

Decision of Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation

Otsuma Women's University complies with the Standards for the Establishment of Universities and other relevant laws and regulations, and meets the Standards for Evaluation and Accreditation of Universities set by NIAD-UE.

Good practices identified by the review committee include:

- Providing education to develop human resources in line with the times based on the fundamental concept of cooperative independence that incorporates the university's motto of "Haji-wo-Shire" ("Appreciate the Sense of Modesty") for ensuring the personal growth of students;
- Facilitating communication and information sharing among faculties and departments by involving the President and the Vice President in the faculty council of each department and the Graduate School Committee as non-voting members;
- Striving as a women's university to enhance its career education by implementing various educational programs, such as the Introduction to Study at Otsuma Women's University that encourages students to cultivate independent minds as well as problem-solving-based courses in collaboration with business organizations and the Otsuma Management Academy available to both current students and alumnae;
- The Career Education Program and the Learning Map and Portfolio System launched to support the career development of students as part of Career Education for Improving the Job Placement Rate and Enhancing the Employability of Students selected for the FY2010 Support Program for Preparing University Students for a Career funded by MEXT, and the Program for Promoting the Reform of Universities in the Tokyo Metropolitan Area to Respond to the Needs of Industry under the leadership of Aoyama Gakuin University, selected for the FY2012 Program for Creating Systems for Enhancing and Augmenting Education to Respond to the Needs of Industry funded by MEXT;
- Enabling a large number of students to work as certified teachers, librarians, curators, textiles advisors, dietitians, and psychiatric social workers upon graduation, and receiving an award from the Japan Association of Specialists in Textiles and Apparel in FY2011 for producing more than thirty first degree textiles advisors annually;
- The student dormitory accommodating almost all students who wish to move in;
- A semiannual parents and faculty meeting held to exchange opinions, receive feedback and communicate the university policies; and

- The university's self-assessment report drawn up for the FY2014 Institutional Certified Evaluation and Accreditation, in which the university appropriately and accurately assessed its own strengths and areas for improvement, later deemed appropriate for a report to comprehensibly show the conditions of the university's education and research activities to society.

Areas for further improvement identified by the review committee include:

- Guidelines for grading students' academic performance introduced in FY2014 to clarify the evaluation rating, thereby preventing arbitrariness and ensuring fairness, with the expectation of producing positive outcomes.

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- An inadequate admission rate far below the admission capacity in some cases of transfer admission in the third year of the undergraduate program and in the second half of the doctoral program; and
- The library closing before or at the same time as the end of the last class.

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