



岩手大学  
IWATE UNIVERSITY

# 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

### ① Characteristics and history

Iwate University is 2 hours and 10 minutes 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 5 faculties and 5 graduate degree programs. There are about 4,600 undergraduate students and 870 graduate students, supported by 700 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.

### ② International exchange

- Number of international students

AY 2025: 225

AY 2024: 206

AY 2023: 185

- Number of Teacher Training Students

AY 2025: 1

AY 2024: 1

AY 2023: 1

## ◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

### ① Characteristics of the program

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.

### ② Number of students to be accepted: 3

### ③ Period of scholarship: From October 2026 to March 2028

### ④ Requirement for program completion

Participants receive individual academic tutoring from their main supervisor and conduct in-depth research on their respective themes of inquiry. At the end of the course, teacher-training students are required to present the results of their research and submit a final report. Japanese language education generally requires 300 class hours and passing an examination. The specifics of participants' individual programs depend on their supervisor, but they generally take the School Internship Program (SIP) which enables them to visit and conduct fieldwork at local schools.



### ⑤ Overview of the course

#### 【 1 year course in area of specialty】

Students begin courses or research in their specialty after 6 months of Japanese language training.

- Japanese language education/  
International Education Center :

Teacher-training students spend 21 periods a week for a span of 14 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

- Others

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

International students can live in a dormitory called the International House, located on campus. It has both share house style rooms (one unit to shared with 4 roommates) and a-single rooms. Family rooms and couple rooms are not available.  
\*Residence fees are to be paid monthly, and there is no need to pay the full amount in advance.

Rent (including utility fees) to be paid monthly:

【Share house type room】33,000yen/month

【Single room】36,000yen/month

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

Internet access fee :

【Up to 6 months】11,000yen

【Up to 12 months】24,200yen

Bedding set rental fee :

【Up to 6 months】7,700yen

【Up to 12 months】15,400yen

○ Facilities

【Share house type room】

(Share space)

kitchen, toilet, coin-operated shower, refrigerator, microwave, dining table, chairs, cupboard

(Private space)

desk, drawer, chair, bed, mattress, air-conditioner, curtain, wardrobe, bookshelf, laundry hook, wireless LAN

【Single room】

kitchen, toilet, desk, chair, bed, mattress, refrigerator, air-conditioner, curtain, wardrobe, bookshelf, laundry hook, kitchen drawer, wireless LAN

○ Information for daily life

The university campus is located about 2 kilometers from Morioka station and downtown Morioka, so it is very convenient for shopping and other amenities.

## ◇ Contact

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◇ Course Description, Number of students to be accepted, Qualifications and, etc.

| Name of department | ※英文の研究科名                                    |  |                                   |   |   |                   |                                   |   |
|--------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Course code        | Name of adviser                             | E-mail   | Teaching field(s)                 | Course description  | Targets for training  | Language          | Number of students to be accepted | Qualification and requirement for students, number of students in past 5 years                              |
| 03001              | <u>FUJII Tomohiro</u><br>(Professor)        | <a href="mailto:mugentom@iwate-u.ac.jp">mugentom@iwate-u.ac.jp</a>   | Japanese Education                | Japanese Education/Literacy Education, Reading Instruction  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers<br><input type="checkbox"/> Others ( ) | Japanese          | 1                                 | To have some command of English, and interested in the language education on the education system of Japan. |
| 03002              | <u>SHIMIZU Shigeyuki</u><br>(Professor)     | <a href="mailto:s.shimizu@iwate-u.ac.jp">s.shimizu@iwate-u.ac.jp</a> | Health & Sports Education         | Health & sports education/Field athletics teaching methodology  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers<br><input type="checkbox"/> Others ( ) | Japanese          | 1                                 | To have some command of English.  |
| 03003              | <u>MITSUI Takahiro</u><br>(Associate Prof.) | <a href="mailto:mitsui@iwate-u.ac.jp">mitsui@iwate-u.ac.jp</a>       | Home Economics Education          | Habit-forming disease & dietary life  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers<br><input type="checkbox"/> Others ( ) | Japanese          | 1                                 | To have some command of English.  |
| 03004              | <u>HALL, James</u><br>(Professor)           | <a href="mailto:jhall@iwate-u.ac.jp">jhall@iwate-u.ac.jp</a>         | Global Studies, English Education | Communicative language teaching in Asian contexts/ Global Education/ Qualitative research/ Teaching English as a foreign language | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers<br><input type="checkbox"/> Others ( ) | Japanese, English | 1                                 | To have some command of English.<br>/ 1from Malaysia, 1from Oman  |
| 03005              | <u>MAWATARI Kentarou</u><br>(Professor)     | <a href="mailto:mawatari@iwate-u.ac.jp">mawatari@iwate-u.ac.jp</a>   | Science Education                 | Elementary particle physics   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers<br><input type="checkbox"/> Others ( ) | Japanese, English | 1                                 | To have some command of English.  |
| 03006              | <u>HONDA Takashi</u><br>(Professor)         | <a href="mailto:thonda7@iwate-u.ac.jp">thonda7@iwate-u.ac.jp</a>     | Mathematics Education             | Calculus and Analysis   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers<br><input type="checkbox"/> Others ( ) | Japanese          | 1                                 | To have some command of English.  |

※Please check the applicable box in the “Targets for training” column. (If both apply, check both boxes.)