



# 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 5,400 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, which makes it easy for students and teachers to interact with each other beyond the departments.

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 12, 2019 Iwate University has exchange agreements with 56 institutions abroad in 19 countries and 1 region.

### ③ International Students (2017-2019)

	2017	2018	2019
Foreign Students Enrolled	218	214	238
Japanese Studies Students Enrolled	0	1	0



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, as well as four distinct seasons. It is a small but comfortable city to live.

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. Thus, Iwate is rich in culture with various traditional food, crafts, and performing arts, and more.

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.

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 and deepen their understandings of Japan and Iwate.

In addition, international students are required to write an academic report focusing on a topic of their selection related to Japanese culture, which can be used as a part of their theses.

### 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 N2 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, 2020 – August, 2021

Closing Ceremony will be held the beginning of August.

### ⑦ Period of Scholarship: October, 2020 – August, 2021

### ⑧ Annual Events

Late Sep. Arrive in Japan (Previous year: September 24)

Opening Ceremony and Orientation

Oct. University Festival

Nov. International Camp for Multicultural Communication Training, Field Study(Company visit/Factory tour)

Dec. Kimono Workshop

Jan. Field Study(Ski Trip)

Jun. Garden Party

Jul. Final Presentation

Aug. Morioka Sansa Odori Festival, Closing Ceremony

Late Aug. Return to your country

### ⑨ Requirements for a Certificate of Completion

International students who have completed all required class and elective classes 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.

International students may be allowed to complete courses at the end of July depending on the circumstances of home institutions. (Negotiable)

### ⑩ Outline of Courses

There are three main areas:

Japanese language and culture classes

Independent studies

Classes related to the students' areas of study  
( mixed class with Japanese undergraduates)

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.

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.

1) Required Class (Intensive course •30 hours)  
Independent Studies: poster presentation

2) Elective Classes

I. Japanese Language Courses (Minimum 4 subjects per semester •more than 120 hours)

【Intermediate high level】

Intermediate Japanese II Grammar

Intermediate Japanese II Conversation

Intermediate Japanese II Composition

Intermediate Japanese II Kanji

Intermediate Japanese II for Academics

【Advanced level】

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)

\* Japanese language-related classes under specialized subjects are also be recognized as “Japanese Language Subjects”.



Kimono  
Workshop

## II. Japanese Culture and Research (Minimum 2

subjects per semester·more than 60 hours)

Iwate Studies A : Students visit museums and other places of interest to learn about the history of Iwate. (Including field trip)

Iwate Studies B : Students visit museums and other places of interest to learn about the modern history of Iwate. (Including field trip)

Japanese Culture & Society A

Japanese Culture & Society B

## III. Field Trip and Cultural Exchange

Field Study (Company visit/ Factory tour/ Ski trip)

Kimono Workshop

## IV. Opportunity to learn with Japanese students

Japanese History A

Japanese History B

Comparative Japanese History A

Comparative Japanese History B

Japanese Traditional Culture A(Ikebana)

Japanese Traditional Culture B(Ikebana)

Multicultural Communication A

Multicultural Communication B

School Internship I , II (Including field trip)

International Seminar

## V. 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.



Garden Party

## ⑩ 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
Associate Professor	Petersen Jacob Bradley
Specially Appointed Assistant Professor	Takanori Aida



Field Study(Ski Trip)

## ■ Housing Facility

International students can live in a dormitory called International House located on campus. It has a share house type room (a unit to share with 4 roommates) and a single room.

Rent (including utility fees) :

【Share house type room】 33,000 yen

【Single room】 36,000 yen

Facility handling charge : 30,000yen(One time Fee)

Internet access fee : 24,200 yen/year

Bedding set rental fee : 11,000 yen/year



Share house type room

## ■ 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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