

The Hokkaido University of Education has had close ties with many local elementary, junior high, and high schools. The course provides international students with several opportunities a year to visit these schools and communicate with people in Japanese as well as to become familiar with the Japanese educational system.

◇ Overview of the University

(1) Overview

The Faculty of Education, the sole faculty at the Hokkaido University of Education, has five campuses (Sapporo, Hakodate, Asahikawa, Kushiro and Iwamizawa Campuses) and covers all areas of education. Effective in April 2006, the Faculty of Education starts to offer the following new undergraduate courses at each campus:

- Course for Teachers Training (Sapporo, Asahikawa, Kushiro)
 - Each Campus offers its unique program to afford students opportunities to learn practical teaching skills they will need in their teaching fields.
- Course for Humanities and Regional Sciences (Hakodate)
 - The goal of the course at Hakodate Campus is to train students to contribute to local communities by promoting progressive and cross-disciplinary research on Humanities and Regional Sciences.
- Course for Fine Arts and Music; Course for Sport Education (Iwamizawa)
 - The goal of the two courses at Iwamizawa Campus is to train students to design, plan, and enrich the cultural life.

The Graduate School of Education offers the following programs;

- a) M.Ed. level: School Education/Subjects Education/School Health Nursing/Clinical Psychology and School Education
- b) Professional Degree level: Advanced Teacher Professional Development Programs

(2) Current enrollment (as of May 1, 2008)

- Undergraduate: 5,443 (Sapporo: 1,195, Hakodate: 1,352, Asahikawa: 1,224, Kushiro: 868, Iwamizawa: 804)
- Postgraduate: 385
- Special Course for Nurse Teachers: 27
- Research Students/Selective Course Students/Special Audit Students: 119

(3) International relations (as of May 1, 2008)

- 73 Students from 12 countries.
- 27 Exchange partner universities in 12 countries

◇ Course Outline

- Number of students accepted: about 15
- Period of the Course:
 - Sapporo Campus: October 2009 to August 2010
 - Hakodate Campus: October 2009 to September 2010
- Classes: See the Outline of the Courses Offered at each Campus
- Faculty: See the Outline of the Courses Offered at each Campus
- Certificate of Completion: The Hokkaido University of Education issues a Certificate of Completion to students once they finish their courses of study (including the required subjects -Japanese language, Japan studies, Japanese culture, Final project).
- Minimum requirements for applicants: Applicants must be an undergraduate at a foreign (non-Japanese) university majoring in fields related to the Japanese language or Japanese culture. In addition, applicants are expected to have studied Japanese at the elementary level or higher. (Acquisition of 3rd level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test, or approximately 300 hours of Japanese language study experience is desirable.)
- Credits: An official academic transcript will be provided to students who successfully completed their studies and need transfer credits.

◇ Accommodation

Students may request a room in a university dormitory, or elect to stay in a private apartment off-campus. The dormitories are as follows:

- The price of housing does not include electricity, gas, water, and board.
- Students are supposed to live with Japanese students.

Campus	Gender	Room capacity	Housing fee /month (yen)	Address
Sapporo	M	1	4,300	Kita-ku, Sapporo
	F	1	4,300	Chuo-ku, Sapporo
Hakodate	M	1	4,300	Hachiman-cho, Hakodate
	F	1	4,300	Suginami-cho, Hakodate
Asahikawa	M	1	4,300	Hokumon-cho, Asahikawa
	F	2	700	Shunko 4-2, Asahikawa
Kushiro	M	4	700	Tsurugadai 1, Kushiro
	F	4	700	
Iwamizawa	M	1	4,300	Midorigaoka 2, Iwamizawa
	F	1	4,300	

[Facilities] [Around dormitories] [Commuting time] *depending on each dormitory

- Common use: kitchen, shower, toilet, refrigerator, and etc
- Personal use: desk, wardrobe, and etc
- Internet access is available.
- There are grocery stores and convenience stores, and etc near the dormitories.
- Female students' dormitory in Sapporo: about one hour by bus and subway, The others: within the walking range

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◇ Outline of the Courses Offered at each Campus

1.Faculty of Education, Sapporo Campus

(1-5, Ainosato 5-3, Kita-ku, Sapporo)

○Classes

I)Japanese Language and Culture

Aims to develop the student's practical skills of the Japanese language.

