

University Accreditation Results
(Results for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for university)

Ohara Graduate School of Accounting

Basic Information of the Institution	
Ownership: Private	Location: Tokyo, Japan
Accreditation Status	
Year of the Review: 2012	
Accreditation Status: accredited (Accreditation Period: April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2020)	
Related Links	
Ohara Graduate School of Accounting: http://www.o-hara.ac.jp/grad/ (in Japanese)	
Full Text of the Accreditation Results (in Japanese): http://www.juaa.or.jp/accreditation/university/result_2012.html	
Accreditation Standards, Process and other related information (in English): http://www.juaa.or.jp/en/accreditation/university.html	

**Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Results
for the Ohara Graduate School of Accounting (OGSA)**

Suggestions for Improvement

Faculty and faculty organization

- The Ohara Graduate School of Accounting (hereafter OGSA) lacks a comprehensive effort to enhance the quality of faculty members. Measures to enhance the capacity of faculty are limited to the publication of the annual Research Gazette and faculty development (FD) sessions. The FD sessions have only been held twice since the establishment of OGSA, with off-campus specialists as lecturers. The situation should be improved.

Student support

- Support for students looking for jobs from student affairs staff in the OGSA administration is insufficient, and is underutilized by students. OGSA should develop career guidance systems to meet students' needs.

Education and research environment

- The library collection is small. There is a lack of books and academic information services for students that would enhance study. Library services should be further developed.
- The individual offices for full-time faculty members don't meet functional standards. This might hamper faculty offering advice and guidance to individual students. This should be improved, so that faculty can fulfill their professional responsibilities.

Administration and finance

- Since the establishment of OGSA, the student enrollment cap has never been fulfilled. Even so, a mid- to long-term plan has not been determined for the future of school management. The OGSA should have its faculty united to enact effective reforms.
- Following the decline in student enrollment, there have been budget cuts. This should not affect the quality of education at the OGSA. Because of the disparity between revenue and expenditures, the budget is supplemented by internal funds, which is perhaps necessary for the time being. However, there should be a limit to the amount of money that may be drawn from those funds. This makes the need to design a mid- to long-term financial plan for the development of OGSA all the more urgent.

Internal quality assurance

- The OGSA has not conducted regular and voluntary self-studies, and thus lacks a system to ensure internal quality assurance for its activities. This situation should be improved.
- The OGSA website does not publicize its financial documents. It does not make the information about the faculty's academic degrees available, even though

information disclosure is required by law. These should be open to the general public, including prospective students.

Area of Serious Concern

Enrollment

- In the last five years at OGSA, the average of ratios of enrolled freshmen to the freshman admission cap is 0.42 and the ratio of enrolled students to the student enrollment cap is 0.30. These figures are low and must be improved.