



(Click the above to show a Google map.)

**University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP)  
Student Connection On-line (USCO)**



## Welcome to

**USCO Multilateral Exchange (UME = Program A)**

**31 January 2018**

**Information of the future UMAP students exchange to Niigata University after the autumn 2018 enrollment will be posted in a different site.** The information in this page is the last before that, and will not be updated.

In the meantime, please check the [Admissions](#) page.

(16 May 2018)

Niigata University is pleased to host UMAP multilateral exchange (UME or Program A) for enrollment in October 2018 as well as in April 2019. Niigata University accepts five students each UMAP year for one semester or for one year (two semesters) at each student's choice.

As the **largest national university on the coast of the Japan Sea** (which Koreans call East Sea), you have many choices. Living costs are reasonable because it is not a megacity, while it takes only two hours to Tokyo by Shinkansen bullet train. Of course, Niigata City itself has many shopping centers, movie theaters, restaurants, and many other facilities and places, including those popular among university students and other young people (examples: [http://www.nvcb.or.jp/travelguide/en/contents/shopping/index\\_shopping.html](http://www.nvcb.or.jp/travelguide/en/contents/shopping/index_shopping.html)).

**The 2018 Autumn Semester classes start on Monday, 1 October after some orientation meetings in late September and end in early February. The 2019 Spring Semester classes start in early April after some orientation meetings at the beginning of the month.**

Each Semester is divided to two quarters (terms). Many classes are given for each quarter. However, some classes are given for each semester.

**Class calender of school year 2018 (April 2018 - March 2019) in [English](#) and in [Japanese](#).**

**Tuition will be waived for students from UMAP member universities.** But students must cover their personal expenses including for accommodation, international transport to/from Niigata, local transport in Niigata, meals, medical insurance (They are supposed to subscribe to the Japanese National Health Insurance.), etc. **Students stay either in a dormitory or in an appartment in the private sector with a significant discount.**

**Although specific procedures and dates of the Program change slightly from a year to another, the following is for the Autumn 2018 enrollment:**



**Stage I: Application to UMAP Secretariat**

## Procedures for the 2018 1st admission for autumn 2018 enrollment the UMAP Secretariat has set

There are first and second cycle recruitment.

- Cheek the information of individual universities via web site.
- **Applications are accepted until 19 December 2017 (First cycle)  
and Wednesday, 5 March 2018 (Second cycle).**  
Applicants must submit Student Application Form  
to the UMAP secretariat through their universities by this date.
- In March, placement results (who are recommended to which university) are announced.  
(Some modifications of this or additional procedures may be set  
by individual universities, including your university.)



### **Stage II: Admission to Niigata University**

Documents you must submit to Niigata University through your university  
if you have been recommended by the UMAP secretariat to Niigata University.

**Admission to Niigata University is not automatic.**  
Only academically well motivated and prepared students are admitted.  
Please demonstrate that you are motivated and prepared in the application form.

**Deadline: 31 May 2018**

Applicants must submit the following documents for application to Niigata University.

Please request the forms to the Student Exchange Division.

- List of documents to be submitted to Niigata University

- Application form to Niigata University

- Health check form

(Any other forms are accepted so long as all the items in this form are covered.)

- Financial statement form

- Syllabus search

### **Class calendar of Niigata University, school year 2018 (April 2018 - March 2019)**

English Japanese

### **International flights to Niigata Airport (KIJ)**

- **Korean Air (KE): Between Inchon (ICN) and Niigata (KIJ).** The number of flights per week is changing, but, with many international connections to many places from Inchon, KE is convenient.
- **China Eastern (MU):** Twice a week (Wednesday and Saturday) between Shanghai Pudong (PVG) and Niigata (KIJ)
- **Far Eastern Air Transport (FAT):** Twice a week on Monday and Friday between Taipei Taoyuan Airport and Niigata Airport.
- (There are some other international flights to northeast China, Russia, etc.)

