

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

International Budo University



Basic Information of the Institution	
Ownership: Private	Location: Chiba, Japan
Accreditation Status	
Year of the Review: 2015	
Accreditation Status: Accredited (Accreditation Period: April.01.2016 – March.31.2023)	

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Overview

International Budo University (hereafter, the University) was established based on its founding spirit, “Budo Spirit,” in 1984 as an educational institution with a single department, the Department of Physical Education. Since then, the University has established the Budo and Sports Science Research Institute and has reorganized departments. It currently operates as a university with one faculty containing two departments, and one graduate department. With its campus located in Katsuura City, Chiba Prefecture, the University has developed educational and research activities based on its founding spirit and its educational purposes.

Since 2009, the University has executed unit-specific self-studies each year, and, in 2010, it established the Exploratory Committee on Internal Quality Assurance to smoothly conduct self-studies by the several committees within the University. After its accreditation review by Japan University Accreditation Association (JUAA) in 2008, the University has made efforts to improve based on JUAA’s recommendations. In particular, under the leadership of the Future Envisioning Council (an advisory board organized by the chairperson of board of trustees), the University has reorganized its departments, made its curriculum more systematic, and clarified study models in order to implement the course system.

In the accreditation review this time, it has been noted that the University has created “Guidelines for Local Community Activity and Cooperation” and has made efforts for various social contributions. In particular, as an international contribution in line with its characteristics, the University has supported sports and accepted short term stays of many foreign national teams, mainly kendo and judo teams, for many years. This should be recognized as an activity that embodies the vision of cultivating global perspectives and nurturing talented persons who can contribute to local as well as international communities. However, some issues exist concerning the examination criteria of specific theme research for the graduate school, and JUAA expects that the University will make improvements.

Notable Strength

Social cooperation and contribution

- It is commendable that the University has made efforts to make contributions to society, utilizing the characteristics of the University that also cultivate students’ international awareness and fit in with its educational purpose to foster talented persons who can contribute to global society as well as to the local community. As its international contributions, the University has worked on various activities, including a project to support sports and establish physical education in Cambodia. It has also accepted foreign trainees to improve Budo skills and to help them understand Budo spirits.

Suggestion for Improvement

Educational Content, Methods, and Outcome

- In the master’s program of Budo and Sports in the Graduate School of Budo and Sports, the examination criteria for the specific theme research and the master's thesis are the same. The University should improve on this issue by specifying the

criteria for each examination and publishing these in student handbooks such as "Registration Guides and Course Overviews."