

Seeking Applications for Non-Degree-Seeking Students and Auditors

Akita International University is seeking applicants for non-degree-seeking students and auditors for the 2009 Fall Semester. These students will take classes at AIU along regular matriculated degree-seeking students.

Non-Degree-Seeking Student: These students are not full-time students but take a few courses and receive credit for them.

Auditors: These students are not full-time students but take a few courses for which they do not receive credit.

1. Purpose

Please see the [Class schedule for Fall 2009 \(2008 Curriculum\)](#) (PDF).

If 2 students or fewer sign up for a class, the class will be cancelled. Please be aware that this class schedule is subject to change.

Please see the syllabi on AIU's homepage for more information about each course.

2. Number of positions available

Limited to a few students per course.

3. Requirements for application

(1) Non-Degree-Seeking Students

Applicants must meet one of the requirements ①~⑦ and both ⑧ and ⑨.

- ① Have graduated high school or the 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.
- ④ Have completed education at a designated secondary education-equivalent institution as accredited by the minister of education.
- ⑤ Be specially designated by the minister 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 Are considered by the AIU president to possess equal or higher ability of the high school graduates studying at AIU and who 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) 61points or higher, TOEIC 730 points or higher, English STEP test grade pre-1 or higher is necessary)

- ⑨ Be able to attend all classes for the course.

(AIU students' attendance rate is close to 100%. To keep up with course work the same level of commitment is expected from applicants.)

(2) Auditors

Must be 18 years old or older by April 1, 2009 and possess both of the below

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- ② Be able to attend all classes for the course.

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4. Documents to be Submitted

- ① Proof of qualifications

Copies of all qualifications (Diploma of last school/educational program completed, etc.) and a copy of at least one of the following: health insurance card, driver's license, or passport.

- ② (If applicable) Proof of English ability (Copy of test certificate, etc.)

- ③ Completed official application (PDF)

※For more information, please contact the AIU Admissions Office

5. Notes

To assess applicants' English ability and their potential ability to complete courses, applicants may be required to produce extra documentation or have an interview with a program director.

6. Matriculation Fees and other Expenses

Application Fee: ¥ 9,800

Please bring proof of payment of ¥ 9,800 to your interview in the form of a postal money order (普通為替証書). The money order has a processing fee of ¥ 420.

Matriculation Fee: ¥ 28,200

Tuition: ¥ 14,800 per credit for Non-Degree-Seeking Students

¥ 7,400 per credit for Auditors

7. Schedule

(1) Application Deadline

Application received at AIU by Wednesday, August 27.

(2) Interview

Scheduled between Wed., Aug 28 and Mon., Aug 31. Specific times will be sent later.

8. Points to Consider

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 homework for every lesson, requiring an extensive out-of-class time commitment. Non-degree-seeking students and auditors are treated in exactly the same way as regularly matriculated students and only those 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.)

9. Contact information

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