### **Domestic flights to Niigata Airport connecting from international flights**

- **All Nippon Airways (ANA, NH):** Everyday between Narita (NRT) and Niigata (KIJ) (If you come by All Nippon Airways' international flight to Narita, a substantial discount is given to the domestic flight between Narita and Niigata.) ANA belongs to the Star Alliance but has stakes of Vietnam Airlines which so far belongs

to the Sky Team. Connections to these airlines are easy at Narita. (Vietnam Airlines is said to move to the Star Alliance.)

- (There are also flights from Osaka and Nagoya to Niigata. But the domestic and international airports are separate in these areas and far from each other and thus may not be convenient to come to Niigata. Coming to Niigata via Fukuoka is also an option as the airport serves for both domestic and international flights although the domestic and international terminal buildings are a bit far, requiring transfer by bus. But you should carefully check the cost of the domestic flight between Fukuoka and Niigata.)

**(Arrival at Niigata Airport is much easier than at other airports because it is very small and free from congestion.)**

**Please submit your application through your university because the student exchange is based on the agreement among UMAP member universities, not on agreement between individual students and Niigata University.**

To help students get a visa at a Japanese Embassy or Consulate in his/her own country, Niigata University applies for a [Certificate of Eligibility](#) for a Japanese student visa on behalf of the students. With this certificate, students can get a Japanese visa without cumbersome procedures.

- [Visa page](#) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- [Japanese Embassy or Consulate](#)

**No pick-up service is any more provided either at the Niigata airport or at the Niigata train station** because the total number of exchange students of various kinds far exceeds the capacity of Niigata University. Instead, more specific information of how to come to Niigata University or to the hotel will be provided. Because Niigata Airport is small, there will be no problem with the arrival at and departure from there. For those arriving at Narita or Haneda which are big, Niigata University will give them more intensive information.



[Arrival at Niigata Airport](#)



[Express bus between Niigata Airport and Niigata train station](#)



[Arrival at Niigata train station \(West exit - a smaller exit\)](#)



[Train to Niigata University \(115 model in winter in snow](#)

(This 50-year old historical model with [six color patterns in Niigata](#) is being replaced by a newly manufactured E129 model since December 2014.)



[Train to Niigata University Highly energy-efficient new model E129 \(Seats are comfortable.](#)

Its rest room accommodates wheel chairs. This model gives recorded English announcements to help those who do not understand Japanese. The train station for Niigata University is "Niigata Daigaku Mae" after "Terao" on Echigo Line.)

A big project to elevate all the tracks of the 60-year old Niigata train station is going on. Because the tracks (nos. 2-5) for Echigo Line trains

have already been elevated, you will use the elevated tracks to come to Niigata University as shown in the above right photo. Because two other tracks will be elevated in three years only, the train station will be complicated during the coming three years. It takes time to change trains between the elevated tracks and the two temporary tracks (nos. 8 and 9) on the ground.

■ Because this is a program under the USCO (UMAP Student Connection On-line) of the UMAP (University Mobility for Asia and the Pacific), **only the students from those universities participating in the USCO are eligible for this program.**

■ **There are some differences in procedures for undergraduate students and graduate students. Also, undergraduate students belong to the Global Education Center, graduate students belong to a graduate school, to which different rules apply. Please specify your status either as an undergraduate student or graduate student when you make an inquiry or submit an**

## application.

■ **Language Proficiency requirement: TOEFL 500 (iBT 61) or equivalent (No need for a certificate.** Student's declaration or his/her English language professor's declaration of his/her capability equivalent to TOEFL 500 is accepted.)

■ **Medical Insurance:** Students should subscribe to the Japanese National Health Insurance on their arrival in Niigata. With this Insurance, students pay 30 % of the actual medical expenses which are set by the Government at a reasonable level.

