



Iwate University (in Iwate Prefecture)



We provide intellectual discoveries integrating knowledge, experience, and analysis.

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Located in the prefectural capital Morioka, Iwate University is known for being the alma mater of the famous author and poet, Kenji Miyazawa. The university's main missions are: Disaster Recovery-Vitalization of Local Areas, Development of Global Human Resources, and Fostering Innovation. To this effect, Iwate University has become known as a leader for recovery of areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011. Thus, it is a “locally-oriented university,” contributing to a sustainable local community.

Iwate University was founded in 1949 with the Faculties of Liberal Arts, Engineering, and Agriculture, and continues to grow to this day. As of now, the university offers four undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Science and Engineering, and Agriculture, and five graduate programs in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering, Veterinary Sciences and the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences. The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences have four divisions in Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies, Regional Development and Creativity, Science and Engineering, and Agriculture.

In addition, we have many interdisciplinary departments and affiliated institutions to support our academic activities, such as the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Career Development; Global Education Center; Super-Computing and Information Sciences Center; and Health Administration Center.

There are approximately 5,500 students enrolled at Iwate University, with 480 teaching faculty members and 270 administrative staff to support them. Located in the center of Morioka, all four faculties are on the same campus and are only a few minutes' walk from each other.

Iwate University is proud of its collection of nearly 500,000 valuable materials and relics provided by the hard work of past and present faculty members and students.

Access to the university's resources are not limited to students and staff; we have initiated the “Iwate University Museum” concept, enabling the entire university to become a virtual museum, granting the public access to facilities and cultural treasures such as the University Botanical Garden, Nature Center, Center for Veterinary Study, and the Historical Museum for Agricultural Education, which is designated as an Important Cultural Property.

② International Exchange Agreements

As of September 26, 2018 Iwate University has exchange agreements with 54 institutions abroad in 18 countries and 1 region.

③ International Students (2016-2018)

	2016	2017	2018
Foreign Students Enrolled	207	218	214
Japanese Studies Students Enrolled	3	0	1



Historical Museum for Agricultural Education

④ About Iwate

With a population of 300,000, Morioka City is the largest community in Iwate Prefecture, and serves as the cultural and economic center of the region. Morioka has an abundance of nature, and is known for its charm, history, and culinary delights.

There are many people from Iwate who have played important roles in the areas of scholarship, culture, and politics. Among them include Kenji Miyazawa, the poet Takuboku Ishikawa, and author and international administrator Inazo Nitobe. In addition, Iwate is home to four former Prime Ministers.

Hiraizumi, located in southern Iwate, was the center of prosperity of the Fujiwara clan in historical times. Hiraizumi was registered as a UNESCO World Heritage site in June 2011, followed by the Hashino Iron Mining and Smelting Site in Kamaishi in July 2015. Tohno, well-known for its folkloric culture, is located in the center of Iwate Prefecture and home to the famous folklorist, Kunio Yanagida who wrote the classic, Tales of Tohno.

In March 2011, many of Iwate's coastal areas were devastated by the Great East Japan Earthquake. Morioka, as well as numerous other communities in Iwate, have continued to provide support for the disaster-affected areas.

Iwate has a rich culture and history, yet has also experienced a great natural disaster. Studying at Iwate University is most suitable for those wanting to understand Japanese culture, and how nature and humans impact each other. We at Iwate University always look forward to inviting talented minds

from around the world to enjoy life and learning on our campus.

■ Program Outline

① Purpose

(a) A course intended mainly to study about Japan and Japanese culture with supplementary study to improve Japanese language proficiency.

② Profile

The program focuses on Japanese language and society as a whole: culture, history, geography, politics, economics, society, and education.

In order to enhance international students' understanding of Japan, they engage in hands-on experiences outside the classroom, such as kimono workshops, tea ceremonies, and Japanese calligraphy, among others. There are also classes on Japanese history and culture taught in English, where international students can learn with other Japanese students.

In addition, international students are required to write an academic report focusing on a topic of their selection related to Japanese culture.

③ Maximum Enrollment: 5

(Recommended by Japanese Embassy: 4)

(Recommended by Iwate University: 1)

④ Qualification for Enrollment

To apply for this program, international students must meet the following requirements:

- 1) An intermediate or advanced level of Japanese proficiency (JLPT N3 or equivalent), and the ability to carry on daily conversation and read simple passages in Japanese.
- 2) A major in Japanese language, Japanese culture, or a Japan-related field at their home institution.

⑤ Goals and Objectives

- 1) Students will acquire academic writing and presentation skills in Japanese.
- 2) Students will acquire a wide-range of knowledge based on their experiences in Iwate and Japan, and the skills to understand and expand on these experiences.

