Aomori Chuo Gakuin University (Aomori)

Japanese Study, Culture and Local Community Exchange Program

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 caters 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 to provide an environment suitable for studying.

International Exchange
Partner Institutions:
41 schools, 1 organization
of which inter-university exchange agreement:
22 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.

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4 students in total:
2 students (nominated by Japanese Embassies)
2 students (nominated by Universities)
④ 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 higher than the Level N3 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

⑤ 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.

⑥ Duration of the Program
1 October, 2019 - 31 August, 2020
The Completion Ceremony will be conducted on 31 August, 2020 (2018 was held on September 12).

⑦ 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.)

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

3) Research Content
After the enrollment, students and academic advisors make learning plans together and students need to advance research according to their academic advisors’ guidance.
Students submit the reports on their research and they will be evaluated. Giving a public oral presentation is also required.

4) Studying with Japanese Students
In Japanese class which is one of the compulsory subjects, Japanese student tutors participate in the class to be international students’ conversation partners.

5) 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.
Course Completion Requirements

1) Students need to complete and pass all compulsory subjects.
2) Students need to submit the reports regarding research themes.
Those who complete the course receive the certificates.

Housing

University provides two dormitories on-campus.
All international students are able to live in either dormitory.
- International Exchange Hall (104 single rooms)
- Academic Exchange Hall (70 single rooms, 35 shared rooms for 2 persons)

Students need to pay the rent every month.
Deposit or Guarantee fee is not necessary.

Follow-up Service for Alumni

Providing university information to establish communications through Facebook.
They continue an exchange with University as oversea reunion members after going back their home as well.

Support System

-Course Advisor
Masumi TANAKA, Lecturer
Shin Oike, Lecture
Haruyo Kodama,
Japanese language educational staff

-Supervisor and Administrators of this 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.

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