([Some more information](#))

## ■ Dormitory for exchange students



(The dormitory in winter)

Because its capacity is not sufficient, many students live in apartments in the private sector, which Niigata University rents for students and for which students pay the amount of rent comparable to the rent for the dormitory. [Information of the dormitory and apartments](#) (mostly in Japanese with some English. Click pdf symbols to see Japanese and English descriptions.).

## ■ Cafeteria of Niigata University



A cafeteria in the University campus

## ■ Inquiry

If you have any question, please feel free to contact [intl@adm.niigata-u.ac.jp](mailto:intl@adm.niigata-u.ac.jp) for administrative issues including application forms, visas etc. or Prof. Haruo Miyata who coordinates the program at [miyatah@isc.niigata-u.ac.jp](mailto:miyatah@isc.niigata-u.ac.jp) for academic issues.

## ■ Cherry trees in Niigata University in four seasons



[Additional photos of the four seasons](#)

## ■ Links

### (Preparations to stay in Niigata)

- [Visa to Japan](#) (Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- [Visa waiver for the holders of certain passports for their short stay in Japan](#) (Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- [Merits of the Certificate of Eligibility for Stay in Japan explained by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)
- [Web sites of Japanese Embassies and Consulates](#)
- [Student visas](#) (Study Japan web site)
- 
- [Climate and weather in Japan](#) (Meteorological Agency of Japan)
  - [Current weather of Niigata City](#) (Meteorological Agency of Japan)
  - [Current view of Niigata City downtown area](#) (from Toki Messe Conference Center - tallest building of Niigata)
- [Niigata City International Exchange Foundation](#) (Abundant useful information about how to live in Niigata)
- [Travel advice on safety to UK citizens traveling to Japan](#) (This is a UK example. Different advice may be applied to different nationals. Please check a similar web site of your Government.)
- [Travel advice on health to UK citizens traveling to Japan](#) (This is also a UK example. Different advice may be applied to different nationals.)
- 

### (How to come to Niigata)

**It is recommended that students arrive at [Niigata Airport](#).** Because this airport is small with only one international exit, only one domestic exit and only one bus stop, **passengers do not get lost**. Also, they do not have to wait for a long time for immigration procedures. Take [a bus \(either express or local\) from the Airport to Niigata train station](#). Arrival at this Airport may be either by an **international flight from Seoul (Inchon) by [Korean Airlines](#)** (The number of flights per week is chaning, but, with many international connections to many places from Inchon, Korean Air is convenient.), **Shanghai by [China Eastern Airways](#)** (Wednesday and Saturday only), **Taipei by [Far Eastern Air Transport \(FAT\)](#)** (Monday and Friday only), or by a domestic flight from a major airport. However, it should be noted that Tokyo area has two airports (three if Ibaraki Airport is included.) with **only Narita having flights to Niigata (by [ANA](#)) (one flight each day in late afternoon)**, that Nagoya area has two airports with only Centair having international flights, and that Osaka area has three airports with only domestic Itami Airport having flights to Niigata. Passengers may easily get lost in moving from the an airport to another on land.

**If you arrive at Narita Airport, take a JR train (either expensive [Narita Express](#) or reasonable but infrequent rapid) to [Tokyo train station](#) and then take a [Jo-Etsu Shinkansen](#) train to Niigata unless you take a domestic flight to Niigata moving from an international section in either Terminal 1 or 2 after immigration procedures to the domestic departure area in Terminal 1.** This is the least complicated way to come. If you use a regular train ticket, going to Tokyo by Keisei Railways via Nippori slightly saves money. However, changing trains in Tokyo may not be easy.