The students learn well-balanced language skills for academic research at the University, especially communication skills for discussion on social-cultural topics. Students also deepen their knowledge of the Japanese culture and develop the cross-cultural understanding through discussion and presentation of their own cultures.

II)Academic Japanese Language

Aims to improve the student's listening skill and academic writing skill for study and research at the University.

III)Japanese Culture and Society

Studying Japanese culture and society with real experiences.

IV)Seminar

Studying academic writing and presentation skills.

V)Foreign student meeting

Exchanging necessary information for foreign student.

VI)Japan Studies

Students take some subjects about Japanese language, Japanese history, Japanese culture, Japanese society and Ainu culture from classes for Japanese students.

VII)Final Essay

Students conduct research in their area of study through such as interview, questionnaire and field trip. Each student submits a final essay on this research.

○Faculty

Staff: Instructors and advisors

Harumi SASATANI, Professor of Sociology,

Director of the Sapporo International Center

Kyoko OGA, Associate Professor of Japanese, International Center

Jiro ABE, Associate Professor of Japanese, International Center

Includes other professors who can teach classes or advise international students in their field of study.

○Events

- Short home stay
- Internship
- International students gathering, Student club activities
- Home stay association events
- Visits to local schools
- Field trip around Sapporo

2. Faculty of Education, Hakodate Campus
(1-2, Hachiman-cho, Hakodate)

○Classes

I)Japanese as a Foreign Language(Each course is 30 hours, for 2 credits(units))

Japanese I (first semester):

provides students with opportunities of utilizing skills in Japanese introducing new structures and usages of the language at a beginning level.

Japanese II (first semester):

Students learn the basic knowledge of 100 Kanjis and practice writing short passages using them.

Japanese III (first semester):

focuses on improving each student's listening comprehension ability, using tapes of the level of the student.

Community life and culture I (first semester):

focuses on making a presentation in Japanese to the class using multimedia.

Theory of Japanese society I (first semester):

focuses on improving each student's writing ability, broadening and practicing verbal vocabulary.

Seminar in Comparative International Culture I (first semester):

Students deepen their understanding of Japan and its culture via reports and discussions with Japanese students and citizens. They also visit relevant local cultural institutes.

General Japanese I (second semester);

introduces the students to elementary Japanese, improving their abilities to communicate each other in Japanese

General Japanese II (second semester);

addresses students to conduct a research of their interest, with assistance from Japanese students

General Japanese III (second semester);

Students practice usage of Japanese verbs in writing short passages.

Community life and culture II (second semester);

Students practice usage of verbs in communication in Japanese.

Theory of Japanese society II (second semester);

Students further improve their abilities in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Seminar in Comparative International Culture II (second semester);

Students deepen their understanding of Japan and its culture via reports and discussions with Japanese students and citizens. They also visit relevant local cultural institutes.

II)Japanese Society and Culture (for 2 credits (units))

Experiencing Japanese Culture:

Students deepen their understanding of Japanese culture such as tea ceremony, flower arrangement, and Japanese harp, and they learn fundamental skills from Japanese masters.

○Faculty

Staff: Instructors and advisors

Masashi FUJITA, Professor of International cooperation project research
Director of the Hakodate International Center

Includes other professors who can teach classes or advise international students in their field of study.

○Field Trip and Events

- International students welcome party in May
- Visits to local schools and international/cross-cultural activities
- “Squid dance” in the local festival in August
- Trips to at Shiriuchi and Biratori for international exchange in September
- Participation in local events for international exchange (Cherry-blossom viewing, Open-air BBQ, “Chikyuu-Matsuri”, Nordic skiing, Receptions of friendship promoting associations)