



Iwate University (Iwate Prefecture)



Features of the Program: (1) Japanese language study and courses offered by the Faculty of Education on the same campus!
(2) The opportunity to participate in the Japanese school internship program.

◇ University overview

○ Characteristics and history

Iwate University is 2.5 hours from Tokyo by bullet train and is located in the city of Morioka, which has a population of 300,000 and is surrounded by pristine nature. The university consists of 4 faculties and 5 graduate degree programs. There are about 4,650 undergraduate students and 800 graduate students, supported by 750 members of faculty and staff. The student to teacher ratio in the Faculty of Education is **10:1**, ensuring students and faculty have close contact. It offers programs for all subjects taught in secondary education, and has four affiliated schools: a kindergarten, an elementary school, a junior high school, and a special-needs school. This environment enables the teacher-trainee to study education theoretically and practically.

○ International Exchange

International Exchange Agreements between Iwate University and other universities (as of Sep. 2018): 18 countries and 1 region/54 universities and institutes. International students on campus:

| | Year/ 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|---------------------------|------------|------|------|
| International students | 207 | 218 | 214 |
| Teacher-training students | 2 | 0 | 2 |



◇ Outline of the course for Teacher-Training students

Participants can learn both basic Japanese and take specialty courses in education. They can also experience Japanese education through participating in the school internship program (SIP). Additionally, the International Center offers courses on Japanese culture and organizes various events for international students, including a ski trip. At the end of this program, students receive certificates of completion for the program and SIP. The two types of courses are 18 months long.

○Number of students to be accepted: 3

[1.5 year course in specialty] Student focuses on courses or research in specialty only and does not take Japanese language courses.

[1 year course in specialty] Student begins courses or research in specialty after 6 months of Japanese language training.

• Japanese language education / Global Education Center :

Teacher-training students spend 15 to 17 periods a week for a span of 15 weeks in an intensive Japanese program at the Iwate University International Center.

• Specialized training / Faculty of Education :

Teacher-training students take lectures and seminars, write research papers and receive guidance from their academic advisors.

• Practical training, Participatory subjects such as field trips and regional exchanges :

Students also experience Japanese education through participating in the school internship program (SIP). They can take lectures at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

• Additional Information

After the intensive Japanese study has finished, students are still eligible to take Japanese classes.

A Japanese graduate student serves as a tutor.

◇ Follow-up for graduates

After students leave, they can receive continued contact and personalized support. For example, an advisor can give a recommendation letter for students who want to continue their education.

◇ Accommodations

The International House is the on-campus housing facility for international students (30 single rooms, 3 rooms for couples, and 3 rooms for researchers). Students can live here for up to 1 and a half years.

Fees for a single room

Monthly rent: ¥5,900/month

Common area charge: ¥3,100/month

Facility Fee (only one time): ¥16,000

Facilities: toilet, kitchenette, small refrigerator, heater, desk, bed, bedding, TV, cupboard, closet, bookshelf

For details, please take a look at the webpage below.

http://iuc.iwate-u.ac.jp/01_foreigner/foreigner_03/f_03_03.html

There are also regular dormitories (¥14,000/month) near campus.

The university campus is within 20 minutes of the Morioka station and downtown Morioka, so it is very convenient for shopping and other amenities.

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