**If you arrive at Haneda Airport near downtown Tokyo, take either Tokyo Monorail to Hamamatsu-cho or Keikyu train to Shinagawa and then take JR Yama-no-te Line or Keihin Tohoku Line to Tokyo station to take Jo-Etsu Shinkansen train to Niigata.**

**Chart: How to come to Niigata from Narita, Haneda, and Niigata Airports:**  
[pdf \(565 KB\)](#); [jpeg \(183 KB\)](#)

**More specific information is here.**

- [Niigata Airport](#) (airport code: KIJ)
- [Korean Airlines \(carrier code: KE\)](#) (Several flights between Niigata and Seoul (Inchon) and many flights to many places from Seoul.)
- [Bus \(either express or local\) from the Airport to Niigata train station](#). (Niigata train station South exit for special express direct buses (25 minutes with no number; suitable for passengers with large baggage) and Niigaata train station Bandai main exit for ordinary buses (30 minutes - with no. 331; with no baggage storage on most buses); Both cost 410 yen.)
- [Narita Airport](#) (airport code: NRT) (Busiest international airport of Japan and the main entrance to Tokyo.)
  - [Trains from Narita Airport to downtown Tokyo \(Tokyo, Ueno, Nippori - Shinkansen trains to Niigata start at Tokyo station but most of them stop at Ueno.\)](#)
- [Keisei Railways Skyliner express trains](#) connecting Narita Airport and downtown Tokyo; much cheaper (2,470 Yen, approximately 40 minutes to downtown Tokyo; seat reservation obligatory) and more frequent (usually every 20 minutes) than JR. There are also further cheaper and frequent (every 20 minutes) ordinary express trains ([tokkyu: Access Express \(60 minutes\) or Limited Express \(70 minutes\)](#)) services at 1,240 or 1,030 Yen only.)
  - You may check the [plans of major train stations of Keisei main line](#) because they are a bit complicated in order to separate passengers for ordinary trains and for express trains (with express tickets) and also passengers for the main line and for the Narita access line (shorter but 200 yen more expensive) with automatic ticket gates.
- [Haneda Airport](#) (airport code: HND) (Urban airport of Tokyo. Numerous domestic flights and also some international flights

especially late arrivals and early departures of a day. Late arrivals do not connect to the trains to Niigata within the day.)

