Founded in 1876 as Sapporo Agricultural College – the university was Japan’s first institute to issue formal degrees. Throughout its long history stretching back more than 140 years, the university has adopted and cultivated as its ethos the four basic philosophies of “Frontier Spirit,” “Global Perspectives,” “All-round Education,” and “Practical Learning.”

In 2014, the Hokkaido Universal Campus Initiative (HUCI) project was selected as a Top Global University Project and will receive funding between 2014-2023 from MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology).

A new organization, the Global Institution for Collaborative Research and Education (GI-CoRE), was also formed to enable researchers to focus on certain academic fields relevant to particular regional and global issues. Distinguished research groups from around the world are invited to conduct cutting-edge research and educational activities together with Hokkaido University’s researchers in fields such as quantum medical science and engineering, zoonosis control, food, land and water resources, soft matter, big data and cybersecurity, and Arctic research. Furthermore, since 2017 new graduate schools have been established to continue strengthening our educational activities in some of those areas.

Two special educational programs aim to develop future global leaders: Nitobe College for undergraduates and Nitobe School for graduates, were integrated as Nitobe College and started as a new six-year consistent program in April 2019. The program establishes the Foundation Program and the Honors Program and each program has an Undergraduate Education Course and a Graduate Education Course respectively. Selected students take classes in addition to their normal curriculum and benefit from receiving advice from alumni who act as mentors as well as scholarships to study abroad.

These two programs are named after one of the most notable Hokkaido University alumni, Inazo Nitobe, the author of the well-known book Bushido: The Soul of Japan and one of the first Under-Secretary Generals of the League of Nations.

Finally, over 130 courses taking place both inside and outside the campus will be offered through the “Hokkaido Summer Institute” between June and September. A number of renowned researchers from around the world will join our faculty members to provide students with exiting learning experiences. Students from Japan and overseas will study while working together with students from Hokkaido University.
Hokkaido University of Education is Japan’s largest national teacher training college. The University’s headquarters are located in Sapporo, Hokkaido and there are campuses in the five major cities of Hokkaido; Sapporo, Asahikawa, Kushiro, Hakodate, and Iwamizawa.

Since its establishment in 1949, the University has been a hub for promoting academic and cultural creativity. By offering beneficial information to regional society and providing extensive fields of learning, the University has large numbers of educators and other human resources to society.

The University made a new departure as a unique university firmly rooted in the regional society that combines both the arts-science assimilated type of academic research on human and region. Consequently, the faculty members as well as the University hope to contribute to the regional society of Hokkaido and the international society by training talented individuals to lead the regional society in the 21st century.

Under the slogan “Hokkaido University of Education where people foster people”, we aim to become “a university that trains students” as a “university of education”, or in other words firmly grounded on education. The University is confident that it is the place where students grow and where students, faculty and staff members respect each other. Most importantly, we aim to become “a university that the people of the local and regional society can trust and depend upon”.

Academics Education
Number of Students Undergraduate 5,085 / Graduate 287 / International Students 86
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Making Dreams Come True Through Creative Science and Technology

Muroran Institute of Technology (“MuroranIT”) will take advantage of the rich natural environment of Muroran renowned as a city of innovative manufacturing, offer comprehensive science and technology education, and at the same time, engage in creative scientific and technological research considering the balance between humanity, society and nature, and contribute as a stronghold for the development of local and international knowledge in order to develop a well-rounded society in the future.

Outline of the University

MuroranIT was established in 1949. The new university was amalgamation of the then Sapporo Agricultural College Engineering Department (founded in 1887), and the former Muroran Engineering High School (established in 1939).

To push forward educational reform aimed at creating a fusion of science, informatics and engineering, MuroranIT have formulated a new curriculum to transform the traditional engineering department with four disciplines into a new science and engineering department with two disciplines in April 2019.

Currently, MuroranIT has two undergraduate departments, and a graduate school offering three master courses and one doctoral course.

Center for International Relations

The aims of the Center are twofold: to actively promote the research activities of the University to a wider international audience; and to provide educational and research opportunities for overseas students who wish to study at MuroranIT.

Over the years, MuroranIT has established an excellent reputation for actively accepting foreign students. As of November 2018, a total of 193 foreign students from 14 countries are enrolled at MuroranIT, all of them thoroughly enjoying the college life and unique experience of living in Japan.

Open to the world, MuroranIT endeavors to develop students’ potential to become global leaders in the field of science and engineering.

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**Academics Science and Engineering**

**Number of Students** Undergraduate 2,805 / Graduate 573 / International Students 193

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Otaru University of Commerce (OUC) has been one of the pioneers in Japan in offering an English-language program in business and economics topics, which has attracted students from around the world for over 20 years. Our mission is to educate ‘glocal’ (an amalgam of ‘global’ and ‘local’) human resources who can contribute to the regional economy from a global perspective.

In line with our tradition and mission, we have actively developed an extensive international exchange network with 23 partner universities around the world. For exchange students we provide scholarships, a dormitory, and student tutors. The relatively small scale of our university allows us to offer tailor-made, individualized support to all of our students. Moreover, our curriculum incorporates and emphasizes state of the art teaching methods, such as project-based learning (PBL), active learning, and blended learning.

