



Hirosaki University (Aomori Prefecture)



Establishing a Global Identity, Creating with the Community.

■ Introducing

① Characteristics and Overview

Hirosaki University is the only National University in Aomori Prefecture. It is now comprised of 5 faculties and 7 graduate schools.

Established : 1949

Number of students : 6,858

Undergraduate : 5,995

Graduate : 863

International students : 156

○ Faculties :

Humanities and Social Sciences, Education,
School of Medicine,
Science and Technology, Agriculture and
Life Science

○ Graduate schools

Humanities and Social Sciences (M)
Education (M)
Science and Technology (M&D)
Agriculture and Life Science (M)
Medicine (D)
Health Science (M&D)
Regional Studies (D)

② International Exchange

Sister Universities: 37 (16 countries)

Overseas offices: 3 (China 2, Thai 1)

③ Number of Japanese Studies Students in past 3 years (including students recommended by the University)

2017:156 International students, 1 JSSs

2016:144 International students, 1 JSSs

2015:154 International students, 2 JSSs

④ Characteristics of Town

Hirosaki city where Hirosaki University is located is a university town, having 4 universities with a population of 180,000. Hirosaki has been prospered originally as a castle town, used to be ruled by the Tsugaru clan, however it's surrounded by farming areas. The living cost is relatively low, and it's livable for students from abroad. Students would feel comfortable to live in, because there are many students in this area. You can find apartments, dining, and bars for students around this university area. And you can go to the downtown in about 15-30 minutes on foot. Most students use bicycles as a primary means of transportation.

■ Outline

① Purpose of Course

This course is mainly about Japan and Japanese culture with supplementary study to improve Japanese language proficiency.

② Characteristics of Course

○ Environments making it possible for various subjects of study

Department of International Education & Collaboration staff will support students' investigations, experiments, and research.

Because they will be assigned an Academic Advisor in a faculty, it is possible for them to receive the same supervision as Japanese students, depending on their level of Japanese proficiency.

Though Hirosaki city is local and small, you can experience conventional, real Japanese culture in this traditional castle town.

○ Join faculty and become a member of a laboratory

As students who belong to Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences or Faculty of Education, those who have high Japanese language proficiency can attend seminars and use the facilities like the Japanese students. They can take part in events organized by seminars, such as trips.

(Specialized fields of recent accepted Japanese Studies Students are: Japanese Literature, Comparative Literature, Japanese History, History of Thought, Japanese Philology, Linguistics, Language Education, Sociology, Japanese Arts, Folklore, Archeology, International Politics)

○ Fulfilling field trips, hands-on experiences
Many of "International Exchange courses" feature field trips and hands-on experiences.



③ Number of students to be accepted:
4 people (University recommendation = 2)
(Embassy recommendation = 2)

④ Conditions for eligibility
Please read the guidelines for the scholarship program carefully.

- For students researching/studying in Japan: Adequate language proficiency in order to carry out investigations and conduct research
- For students acquiring documents in Japan: Adequate language proficiency in order to read academic papers

Please Note:
Students planning to study specific areas concerning Japan are required to define their fields of study as clearly as possible.

For example, Japanese Literature (Ancient, Middle, Modern, and Postmodern), Japanese Linguistics (Ancient, Middle, Modern, and Postmodern), Japanese History (Ancient, Middle, and Modern), Archeology, History of Art, Japanese Management, Japanese Folklore, etc.

Japanese Language, Japanese Culture, and Japanese Affairs are not considered as course names, so without further specification, students may be assigned to an Academic Advisor outside their preferred field.

- ⑤ Course Goals
○Japanese : Should aim to improve Japanese skill (N3~N1 or above)
○Research subjects: Should aim to be able to work on a project or make a presentation on their research field.
- ⑥ Duration
Oct. 1,2018 ~Aug. 31,2019
1 : Fall semester Oct. 1 ~ Early Feb.
2 : Spring semester Early Apr. ~ Early Aug. (16 weeks each)
Commencement will be held on Aug.

⑦ Outline of trainee subject
Students are provided guidance regarding collecting materials and conducting research in their field while taking classes for regular students and the Short-Term Student Exchange Program course.

1) Japanese		
Subject	Schedule	Content
Intermediate A	twice a week	General Japanese
Intermediate B/E	twice a week	Reading
Intermediate C	once a week	Writing
Intermediate D	once a week	Grammar
UpperIntermediate A	once a week	Speech Listening
UpperIntermediate B	once a week	Reading
UpperIntermediate C	once a week	Writing
UpperIntermediate D	once a week	Grammar
Advanced A	once a week	Speech Listening
Advanced B	once a week	Reading
Advanced C	once a week	Writing
Advanced E	once a week	Foundation of basic Japanese

Some of these subjects are not always held.

2) Japanese Culture subjects learning by theories and experiences, and internship

Subject	Schedule	Content
Japanese sports,	once a week,	Traditional Japanese Sports
Tsugaru arts,	once a week,	Traditional Tsugaru Art study
Modern Tsugaru,	once a week,	Modern history of History Tsugaru
Internship,	once a week,	Internship Regional tourism

3) Other Subjects
General education (for freshman and sophomore), special subjects of departments

⑧ Annual Event

- Oct. Fall term orientation
- Oct University Festival
- Dec. Kikyono Community rice cake-making party
- Feb. International student graduation and completion celebration
- Apr. Spring term orientation,
- Aug. Participation in the Neputa festival and Kikyono community bon dance

⑨ Teaching Staff

- Staff in charge of Japanese language courses:

Nobuko Oyama, Associate Professor,
Department of International Education and
Collaboration,
specializing in Japanese language pedagogy

Akira Kashima, Associate Professor,
Department of International Education and
Collaboration,
specializing in Japanese language pedagogy

- Staff in charge of Japanese cultures and affairs:

Junichiro Suwa, Associate Professor,
Department of International Education and
Collaboration,
specializing in Anthropology

Hannah Sawada, Associate Professor,
Department of International Education and
Collaboration,
specializing in Comparative literature and
culture

Academic advisors and teachers in the
Department of International and Collaboration
are in charge of providing guidance regarding
study and all teachers in the department are in
charge of providing advice regarding life in
Japan.

⑩ Requirements for completing the program

○A certificate of completion is awarded for students
completing this program with 20 credits in a year and
submitting a report of completion.

○Students receive credits when they take class subjects
and pass the exam.

■ Housing

There are no specific accommodations for national
scholarship students. The Department of International and
Collaboration will help the students find apartments, it
takes approximately ¥25,000 to ¥45,000 per month.

■ Follow-ups for completed students

○Example of the follow-up

- Support by teachers of Hirosaki University to guide the
students' report of completion in their thesis
- Support by teachers of Hirosaki University for students
who wish to continue their study and apply for a graduate
school in Japan

○Example of career path

- Japanese language teacher in students' home countries
- Work for companies of Japan or students' countries by
utilizing their specialties

■ For further information

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