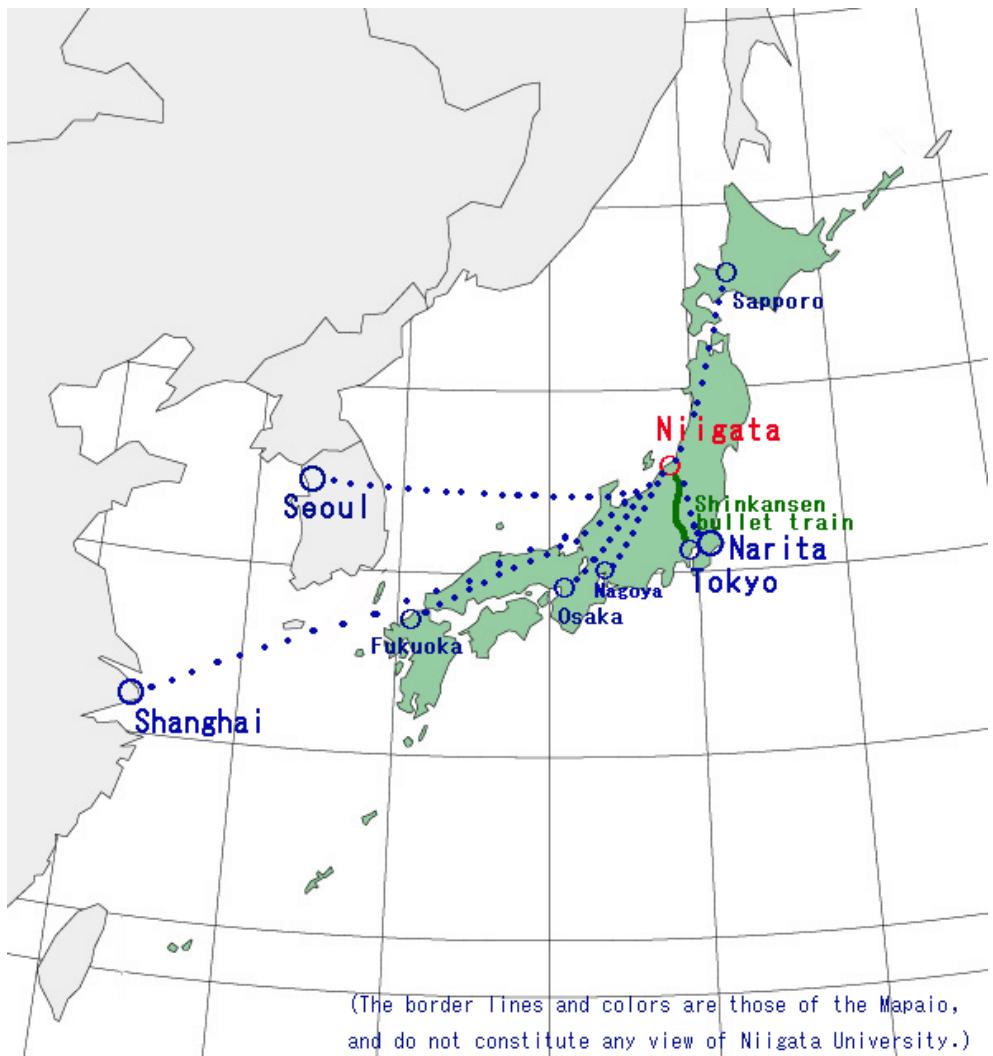
- [Trains from Haneda Airport to Tokyo train station](#) either via Keikyu Line (change trains at Shinagawa) or via Tokyo Monorail (change trains at Hamamatsu-cho). Allow one hour to Tokyo train station.
- [East Japan Railways \(JR East\)](#) connecting Narita Airport and Tokyo as well as [Tokyo and Niigata by super express trains](#) (Jo-Etsu Shinkansen; mostly every hour)
  - [Maps of major train stations](#) (if you simply want to know the plans of stations)
  - [Lines and train station maps](#) (if you know or are interested in lines, too)
  - The last page of the following pamphlet of Tokyo station has a better map of the station: [http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/routemaps/pdf/tokyo\\_station\\_guide.pdf](http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/routemaps/pdf/tokyo_station_guide.pdf) (so large as **12.6MB**)
  - Last Shinkansen train to Niigata of a day: departure from **JR East (green, NOT ORANGE)** Tokyo station at 21:40 and from Ueno station at 21:46; arrival at Niigata at 23:59 (Non-reserved seats are available. ) (Subject to change)
- [Railways map of Tokyo and its vicinity](#) (JR East web site, pdf 205 KB) and [JR lines map for Tokyo and its vicinity](#) (JR East web site, pdf 2.2 MB) for reference to transfer from Narita Airport or Haneda Airport to Tokyo train station
- [All Nippon Airways \(ANA; carrier code: NH\)](#) (It has a daily flight between Narita (Terminal 1) and Niigata. Departure from Narita at 17:35; arrival at Niigata at 18:40 between 25 March and 27 October 2018 and subject to change. **If connected from/to ANA international flights, the return flights between Narita and Niigata costs 10,000 yen (5,000 Yen one way only.** Immigration procedures must be completed at Narita before taking this domestic flight which departs from the domestic flights area in Terminal 1. Please note that the aircraft for this line is small and thus the [size of the carry-on baggage may be restricted.](#))
- [China Eastern Airways \(CES; carrier code: MU\)](#) (It connects Niigata and Shanghai (Pudong) on Wednesd, Friday and Saturday. From Shanghai it has flights to many places.
- [Far Eastern Air Transport \(FAT; FE\)](#): Twicea week on Monday and Friday between Taipei Taoyuan Airport and Niigata Airport.

