Eri Banno and others. 2002. *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Vol. I.* The Japan Times.
  - Workbook: Eri Banno and others. 2002. *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Vol. I.* The Japan Times.
  - CD: on reserve in the library
- The CDs contains dialogues, vocabulary (in Japanese and English), practice exercises— all found in the Dialogue and Grammar section of the textbook, as well as the conversations used for listening practice in the Workbook.

**Grading Methods**

- 15% Attendance and Class Participation
- 20% Homework Assignments
- 50% Tests and Quizzes
- 15% Final Examination

**JPL 220: Elementary Japanese 220 ( 6 credits)**

**Course Description:**

JPL220 is designed to acquaint students with grammatical structures and vocabulary appropriate for the advanced beginning learners who have studied Japanese at the college level for approximately two semesters. Chapters 13 to 18 of “*Genki*”, *Vol. II* are covered in this course. Through a variety of communicative activities, students will learn how to express their own ideas and to use the language creatively both orally and in writing. Instruction is designed to strengthen students’ skill in all four areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing as well as cultural knowledge. The classes are conducted primarily in Japanese. Students who have problems during the classes are strongly encouraged to consult with the instructor.

**Course Objectives:**

At the end of the course, successful students will be able to:

- handle various conversational situations
- understand additional basic Japanese grammar and its function, and to use the patterns in conversation and writing (e.g. potential verbs, volitional form and complex noun modifying sentences)
- read and write approximately 240 *kanji* characters
- pick up important information from various authentic materials

**Course Materials:**

- Textbook: Eri Banno and others. 2002. *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Vol. II.* The Japan Times.
  - Workbook: Eri Banno and others. 2002. *An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese Genki. Workbook II.* The Japan Times.
  - CD: on reserve in the library
- The CDs contains dialogues, vocabulary (in Japanese and English), practice exercises—all found in the Dialogue and Grammar section of the textbook, as well as the conversations used for listening practice in the Workbook.

**Grading Methods:**

- 15% Attendance and Class Participation
- 20% Homework Assignments
- 50% Tests and Quizzes
- 15% Final Examination

**JPL 320: Intermediate-low Japanese 320 (6 credits)**

**Course Description:**

JPL320 is designed to acquaint students with grammatical structures and vocabulary appropriate for the intermediate-low students who have studied Japanese at the college level for approximately 300 hours and have 300 kanji recognition ability. Through a variety of communicative activities, students will learn and practice how to express their own ideas and to use the language creatively both orally and in writing. Instruction is designed to strengthen students' skill in all four areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing as well as cultural knowledge. The class will be conducted in Japanese language only. Students who have problems during the class is strongly encouraged to consult with instructor.

**Course Objectives:**

At the end of the course, successful students will be able to:

- handle various conversational situations and topics
- understand intermediate-low level grammar and sentence patterns, and to use those sentence patterns in conversation and writing.
- read approximately 500 kanji characters
- understand Japanese culture and Japanese way of thinking
- pick up important information from various authentic materials

**Course Materials:**

Textbook: "J- Bridge to Intermediate Japanese" 2002.  
Satoru Koyama, Bonjinsha, Tokyo. ISBN4-89368-497-9  
CD: on reserve in the library

**Grading Methods:**

15% Attendance and Class Participation  
20% Homework Assignments  
50% Tests and Quizzes  
15% Final Examination