

About Our University

Video 3 (Length 4:20): Hokudai in Numbers

In this video we will look now at some basic data about Hokkaido University.

Hokudai is situated conveniently in the middle of Sapporo. The campus occupies just under 300 hectares of land. It is around 3 kilometres long, and at its widest point is one kilometre wide.

Hokudai has a number of other sites apart from the main campus: for example, the Botanic Garden in central Sapporo, the Hakodate Campus of the Graduate School of Fisheries, and the Tomakomai Experimental Forest.

In total, over 22,000 people work and study at Hokudai. There are over 18,000 students. Of these nearly 12,000 are undergraduates, over 3,000 are on master's programmes, and over 2,000 are on doctorate programmes. Since 1880, over 170,000 people have graduated from Hokkaido University or its predecessors.

There are over 2,000 teaching staff. And the university could not run smoothly without the administrative staff, who manage the libraries, department offices and the university's finances.

Students and staff at Hokudai come from all over Japan. This map shows the home prefectures of new undergraduate students at Hokudai in 2010. As you can see, around half come from Hokkaido. There is also a small number of international students at undergraduate level, or Japanese returnee children who grew up in another country. Another clear trend is that a majority of students are male. In 2008, only 27.7 per cent of undergraduates and 24.8 per cent of graduate students were female.

Hokkaido University has many links with the international academic community. Hokudai is active in creating international partnerships with other universities. It currently has agreements with over 200 other universities.

And in 2008, the number of international students topped 1,000 for the first time. Most were studying for postgraduate degrees, and most were from Asian countries.

Let's look now at the academic profile of the university.

Hokudai is a science-orientated university. This is obvious from the numbers of faculty members and students in each faculty. The top department in terms of both numbers of teaching staff and numbers of undergraduates is the Department of Engineering.

If we look at the top six departments in terms of the number of academic staff, only the Faculty of Letters is in the top six from the humanities, although when we look at student numbers we can see that the Faculties of Law and Letters are in the top six from the humanities. And when it comes to finances, the importance of the University Hospital is clear. It accounts for about one quarter of the university budget, and treats over a million people, both as inpatients and outpatients.

For more information on the university, visit the university's English-language page.

Questions

Dictation (x 4):

Watch the video from 00:00:16. Fill in the blanks.

The campus occupies ____ ____ ____ hectares of land.
just under 300

Watch the video from 00:01:32. Fill in the blanks.

Students and staff at Hokudai come ___ ___ ___ Japan.
from all over

Watch the video from 00:03:05. Fill in the blanks.

The top department ___ ___ ___ ___ numbers of teaching staff and numbers
of undergraduates is the Department of Engineering.
in terms of both

Watch the video from 00:03:46. Fill in the blanks.

[The hospital] treats ___ ___ ___ people a year, both as inpatients and
outpatients.
over a million

Which of these two groups have a value of “about 25 per cent”?

The number of non-teaching staff as a percentage of the total number of
staff.

0 The number of female students as a percentage of all students at
Hokudai

The number of international students as a percentage of all students at
Hokudai.

The number of faculty members in the Engineering Department as a
percentage of all academic staff.

0 The value of the University Hospital budget as a percentage of the total
university budget.