University’s Overview

Outline
Aomori Chuo Gakuin University, located in Aomori city, is the first and only university in Japan to establish the Faculty of Management and Law in 1998. The Graduate School of Regional Management and Research Institute of Regional Management are also established that cater to the social needs. Also, the Faculty of Nursing was established in April, 2014 to implement human resources development of nurses and public health nurses. Since its establishment, we implement suitable education program or variety of experience program to educate students as highly ethical professionals with a broad interdisciplinary knowledge of law and business administration, international exchange and regional contribution. Specifically International Exchange Center and International Exchange Division attain a reputation as the main role in various international and regional contribution activities. Learning Commons, Active Learning Room, Student Lounge, Free Space were newly installed in 2014 to provide an environment suitable for studying.

International Exchange
Partner Institutions:
40 schools, 1 organization
of which inter-university exchange agreement:
21 universities

Numbers of International students and Japanese Studies students during the past 3 years
International Students:
Japanese Studies students:

Location Characteristics of Aomori
Aomori prefecture is located at the northernmost tip of Honshu, the main island of Japan, and is bordered on three sides by the sea. Aomori city is a capital of Aomori Prefecture with a population of more than 300,000 and aims to create a compact city. The airport for domestic/international direct flights to Seoul, Korea and the station of Tohoku Shinkansen Line make the city accessible for visitors. Aomori's abundant nature, rich history, and four beautiful distinct seasons make it a fascinating place. Its diverse landscape changes dramatically in each season. Aomori is also an important region for the agriculture, forestry and fisheries industry in Japan. The prices are low that Aomori is an ideal place to live and study for international students with kindhearted local people.

Contents of the Course

Purpose of the Course
The course is mainly to improve Japanese language ability, and supplementarily to learn Japanese affairs and Japanese culture.

Course Profile
(1) Japanese Language Education
Students shall register in Faculty of Management and Law, and take simultaneously Japanese language course, which are offered to International students. We open 7 levels of Japanese courses from basic to advanced. All are designed to meet students’ aptitudes and interests. Students can attend classes of special subjects which Faculty of Management and Law offers for more than Japanese language class, so that students are able to continue their research. Japanese instructors are also assigned as academic advisors, those who give support to Students as foreign language learner.

(2) Japanese Cultural Experience
International students have numerous opportunities to meet and interact with local people in Aomori through activities more than 50 times in a year: Japanese culture experiences, Farm work experience and home stay.

Reception
4 students in total:
2 students (nominated by Japanese Embassies)
2 students (nominated by Universities)
Qualifications and Conditions of Applicants
- Applicants should be undergraduate at an overseas university with a major in Japanese Language, Japanese culture and Japanese Studies.
- Applicants are expected to have the ability to understand everyday conversation and read and write simple sentences, an equivalent of Level N3 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

Goal
- Improvement to more advanced level than students' entry level. Course and subjects will be decided after a Placement Test which students will take on enrollment to determine their level in Japanese language skills.
- The acquisition of ability of grammatical competence, conversation expression, phrasing and listening comprehension.
- Students are required to write an essay about their research and make a presentation.

Duration of the Program
1 October, 2018 - 11 September, 2019
The Completion Ceremony will be conducted on 11 September, 2019.

Subject Outline
1) Compulsory Subjects
- 2 subjects from Japanese Language subjects conducted in Japanese.
  The lesson hours depend on the courses, and it will be twice a week (180min.) to 4 times a week (360min.)

2) Participatory subjects such as Field trip or Regional Community Interaction Activities
- Internship program, Community-based research subjects and local exchange events.

3) Elective subjects and others
In addition to the compulsory courses, students are able to take Business Japanese or courses related to Management and Law, Economics and Politics regularly offered to Japanese and international students.

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Events
- October: Entrance Ceremony, English workshop with high school students, Excursion with international students from other universities Seeing foliage
- November: Apple Picking Experience
- December: Christmas Party
- January: Exchange event with people in the local community
- February: Activities with elementary school pupils
- March: Activities with elementary school pupils
- April: Cherry Blossom Viewing, Welcome event organized by Japanese students
- May: Exchange event with students enrolled in university and local people
- June: Exchange event with high school students
- July: BBQ Party, Exchange event with high school students, Volunteer activities
- August: Nebuta Festival, Volunteer activities
- September: Campus Festival, Japanese language speech Contest, Completion ceremony
Support System
-Course Advisor
  Masumi TANAKA, Lecturer
  Shin Oike, Lecturer
  Haruyo Kodama, Japanese language educational staff
-Supervisor and Administrators of Japanese Studies Program
  Tsunenaga OIZUMI, Associate Professor
    (Head of International Exchange Center)
  Hiroshi MIURA,
  (Manager of International Exchange Division)
  Rieko KANAGAWA,
  (Staff of International Exchange Division)
-International student Tutors
  As senior international students will be assigned as tutors, and students are able to receive academic and personal guidance.
-Japanese student Tutors
  Japanese Tutors set up exchange events and support international students to make their campus life in Aomori more meaningful.

Course Completion Requirements
In order to complete the program, students must pass all compulsory subjects, make a report, give a public oral presentation at the end of the program on their research themes. On completion of the course, students will receive the certificate.

Housing
University provides two dormitories on-campus. All international students are able to live in either dormitory. Japanese students also live in the dormitories, so that international students can make a friendship with Japanese students.

International Exchange Hall (104 single rooms)
Academic Exchange Hall (70 single rooms, 35 shared rooms for 2 person)

Follow-up Service for Alumni
Providing university information to establish communications through Facebook.

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