



## Results of Accreditations Performed by the Japan University Accreditation Association

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### *Introduction*

In 2002, the Certified Evaluation and Accreditation System was introduced in Japan (enforced in 2004), obligating all higher education institutions (universities, junior colleges and technical colleges) to undergo an evaluation once every 7 years, and all graduate schools conferring professional degrees to undergo an evaluation once every 5 years as well. In each case, the evaluating agency certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) conducts the evaluation process, comprehensively assessing the level of education, research, and other areas.

Since its establishment in 1947, the Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA) has played a significant role in assuring the quality of higher education. On August 31, 2004, the JUAA was authorized by the Minister of MEXT as the first Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Agency for universities. Authorization for its Certified Evaluation and Accreditation later expanded to several other fields. The JUAA currently performs Certified Evaluation and Accreditation in 7 fields (universities, junior colleges, law schools, professional graduate business schools, professional graduate schools of public policy, professional graduate school of public health, and professional graduate schools of Intellectual Property Studies.).

JUAA has just finalized the results of accreditations for FY 2012 as follows.

### *FY 2012 University Accreditation (Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for University) Results*

On accepting applications for University Accreditation from 30 universities, the JUAA has undertaken the evaluative process. The evaluation including document-analysis and site-visit has been conducted by the University Accreditation Committee with 40 subcommittees/panels and approximately 230 evaluators.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to grant accreditation to 29 universities satisfying the JUAA *University Standards*. The names of those accredited universities are listed below.

(University names listed in alphabetical order)

(Private)	Asia University
(Private)	Bukkyo University
(Private)	Fukuoka Institute of Technology
(Private)	Graduate School of Management, Globis University
(Private)	Hannan University
(Private)	Hosei University
(Private)	Hyogo University of Health Sciences
(Public)	Ishikawa Prefectural Nursing University
(Private)	Japan Women's University
(Private)	Kansai Gaidai University
(Private)	Kansai University
(Private)	Kansai University of Nursing and Health Sciences
(Private)	Keio University
(Public)	Kochi University of Technology
(Private)	Komazawa Women's University
(Private)	Kyoto Bunkyo University
(Private)	Kyushu Sangyo University
(National)	Miyagi University of Education
(Private)	Musashino University
(Private)	Ohara Graduate School of Accounting
(Private)	Osaka Sangyo University
(Private)	Saitama Institute of Technology
(Private)	The International University of Kagoshima
(Public)	The University of Shimane
(Private)	Toho University
(Private)	Tokyo Keizai University
(Private)	Tokyo Union Theological Seminary
(Private)	Tokyo University of Agriculture
(Private)	Wako University

The JUAA has also decided to deny accreditation to one university (Yokohama College of Pharmacy) due to serious problems that need to be dealt with immediately. The specific problem fields are as follows.

(Private)          Yokohama College of Pharmacy  
Faculty Members and Faculty Structure, Educational  
Instruction, Student Admissions, and Internal Quality  
Assurance

In FY 2012, the JUAA has also conducted the Re-review for 3 universities on which the decision of accreditation status had been suspended. As a result of the Re-review, the JUAA has decided to grant accreditation to all those universities. The names of those accredited universities are listed below.

(University names listed in alphabetical order)

(Private)          Josai International University  
(Private)          Senzoku Gakuen College of Music  
(Private)          Tsukuba International University

#### *FY 2012 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Junior College Results*

On accepting the applications for the Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Junior College from 3 junior colleges, the JUAA has undertaken the evaluative process. The evaluation including document-analysis and site-visit has been conducted by the Junior College Accreditation Committee with 4 subcommittees and approximately 25 evaluators.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to grant accreditation to those junior colleges satisfying the JUAA *Junior College Standards* set by JUAA. The name of the accredited junior colleges are listed below.

(Junior collage names listed in alphabetical order)

(Public)          Nagano Prefectural College  
(Public)          Niimi College  
(Private)          Junior College of Tokyo University of Agriculture

In FY 2012, the JUAA has also conducted the Re-review for one junior college on which the decision of accreditation status had been suspended. As a result of the Re-review, the JUAA has decided to deny accreditation to the university. The name of the junior collage is listed below.

(Private) Osaka Gakuin Juniot College  
Student Admissions and Financial Affairs

*FY 2012 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Law School Results*

On accepting applications for the Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Law School from 2 schools, the JUAA has undertaken the evaluative process. The evaluation including document-analysis and site-visit has been conducted by the Law School Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Committee with 2 subcommittees and approximately 35 evaluators.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to grant accreditation to 2 schools satisfying the JUAA *Standards for Law School*. The names of those accredited schools are listed below.

(law school names listed in alphabetical order)

(Private) Keio University Law School

(Private) Hosei Law School

*FY 2012 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Professional Graduate Business School Results*

On accepting applications for the Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Professional Graduate Business School from 2 schools, the JUAA has undertaken the evaluative process. The evaluation including document-analysis and site-visit has been conducted by the Professional Graduate Business School Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Committee with 2 subcommittees and approximately 30 evaluators.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to grant accreditation to

one school satisfying the JUAA *Standards for Professional Graduate Business School*. The name of the accredited school is listed below.

(Private) Chuo Graduate School of Strategic Management,  
Strategic Management Course

The JUAA has also decided to deny accreditation to another one school (Kenichi Ohmae Graduate School of Business, Master of Business Administration in Globalization) due to serious problems that need to be dealt with immediately. The specific problem fields are as follows.

(Private) Kenichi Ohmae Graduate School of Business,  
Master of Business Administration in Globalization  
Faculty and Self-study

*FY 2012 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Professional Graduate Public Policy School Results*

On accepting an application for the Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Professional Graduate Public Policy School from one school, the JUAA has undertaken the evaluative process. The evaluation including document-analysis and site-visit has been conducted by the Professional Graduate Public Policy School Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Committee with one subcommittee and approximately 20 evaluators.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to grant accreditation to the school satisfying the JUAA *Standards for Professional Graduate Public Policy School*. The name of the accredited school is listed below.

(National) School of Public Policy, Tohoku University

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