



## 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. 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 5 fields (universities, junior colleges, law schools, professional graduate business schools and professional graduate schools of public policy).

JUAA has finalized the results of accreditations for FY 2010 as follows.

### *FY 2010 University Accreditation (Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for University) Results*

On accepting applications for University Accreditation from 63 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 more than 170 subcommittees/panels and approximately 680 evaluators.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to award accreditation to 56 universities satisfying the JUAA *University Standards*. The names of those accredited universities are listed below.

(University names listed in alphabetical order)

(Public)	Akita Prefectural University
(Private)	Azabu University
(Private)	Bunsei University of Art
(Private)	Chiba Institute of Science
(Private)	Chubu Gakuin University
(Private)	Daito Bunka University
(Private)	Dokkyo Medical University
(Public)	Gifu College of Nursing
(Private)	Health Sciences University of Hokkaido
(Private)	Himeji Dokkyo University
(Private)	Hokkaido Bunkyo University
(Private)	Hoshi University
(Private)	Hyogo College of Medicine
(Private)	International Christian University
(Private)	International College for Postgraduate Buddhist Studies
(Private)	Japan Lutheran College
(Private)	Japanese Red Cross Toyota College of Nursing
(Private)	Jobu University
(Public)	Kagawa Prefectural University of Health Sciences
(Private)	Kanagawa Dental College
(Private)	Keisen University
(Private)	Kibi International University
(Public)	Kobe City University of Foreign Studies
(Private)	Kurashiki University of Science and the Arts
(Public)	Kushiro Public University of Economics
(Public)	Kwassui Women's College
(Private)	Kyoritsu Women's University
(Private)	Meisei University
(Public)	Mie Prefectural College of Nursing
(Private)	Nagahama Institute of Bio-Science and Technology

(Private)	Nagasaki Junshin Catholic University
(Private)	Nagoya University of Arts
(Private)	Nigata Sangyo University
(Private)	Nihon Fukushi University
(Private)	Nihon University
(Private)	Omiya Law School
(Private)	Otemon Gakuin University
(Public)	Prefectural University of Kumamoto
(Public)	Sapporo Medical University
(Private)	Sapporo University
(Private)	Seinan Gakuin University
(Private)	Seisen Jogakuin College
(Public)	Shimonoseki City University
(Private)	Shirayuri College
(Private)	Showa Women's University
(Private)	Takachiho University
(Public)	Takasaki City University of Economics
(Private)	Tohoku Gakuin University
(Private)	Tokai University
(Private)	Tokyo International University
(Private)	Tokyo Kasei University
(Private)	Tokyo Medical University
(Private)	Toyo Gakuen University
(Private)	Tsuda College
(Public)	Tsuru University
(Private)	Tsurumi University

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

(private)	Seibi University: student admission, research environment, faculty, administration, financial affairs, self-study activities, and accountability
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Decisions for 6 other universities (Aichi Bunkyo University, Daiichi College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hirosaki Gakuin University, Japan University of Economics, Kinki Health Welfare University and Osaka Gakuin University) have been suspended due to some problems for which improvement should be continuously observed. Specific problems in each university are as follows.

(University names listed in alphabetical order)

- (Private) Aichi Bunkyo University:  
student admission, faculty, administration, and financial affairs
- (Private) Daiichi College of Pharmaceutical Sciences:  
faculty, financial affairs, self-study activities, and accountability
- (Private) Hirosaki Gakuin University:  
student admission, faculty, and financial affairs
- (Private) Japan University of Economics:  
educational program and instruction, student admission, library and electronic media, financial affairs, and accountability
- (Private) Kinki Health Welfare University:  
educational program and instruction, student admission, faculty, financial affairs, self-study activities, and accountability
- (Private) Osaka Gakuin University:  
student admission, financial affairs, and accountability

Re-review to finally judge the accreditation status is required for all those universities which will be undertaken by FY 2013.

