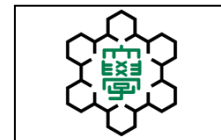


Niigata University (Niigata Prefecture)



Niigata University offers four Programs for foreign students and researchers who have various interests in the practices and system of education in Japan. Within these programs, students can not only have personal guidance from advisors and attend to related seminars but also have chances to visit actual sites of educational practices according to their research themes.

◇ Outline of Niigata University

Niigata University was established in 1949 in Niigata City as the center for higher education and research in the areas along the Sea of Japan. The University has ten faculties – College of Creative Studies, medicine, dentistry, law, agriculture, literature, economics, school education, natural sciences, engineering – six graduate schools and Medical and Dental Hospitals, where about 12,500 students receive undergraduate and graduate education and about 3,000 research staff and officers work. Its two campuses are located in the center and the west side of the City: *Asahimachi* campus where Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry, the Hospital and attached schools of Faculty of Education are located and *Ikarashi* campus where other faculties including Faculty of Education are. You can go to Niigata City by Shinkansen Bullet Train from Tokyo in two hours. Niigata City commands Japan Sea and, in its behind, there spreads *Echigo* Plain, the biggest plain in Japan. Everyone who visits our university for the first time is surprised to know that there exists the intellectual community surrounded by beautiful nature within two hours reach from Tokyo. All the people who have ever lived in Niigata are impressed with the high amenity of the city and the traditional Japanese food still firmly rooted in the daily life. The undergraduate education at the Faculty of Education is constituted of two courses. The one is for teacher training and the other is for art, music and sport. It has around about 1,700 students and 100 research staff. The majors of the research staff cover such wide area as art, music, sport, physics, chemistry, biology, history, sociology, politics and education.

International Activities of Niigata University

- International agreements on the exchange of scholars and students: 53 cases (21 countries/districts).
- International agreement between faculties: 223 cases (28 countries/districts).
- Foreign students: 457 students from 29 countries/districts.
- Number of the teacher training foreign students: 4

◇ The Teacher Training Course outline

1 Characteristics of the Program

We are going to provide four Programs, which will satisfy the various interests of foreigners on Japanese educational practice and system. Each Program is organized and run by research staff at Faculty of Education, who have profound knowledge and wide experiences on the theme covered by Program. If necessary, the programs will arrange study visits to schools attached to the Faculty or in local districts.

2 Number of students to be accepted: 7

3 Outline of the Courses

(1) Japanese Language Education

During the first six months, international teachers are to receive Intensive Course on Japanese provided by the Global Education Center of Niigata University.

(2) Content of the Programs

After the six months intensive training on Japanese, international teachers will start one-year training in the Programs. At the beginning, each Program provides the introductory lectures. Upon the discussion with the Program staff, international teachers decide the course(s) and seminar(s) they will take part in. If necessary, the staff will arrange a practical study of teaching methods and a class teaching in elementary, junior and junior high schools of the Niigata school district.

① Program on peace education

- History of peace education in Japan and its current issues.
- Development of educational materials on peace education for students' countries.

② Program on Math & Physics Education in Japan

- Characteristics of math and physics education in Japan.
- Development of educational materials to upgrade math and physics education.

③ Program on sports education

- Philosophy of Japanese martial arts and its comparison to Western philosophy of sports.
- Understanding the value of international exchanges through sports.

④ The program on ICT utilization in science and technology education.

- Development of educational practice using ICT utilization in education.
- Fundamentals of information network technology for understanding intra-school LAN.

◇ Accommodation

• Niigata University International House (*Niigata-Daigaku Kokusai Koryu Kaikan*).

Facilities: Bath and toilet unit, kitchen unit, hot water facilities, air-conditioning and heating equipment.

Equipment: Bed, desk, chair, bookshelf, wardrobe, cupboard with table, gas cooking unit, refrigerator, microwave oven, and fire extinguisher.

It is located in campus. Also, university has six apartments for international students outside of campus with almost the same condition of International House.

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

Faculty of Education								
University	Course code	Name of Adviser	E-mail	Teaching Field(s)	Course Description	Language	Number of students to be accepted	Qualification and Requirement for students. Number of students in past 5 years.
Niigata University	17001	MIYAZONO Mamoru (Professor)	miyazono@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Social Science Education	Program on Peace Education	Japanese	2	International teachers are required the ability to command 1 student
		KAMAMOTO Takeshi (Associate Professor)	kamamoto@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Social Science Education				
Niigata University	17002	KAKIMIZU Osamu (Professor)	kakimizu@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Math Education	Program on Math & Physics Education	Japanese	1	the basic ability of reading, writing and daily conversation in English; and preferably the ability of daily conversation in Japanese 4 students
		OKANO Tsutomu (Professor)	okano@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Math Education				
		HASEGAWA Keizo (Professor)	hasegawa@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Mathematics				
		KISHIMOTO Isao (Associate Professor)	ikishimo@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Physics				
		ITOH Katsumi (Professor)	itoh@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Comparative Analysis of Textbooks on Physics				
Niigata University	17003	ISHIGAKI Kenji (Associate Professor)	ishigaki@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Sport education	Program on Sport Education	Japanese	2	International teachers are required the ability to command English in daily conversation. 1 student
		KOBAYASHI Hideshiro (Professor)	hinode@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Comparative Study of Philosophy of Sport				
		USHIYAMA Yukihiro (Professor)	ushiyama@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Sport Bio-mechanics				
		YASAKA Takeshi (Professor)	yasaka@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Physical Training				
Niigata University	17004	SUZUKI Kenji (Professor)	suzuki@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Information Education	Program on ICT utilization in science and technology education	Japanese	2	International teachers are required the ability to command English in daily conversation. 1 student
		SATO Ryoichi (Professor)	sator@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Information Education				
		OKIHARU Fumiko (Associate Professor)	okiharu@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp	Science Education, Physics Education				