**Changing money into Japanese Yen may be done in your country at a better exchange rate. Currencies other than US dollar and Euro may not be exchanged or will be exchanged at a substantially weaker exchange rate because the demand for such currencies is quite small in other countries.**

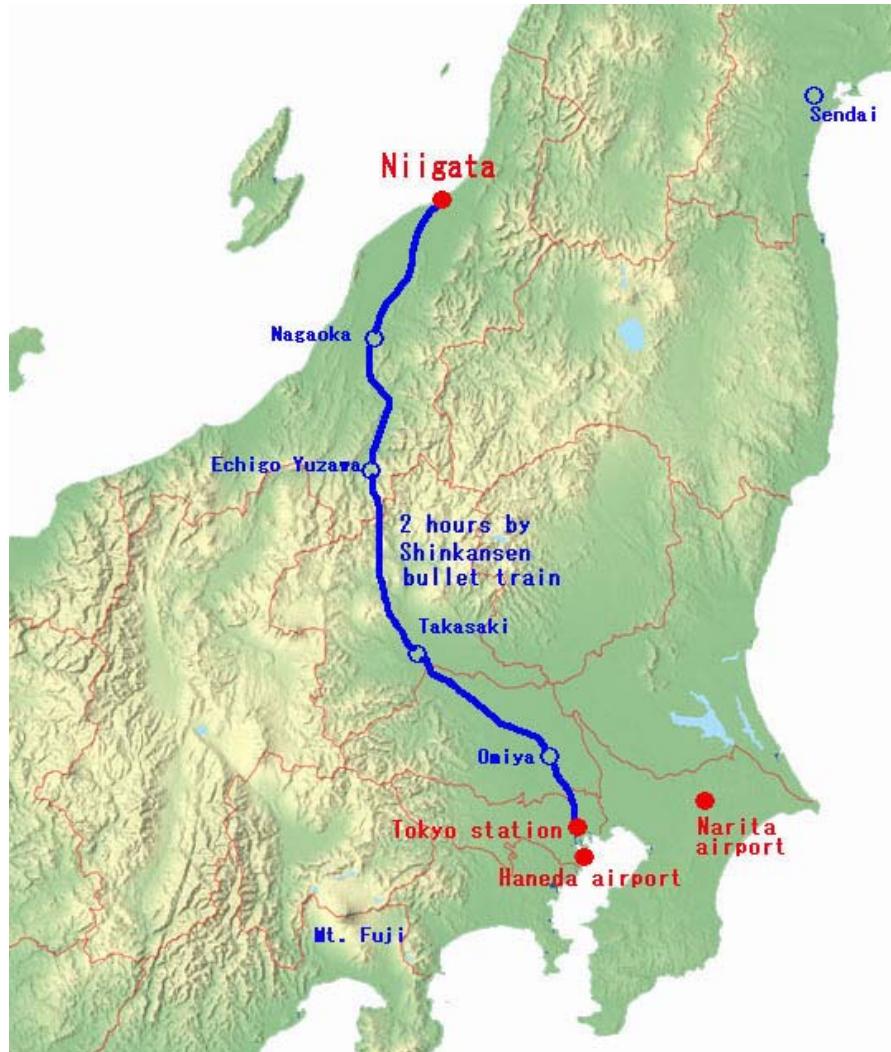
**However, if you want to exchange your money in Japan, please change money on arrival at an airport in Japan. In case you have failed to do so, please do so at a bank near Niigata train station open between 9:00 and 15:00 on week days only.**

It is also possible to change money at the [Travel Service Cener](#) in the JR Tokyo train station near the Marunouchi North Exit from 7:30 to 20:30 if you pass through Tokyo station ([Tokyo train station map](#)).

You many not have sufficient time to go to a bank to change money during the class period and banks are closed on weekends except at major airports (**The bank/money exchange in the Niigata Airport is open on weekdays only and between 9:00 and 15:00 only.** Credit cards are accepted only at major business establishments. **Foreign debit cards are not accepted for purchase at almost all places in Japan.** But **foreign ATM/debit cards are accepted for withdrawal by ATMs of the Seven Bank** located at many of the Seven-Eleven shops.



