



Niigata University (Niigata Prefecture)

Niigata University offers One Program for foreign students and researchers who have various interests in the practices and system of education in Japan. Within this program, 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.

◇ University overview

① Characteristics and history

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, three Graduate Schools and Medical and Dental Hospital, where about 12,000 students receive undergraduate and graduate education and about 2,600 academic staff and officers work. There are two campuses in the City: Asahimachi Campus, located in the center of the City, has Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry, and Attached Schools: Niigata Elementray School, Niigata Junior High School, and School for Special Education. Ikarashi Campus, located in the west of the City, has eight Faculties including Faculty of Education. Niigata City commands the Sea of Japan, and in its behind, there spreads Echigo Plain, the biggest plain in Japan. You can go to Niigata City by bullet train from Tokyo in two hours. Everyone who visits Niigata 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 Faculty of Education providing the Program for Techer Training Students has about 770 students and over 70 faculty members. The majors of the faculty members cover such wide area such as sociology, Japanese, English, Home economics, Industrial arts, etc.



② International exchange

- Agreement on University Level:
104 institutions (30 countries/regions)
- Agreements on Faculty/Graduate School Level:
259 cases (38 countries/regions)
- Number of international students
AY 2025: 459
AY 2024: 517
AY 2023: 522
- Number of Teacher Training Students
AY 2025: 1
AY 2024: 0
AY 2023: 1

◇ Outline and characteristics of the course for Teacher Training Students

① Characteristics of the program

We provide one program, which will satisfy the various interests of foreigners on Japanese educational practice and system. This program is organized and run by academic staff at Faculty of Education, who have profound knowledge and wide experiences on the theme covered by the program. If necessary, the program will arrange study visits to schools attached or in local districts.

② Number of students to be accepted: 2

③ Period of scholarship 2026/10~2028/3

④ Requirement for program completion

Although it depends on your academic advisor, you are required to take exercises for about 20 hours per week.

If the prescribed research is completed, a "Research Certificate" will be issued.

⑤ Outline of the course

- Japanese language education

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

- Specialized training

After the six-month intensive training on Japanese, International teachers will start one-year training in the program. At the beginning, this 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.

Program on Peace Education

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

◇ Follow-up for graduates

Students can consult with their supervisors through email even after completion of their training course.



◇ Accommodations

Niigata University International House

- The number of single rooms: 38
- Monthly rent: 22,000 yen (single room)
- 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 for researchers and students from abroad, located on the campus. Also, Niigata University offers Co-op Leased Apartments supported by Niigata University to international students near the campus.



◇ Contact

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

| Name of department | Faculty of Education | | | | | | | |
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| 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 |
| 17001 | KAMAMOTO Takeshi (Associate Professor) | kamamoto@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp | Social Studies | Program on Peace Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elementary school teachers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior high school teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Others () | Japanese | 2 | International teachers are required the ability to command English in daily conversation. |
| 17002 | MAEDA Yosuke (Associate Professor) | y.maeda@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp | Geographic Education | | | | | |
| 17003 | KOBAYASHI Shigeko (Associate Professor) | s-kobayashi@ed.niigata-u.ac.jp | History Education | | | | | |

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