⑥ Program Period:

October, 2019 – August, 2020

Closing Ceremony will be held the beginning of August.

⑦ Outline of Courses

There are three main areas:

- 1) Japanese language and culture classes
- 2) Classes related to the students' areas of study (mixed class with Japanese undergraduates)
- 3) Independent studies

International students can register for courses (based on availability) specially designed for international students, as well as general education and specialized subjects in consultation with the advisor. Thus, international students are able to focus on their specific areas of interest.

Courses encompassing the study of Japanese language and society are listed on this page. (One class lasts 90 minutes.)

Japanese Culture and Research Courses	
International Education Courses	Iwate Studies A *1
	Iwate Studies B *1
	Japanese History A・B
	Comparative Japanese History A・B
	Japanese Traditional Culture A
	Japanese Classical Literature in Easy Japanese
	School Internship I, II
	International Seminar
	Independent Studies
General Education Courses	Japanese Culture & Society A
	Japanese Culture & Society B
	Multicultural Communication A *2
	Multicultural Communication B *2
	Japanese Traditional Culture B

Japanese Language Courses	
International Education Courses	Intermediate Japanese II Grammar
	Intermediate Japanese II Conversation
	Intermediate Japanese II Composition
	Intermediate Japanese II Kanji
	Intermediate Japanese II for Academics
	Advanced Japanese for Academics
	Advanced Japanese for Business
General Education Courses	Advanced Japanese A (Presentations)
	Advanced Japanese B (Reading 1)
	Advanced Japanese C (JSP for Science/Social Science 1)
	Advanced Japanese D (Writing 1)
	Advanced Japanese E (Oral Communication)
	Advanced Japanese F (Reading 2)
	Advanced Japanese G (JSP for Science/Social Science 2)
	Advanced Japanese H (Writing 2)



Kimono Workshop

1) Required Courses

- ① Japanese Language:
Minimum 4 credits per semester
- ② Japanese Culture and Research
Minimum 4 Credits
- ③ Independent Studies

2) Courses for Active Participation

*1 Iwate Studies:

Students visit museums and other places of interest to learn about the history of Iwate.

*2 Multicultural Study Camp

Students explore multicultural communication through community collaboration with junior high school and other university students.

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Additionally, international students are encouraged to participate in university and locally sponsored cultural events, such as the cherry blossom viewing party, bus tours, camps, summer festivals, *mochi* making, skiing and hot spring visit, Girl's Doll Festival, Kimono workshop, and more. These hands-on experiences are excellent opportunities to learn about Japanese culture. International students are also invited to local schools for cultural exchange.

3) Independent Studies Theme

Students taking Independent Studies are required to research a topic related to Japanese language and/or culture, and report their findings in an academic report.

4) Opportunity to learn with Japanese students

Japanese Culture and Research Courses are offered for both Japanese and International students. General education and specialized subjects are also available for international students, providing an excellent opportunity to study together and interact with Japanese students.

5) Other Courses

International students can choose classes, depending on their own skills and interests, from various specialized subjects related to Japanese language and culture offered by any of the faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Science and Engineering, and Agriculture.

⑧ Annual Events

- Late Sep. Arrive in Japan, Opening Ceremony and Orientation
- Oct. University Festival
- Nov. International Camp for Multicultural Communication
Training, Field Study
- Dec. Kimono Workshop
- Jan. Ski Trip
- Jun. Garden Party
- Jul. Final Presentation
- Aug. Morioka Sansa Odori Festival, Closing Ceremony
- Late Aug. Return to your country

⑨ Teaching Staff

Advisers are assigned to individual students to help them study in their respective fields of study. In addition, faculty members from the Global Education Center assist them with their Japanese language study as well as academic and daily life.

Global Education Center faculty members:

Professor	Yoko Matsuoka
Professor	Natsumi Onaka
Associate Professor	Anders Carlqvist
Associate Professor	Hanayo Hirai
Specially Appointed Assistant Professor	Takanori Aida



Ski Trip

⑩ Requirements for a Certificate of Completion

International students who have completed all required courses are screened according to their academic scores, and earn credits if academic scores meet credit requirements. A Certificate of Completion and official transcripts will be issued to those who have successfully completed the program.

■ Housing Facility

The International House is an on-campus housing facility for international students. It has 30 single units, 3 units for couples, and 3 units for researchers. International students can live in the International House for up to 1 year. There are additional dormitories and university-managed apartments near the campus.

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International House

■ Follow-up for Graduates

International students can receive continued support after completion of the program about their career paths through consultation with the university's Career Support Office.

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