

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

Kyoritsu Women's University



Basic Information of the Institution	
Ownership: Private	Location: Tokyo, Japan
Accreditation Status	
Year of the Review: 2017	
Accreditation Status: accredited (Accreditation Period: April.01.2018 – March.31.2025)	

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Overview

Kyoritsu Women's University (hereafter, the University) was established in 1949 based on its predecessor Kyoritsu Women's Occupational Institute, which was founded in 1886. Located in Tokyo's Chiyoda Ward, this university comprises four undergraduate schools - Faculty of Home Economics, Faculty of Arts and Letters, Faculty of International Studies and Faculty of Nursing, and three graduate programs - Graduate Programs in Home Economics, Graduate Programs in Arts and Letters and Graduate Programs in International Studies. The University inherits the founding purpose of Kyoritsu Women's Occupational Institute, which was to improve women's position in society by helping them learn specialized work and promoting self-reliance. It has, therefore, been educating women based on the founding spirit of "self-reliance for women" (to provide women the education necessary to become self-reliant and independent in order to elevate their position in society).

After its accreditation review by Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA) in 2010, the University started initiatives for improvement based on the suggestions, centered on the "Future Envisioning Committee of Kyoritsu Women's University" ("Future Envisioning Committee"), which is presided by the President of the university, and the "Self-Study Committee." It formulated the Kyoritsu Women's University Mid-Long Term Plan ("Mid-Long Term Plan") in 2013 and has been implementing continuous self-study.

It is commendable that the University has been collaborating with and contributing to society through continuous support for childcare by establishing a kids plaza and an on-campus day-care facility for children in addition to its Child and Family Support Center. It is unique in its efforts to provide a base for childcare support in the region.

However, the University needs to address issues regarding the maximum number of credits students can register for in one year and enrollment of students in graduate programs. The University is expected to develop further as a comprehensive women's university by continuing to implement improvements.

Notable Strengths

Social Cooperation and Contribution

- In 2008, the Child and Family Support Center set up *Sakuranbo*, a group of parents with infants, and provides clinical counseling and support about growth and upbringing of pre-kindergarten children. This program is operated in collaboration with the “Practicum of Childcare and Child Rearing” subject at the Department of Child Studies in the Faculty of Home Economics. Apart from providing practical training to students for supporting child care under the supervision of a faculty member, it also involves reflecting on the activities and continuing the efforts while making improvements. In 2017, it also established *Harunire*, a kids plaza where parents and children from the local community can gather freely, and an on-campus day-care facility for children which can be used by people outside the University as well as faculty members and staff. It is commendable that the University undertakes these efforts to collaborate with and contribute to society to provide a base for child care support in the region.

Suggestions for Improvement

Educational Content, Methods, and Outcome

- Although the University has set the maximum number of credits for which students can register in a year to 44, it allows students to register for more credits for some subjects related to teacher education in the Department of Textile and Clothing and Department of Food Science and Nutrition of the Faculty of Home Economics and some subjects related to elementary school teacher’s license type 1 and the Certified Psychologist qualification at the Department of Child Studies. It should address this issue in accordance with the overall credit system.

Enrollment

- The ratios of student enrollment to the student enrollment cap is low at 0.42 in the Master’s Program of the Graduate Programs in Home Economics, 0.35 in the

Master's Program of the Graduate Programs in Arts and Letters and 0.20 in the Master's Program of the Graduate Programs in International Studies. These numbers should be improved.