



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 : 6,790

Undergraduate : 5,898

Graduate : 892

International students : 207

○ Faculties :

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

○ Graduate Schools

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

② International Exchange

Sister Universities: 47 (21 countries)

Overseas offices: 2 (China 1, Thai 1)

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

2019: 207 International students, 3 JSSs

2018: 200 International students, 1 JSSs

2017: 156 International students, 1 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 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.



■ Course Outline

① Purpose of Course

(a) A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture

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.

③ Number of students to be accepted:

4 people (University recommendation = 2)

(Embassy recommendation = 2)

④ Conditions for eligibility

The conditions depend on their research plan.

• 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, 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 to 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. 1,2020 ~ Aug. 31,2021

1 : Fall semester Oct. 1 ~ Early Feb.

2 : Spring semester Early Apr. ~ Early Aug.
(16 weeks each)

Orientation will be held in Sep.

⑦ Scholarship Period

From October 2020 to August 2021.

⑧ Annual Event

Sep. Arrival (about third week)
Fall term Orientation

Oct. University Festival

Nov. Jamboree trip
Nov. International week

Dec. Kikyono Community rice cake-making party
Dec. Christmas party

Feb. International student graduation and completion celebration

Apr. Spring term orientation

May. Sakura festival

Aug. Participation in the Neputa festival and graduation and completion celebration

Aug. Kikyono community bon dance
Aug. Leaving and go back to own country.



⑨ Completion requirements

○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.

○ Early completion are not permitted.

○ It is possible to issue transcript.

⑩ Outline of trainee subject

1) Feature

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.

2) Subjects

I) Required subjects

Japanese Language

Subject:

Times/week

Intermediate Speaking and Listening twice

Intermediate Reading once

Intermediate Writing once

Intermediate General once

Upper Intermediate Speaking and Listening once

Upper Intermediate Reading once

Upper Intermediate Writing once

Advanced Speaking and Listening once

Advanced Writing once

Level of Japanese Language classes depends on the result of a placement test held during orientation.

II) Optional subjects

Survey of the Modern Cultural History of Tsugaru
Modern Japanese literature and the formation of identity

Anthropology of Music

Japanese Women Writers and Their Literature

Cultural anthropology of local food and dietary practice

Anthropology of Japanese social structure

The World of Japanese Picturebooks

Japanese War Literature

*Section 3 and 4 below are also optional subjects

3) Field trip and region participating subjects

Traditional Japanese sports

Crafts of the Tsugaru Region

Cultural anthropology of exhibitions

Research in communal sustainability

Regional Tourism in Japan

Japanese consumer culture

Internship

4) Study with Japanese students

Let's talk with International Students in easy Japanese

Communication using language we are learning

Japanese Pedagogy

Other classes held in faculty department.



㊦ 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
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Keiko Sasamori, Assistant 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.

■ 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 ¥35,000 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 and in home country

○ 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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