Degree Programs
Undergraduate Program
This four-year undergraduate program culminates in a Bachelor of Arts in Commerce.
Four majors in the Faculty of Commerce
1. Economics
2. Commerce
3. Law
4. Information and Management Science

Graduate Programs
1) Major in Modern Commerce
Doctoral Program (Phase 1)
This two-year graduate program culminates in a Master’s of Arts in Commerce.
Doctoral Program (Phase 2)
This three-year graduate program culminates in a Ph.D. in Commerce.
2) Major in Entrepreneurship (MBA Program)

This two-year graduate program culminates in a Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Global Education Programs (Non-Degree Programs)
1) YOUC Program
This program offers classes on marketing, management and economics in English. It targets undergraduate exchange students and our GMP students (see below).

2) Glocal Management Program (GMP)
We have expanded our global orientation by offering an English-language Glocal Management Program (GMP) as a minor field of study. The GMP minor program is integrated with our YOUC program for inbound exchange students.

Academics Commerce
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Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine

Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (OUAVM) is the only national agricultural university in Japan that provides a world-class education in agriculture, animal husbandry, and veterinary medicine. Our mission is to advance knowledge and expand practical learning in order to contribute to regional and international societies.

The various issues associated with agriculture and food are inevitably linked with global issues such as climate change, food safety, energy problems, and infectious diseases. To solve these global issues, academic contributions in the field of agriculture, animal husbandry and veterinary medicine are indispensable.

The School of Veterinary Medicine has produced veterinarians who excel not only in the treatment and prevention of infectious diseases but also in the production and management of animals.

Under the slogan “from farm to table”, the School of Agriculture offers our students the curriculum that covers life, food, and the environmental science so that they will acquire the skills as professionals who can be active in a wide range of agricultural and livestock fields, including food hygiene.

In this rapidly changing world, OUAVM offers various programs to meet the demands of society by collaborating with regional institutes of research and development and enterprises associated with agriculture, food, and animals, as well as with international organizations responsible for food safety and those assisting developing countries. To this end, we will take action based on four core principles as follows:

1. Develop a curriculum that is equal to the educational level of Europe and America
2. Pursue global collaborative research and educational exchanges with top universities around the world
3. Develop human resources through practical training that conforms to international standards for safety and hygiene
4. Conduct collaborative research and human resource development suited to the needs of society and business

**Academics** Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine  
**Number of Students** Undergraduate 1,170 / Graduate 153 / International Students 70  
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Asahikawa Medical University was founded at the behest of the national government in November 1973 as the first national medical university to be established to improve regional medical services and welfare, and reduce urban/rural medical-care differences.

To nurture individuals who can contribute to medical care in Hokkaido, we set aside approximately half the quota for the Medical Course for the selective medical school admission policy, which is open to prospective students from Hokkaido. As a result, 60% of newly registered students are from this prefecture. The graduates of our university play a crucial role in accomplishing the mission of Asahikawa Medical University Hospital.

In recent years, the conception of medical care, especially in regional medicine, has been changing. We can no longer make a clear local-global distinction and must be strategic in providing medical care to both local communities and people around the world. We have been advancing the training of medical specialists who not only meet local needs, but can serve the needs of people worldwide. Medical education in Japan, like other educational branches, is becoming globalized and must meet the standards of international educational accreditation, so we designed a new curriculum starting from the 2015 academic year.

We are determined to nurture exceptional research-minded medical individuals who can think flexibly and consider multiple perspectives and who can deal with the full gamut of medical needs required by regional communities. We, as a think tank in the local community, aspire to solve various problems around us, applying our strengths and expertise. Looking ahead to the next decade, we are optimistic we can fulfil our goal of giving hope to the precious lives in our care.

Academics Medicine
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Kitami Institute of Technology is the northernmost national university in Japan, located in Kitami, a city in the northeastern part of Hokkaido, near Japan’s unparalleled scenic spots such as Akan, Taisetsu, and Shiretoko National Parks. Kitami, with a population of about 120,000, is the industrial and cultural center of the Okhotsk area and plays an active role as a campus town, attracting students from all over Japan and abroad to study here.

Due to the rapid development of ICT technology, the social situation has changed greatly and rapidly in recent years. And the challenges the world is facing are becoming extremely diverse and complex. In order to solve such problems, human resources with a broad perspective are necessary. Human resources with reliable basic academic skills and expertise, but not biased towards one specific specialized field only. The training of such human resources is the mission of Kitami Institute of Technology. However, within the framework of our current traditional educational system, we couldn’t fully provide the kind of education to cultivate such human resources.

Therefore, we decided at Kitami Institute of Technology to drastically review the vertical division of education and research organization in specialized fields, and build a new education and research organization. Kitami Institute of Technology was born again into a new organization composed of inter-disciplinary schools, integrating various specialized fields with the goal of effective problem solving. Our university consists of 2 schools: the School of Earth, Energy and Environmental Engineering, and the School of Regional Innovation and Social Design Engineering offering various undergraduate and graduate programs.

We hope to see you at our new inter-disciplinary schools here in Kitami, a calm environment suitable for studying, to acquire academic skills and pursue your future dreams.

**Academics** Engineering

**Number of Students** Undergraduate 1,821 / Graduate 285 / International Students 92

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