(The direct flight between Taipei and Niigata twice a week by EVA Air is likely to be available in winter only.)



[JR East Jo-Etsu Shinkansen page](#)

### (Niigata University)

- [English top page](#)
- [Student exchange programs \(for in-coming students\)](#)
- [Japanese language classes](#)
- [Summer Course at Niigata University: Lessons from Contemporary Japan \(UMAP Program C at Niigata University\)](#)

### (Living in Niigata)

- [Niigata City International Exchange Foundation](#) (Abundant useful information about how to live in Niigata)
- [English web site of the Niigata City Government](#) (Its [Guide for Living in Niigata City \(a very large pdf file\)](#) is quite informative. Although it is mostly for residents, some of its contents are still useful for visitors, too.)
  - [Map of Niigata City](#) (Niigata University is located between Niigata Daigaku (Niigata University) Mae train station and Uchino station. It takes 20 minutes from Niigata train station to Niigata Daigaku Mae station. However, **it takes almost 20 minutes' walk from the train station to the University**. The train services are available every twenty minutes during day time. Buses from Niigata train station stops in front of Niigata University (three bus stops in front of three gates of the University) but cost twice as much as trains. Buses are available every 10-20 minutes.)
- [Virtual Tourist web site: Transportation to and in Niigata etc.](#)
  - [JR East Niigata Prefecture area lines illustration](#) (pdf, 1.65 MB)

### (Tourism)

- [Visiting Japan links](#) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
- [Niigata City Tourism Association](#)
- [JR East](#)
- [Long-distance express buses to Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Sendai etc. by Niigata Kotsu](#) (in Japanese only)
- [Ferry boat from Niigata to Hokkaido](#) (Mostly in Japanese but some English information)
- [Some information of trips from Niigata](#)

**(Study in Japan in future)**

- [Study in Japan](#)

**(UMAP)**

- [UMAP home page](#)
- [USCO \(UMAP Student Connection On-line\) pledge agreement form](#) (In accordance with the rules specified in this standard form, the student exchange is conducted.)
- [Summer Course at Niigata University: Lessons from Contemporary Japan](#) (UMAP Program C at Niigata University)

**新潟大学の学生のためのUMAP Program A情報**  
**Information of UMAP Program A for students of Niigata University**

■ 留学交流推進課(旧国際課)が扱っているので、同課に聞いてみて下さい。(新潟大学として締結している学生交換協定に基づく交換留学は留学交流推進課(UMAP)はこれに含まれます。)、それぞれの学部・研究科が締結している協定に基づくものはその学部・研究科の学務係またはその学部・研究科の国際交流委員が担当しています。)

**これまでのUMAPでの留学先 :**

タイ : [チュラロンコン大学](#)(タイを代表する大学。英語開講科目が豊富。)、[メ・ファー・ルアン大学](#)(比較的新しく、英語で授業を行っている。)  
マレーシア : [ティラーズ大学](#)(歴史は新しいが、マレーシアトップクラスとされる私立大学)  
フィリピン : [アテネオ・デ・マニラ大学](#)(1859年創立のカトリック系総合私立大学。政界のリーダーも多く輩出)  
台湾 : [中興大学](#) (日本統治時代に農林大学としてできた歴史ある大学)  
(メ・ファー・ルアンは2人(2018年度にも2人希望)。その他はそれぞれ1人。)

■ [新潟大学ウェブサイト海外留学のページ](#) (UMAPによるものを含みます。)

留学体験などもあります。

■ [新潟大学国際交流・留学情報フェースブック](#)

■ [UMAP ウェブサイト](#)

■ [UMAPフェースブック](#) (2016年1月1日から事務局(5年毎に各国持ち回り)が日本の東洋大学に交代しました。なお、このUMAPフェースブックに新潟大学のフェースブックへのリンクがありますが、その内容は、UMAPや交換留学とは関係ありません。)(2016年7月7日)