

Evaluation summary

“Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.”

The philosophy of foundation of the Hokkaido Information University, “Creation of a New University and Wisdom in the Information Society” and its mission based on the philosophy are clear. Objectives of the University and the graduate school are clearly defined in its regulations and concisely expressed, receiving understanding and support from the Board members, faculty, and staff. Its educational and research policies are defined based on the philosophy of foundation and the mission, objectives, and educational objectives based on the philosophy as characteristics and features of the University, and expressed in the University syllabus, a handbook for students, its website, etc.

Middle-term goals and a middle-term plan were formulated, and educational objectives or others, along with the educational curriculum of each department and division were maintained. To put them into action concretely, the University formulated three policies (diploma policy, curriculum policy, and admission policy). In 2015, it formulated the second stage middle-term goals and plan to incorporate restructuring of educational research organizations and changes of the acceptance limit.

“Standard 2. Learning and Teaching”

Divisions and research courses of each department clearly define their admission policies, conducting various examinations based on the policies of entrance examinations. In addition, the University tries to improve the rate of filled acceptance limit by reviewing its divisions and majors including the change of the entrance limit.

The University properly sets the “competency” that students should acquire as a “competency-subject association map” based on the curriculum policies of each division in each department. It also has “Curriculum Advisory Board Meetings” consisting of external experts, performing verification and improvement of curriculum sequentially. Its Department of Correspondence Course also tries to organize its educational curriculum and improve lecture methods based on its curriculum policy.

The University is actively using information-communication technology (ICT) such as learning and lecture support (e.g. learning portal site “POLITE” etc.) and whole-university support of Faculty Development (FD) activities (e.g. FD support system “CANVAS”).

“Standard 3. Management, Admission and Finance”

To accomplish its mission and objectives, the University formulated middle-term goals and plan and makes organized and continuous efforts. In addition, its educational and financial information is properly released.

The Board of Directors is operated properly according to the code of donative activities and regulations of management and admission based on the Private School Act. The

University is working on reformation of governance including the leadership of the President.

The incorporated school has career colleges in addition to the University and the whole corporate business has established stable financial grounds. The University aims at healthy finance by developing financial measures based on reorganization and a reformation plan and the second stage middle-term goals and plan of its departments and divisions.

The University is conducting accounting procedures in accordance with the accounting code of incorporated schools and other regulations and opinions are exchanged periodically with the corporate business, auditors, and audit corporation, where a system of accounting audits is maintained.

“Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation”

The University established an Inspection and Evaluation Committee based on the “Code of Inspection and Evaluation of Hokkaido Information University” and conducts voluntary and autonomous Self-Inspection and Evaluation in line with its mission and objectives. The Inspection and Evaluation Committee, of which the Chairman is the President, tries to improve operation of the University and educational and research activities by inspecting and evaluating the achievement status of its annual plan in the middle-term goals and plan.

The University is planning to continue the Self-Inspection and Evaluation activities based on the middle-term goals and plan and re-inform the University in the future. The structure of the plan-do-check-action (PDCA) cycle to attain its mission, objectives, and educational objectives has been established and is now functioning.

In general, the University states its philosophy of foundation and mission based on it as “Creation of a New University and Wisdom in the Information Society” and conducts learning support, lecture support, and FD activities by actively using ICT. It also works on reorganization of educational research organizations by formulating middle-term goals and plan continuously to accommodate itself to changes of needs from the time and society flexibly.

Please see the general comments of each standard for “Standard A. Global Cultivation of Human Resources Using ICT” and/or “Standard B. Practice of Regional and Industrial Alliances” defined as unique frameworks of the University based on its mission and goals.