In FY 2010, the JUAA has also conducted the Re-review for 4 universities on which the decision of accreditation status had been suspended. As a result of the Re-review, the JUAA has decided to award accreditation to all those universities. The names of those accredited universities are listed below.

(University names listed in alphabetical order)

(Public)	Institute of Advanced Media Arts and Sciences
(Private)	Kyushu International University
(Private)	Nagasaki University of Foreign Studies
(Private)	Sonoda Women's University

*FY 2010 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Junior College Results*

On accepting the applications for the Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Junior College from 7 junior colleges, the JUAA has undertaken the evaluative process. The evaluation including document-analysis and site-visit has been conducted by Junior College Accreditation Committee with 8 subcommittees and approximately 50 evaluators.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to award accreditation to 6 junior colleges satisfying the JUAA *Junior College Standards* set by JUAA. The names of those accredited junior colleges are listed below.

(junior college names listed in alphabetical order)

(Private)	Asia University Junior College
(Private)	Fukui College of Health Sciences
(Public)	Kagoshima Prefectural College
(Public)	Nayoro City University Junior College
(Private)	Ryukoku University Junior College
(Private)	Showa Women's University Junior College

Decision on another junior college (Osaka Gakuin Junior College) has been suspended due to some problems for which improvement should be continuously observed. The specific problems of that junior college are as follows.

(Private)	Osaka Gakuin Junior College: student admission, financial affairs and accountability
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Re-review to finally judge the accreditation status is required for that junior college

which will be undertaken by FY 2012.

*FY 2010 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Law School Results*

The JUAA's mission is to support higher education institutions' self-improvement. Even institutions who have failed accreditation have an opportunity to be reviewed again in one or two years after the initial review to obtain accreditation (Supplementary Review). In FY 2010, the JUAA accepted applications for Supplementary Review from 4 law schools, and conducted reviews with 4 subcommittees under the Law School Certified Evaluation and Accreditation Committee and approximately 30 evaluators. As a result, the JUAA has finally concluded that each of those schools have made sufficient improvements in their problems, and decided to award accreditation. The names of those accredited schools are listed below.

(law school names listed in alphabetical order)

(Private)	Hakuoh University Law School
(Private)	Kanagawa University Graduate Division School of Law
(Private)	Kanto Gakuin University Graduate School of Practical Legal Studies
(Private)	Meijo University Law School

*FY 2010 Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Professional Graduate Business School Results*

On accepting applications for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Professional Graduate Business School from 9 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 9 subcommittees and approximately 40 evaluators.

As a result of the evaluation, the JUAA has finally decided to award accreditation to 8 schools satisfying the JUAA *Professional Graduate Business School Standards*. The names of those accredited schools are listed below.

(professional graduate business school names listed in alphabetical order)

- (Private) Globis University, Graduate School of Management
- (National) Nagaoka University of Technology, Graduate School of Management of Technology, Department of System Safety
- (National) Niigata University, Graduate School for Management of Technology
- (Private) Ohara Graduate School of Accounting
- (Private) Ritsumeikan University, Graduate School of Management
- (Private) The University of Aichi, Graduate School Graduate course of accounting, Division of accounting
- (Public) The University of Kitakyushu, Graduate School of Business Administration, Graduate Program in Business Administration
- (Public) University of Hyogo, Graduate School of Accountancy, Department of Professional Accountancy

The JUAA has also decided to deny accreditation to another professional graduate business school (Graduate Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies, Entrepreneurship Program, Entrepreneurship Course) due to some serious problems that need to be dealt with immediately. The specific problem fields are as follows.

- (Private) Graduate Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies, Entrepreneurship Program, Entrepreneurship Course:  
curriculum, educational instruction, student admission and educational and research environment

*FY 2010 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 award accreditation to the school satisfying the JUAA *Professional Graduate Public Policy School Standards*. The name of the accredited school is listed below.

(National)      Kyoto University, School of Government

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