

Article 7 : Studying and general living

1 Academic advisors / counselors

The university has tutors who provide guidance and advice to international students concerning problems related to study, further education and other matters.

In addition to an academic counselor each international student is assigned a student tutor to assist day-to-day living concerns. Students are encouraged to use the YU Support System that assist in a range of academic counseling services.

2 Tutor

Yamagata University assigns Japanese students studying at the university to be tutors for international students, to raise the effectiveness of the studying and research of international students. The tutors provide advice on studying and general living.

3 Japanese language education

Yamagata University provides Japanese language education for both beginning students in Japanese and more advanced students. Those students who have language problems in class and about research at the university can also find assistance. There are Japanese language courses and Japanese culture classes for international students to raise their Japanese ability. Also, these programs aim to help understand not only Japanese culture, history and industry but make lasting friendships.

4 Library

Each of the four campuses of Yamagata University has a library with a combined total of one million volumes, approximately 23,000 periodicals, electronic resources with access to about 9,000 major scholarly journals, including The Web of Science, and Japan Knowledge, one of the largest data bases in Japan.

Website: <http://www.lib.yamagata-u.ac.jp/>

5 The Museum of Yamagata University

Kojirakawa campus, Yamagata University has a museum which was designated as a 'museum-equivalent establishment' by the Ministry of Education in 1952.

Website: <http://www.lib.yamagata-u.ac.jp/museum/>

6 Part-time work on campus

There are a few opportunities for enrolled students to engage in part-time work on campus as student tutors, administrative assistants, teaching assistants and research assistants. Study abroad students must obtain permission (shikakugai katsudo) from the immigration office before starting to work. For further information on the work permit at YU, please contact staff in the respective academic department. Students can also participate in volunteer work such as local school visitations or community events.

7 Part-time work off-campus

International students are not permitted to work, because they are granted with student visas. However international students may be allowed to do part-time work in order to pay for their university fees and other costs as long as the work does not affect their studying. Doing part-time work is permitted from three months after arrival on the condition of having permission from a guidance tutor, advisor tutor or another appropriate person, in principle.