

Yamanashi Gakuin University (山梨学院大学)

Evaluation summary

“Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.”

The Yamanashi Gakuin University originated from Yamanashi Practical Women’s Higher School founded in 1946 and had 70th anniversary in 2016.

The University states its educational philosophy by modernizing the spirit of foundation consisting of three Articles defined by the founder. In addition, based on this philosophy, it specifically states educational objective consisting of three items and is working on to attain the goal in the whole university. Furthermore, all departments and divisions of the University and research courses of the graduate school set each educational objective and goal to work on education more specifically. The University also states its educational philosophy and goal in concrete form as “guideline of the University”: 1) respect student’s character, 2) conduct creative education, research, and operation, 3) positively support motivation to challenge, and 4) cooperate with and contribute to local society. It was determined that the mission, objectives, and educational objective of the University should be reviewed approximately every 10 years.

“Standard 2. Learning and Teaching”

The University is challenging new education by establishing new Department of Sports Science and Department of International Liberal Arts. The former department enriches its characteristic sports activities further and the latter not only sets new educational curriculum but also aspires boarding education and is expected to make significant progress.

In learning, the University introduced active learning and community-based practical training including internship accordingly and organized learning support system for college athletes. “Learning/Education Development Center” participated in the planning of “Japanese University Experience Survey (JUES)” to understand achievement status of its educational objective. As such, the approach of the University is positive.

The University connects to local society directly and contributes to securement of local safety since its main campus does not have fences and bars around it. Its facilities to support sports activities can be used in a formal competition and the University is actively working on maintenance of its learning environment.

“Standard 3. Management, Admission and Finance”

The University has established a system of “Disclosure of Information of Educational Research Activities in Yamanashi Gakuin” and management and financial information of the University can be reached to its students, guardians, and stake holders. It has also organized systems to perform internal operations and cooperated closely each other, which makes more transparent management and admission possible.

The University also established various regulations which reflected the times, including

the “Code to Disclose Information in the Public Interest in Yamanashi Gakuin” and the “Code to Manage Conflict of Interest in Yamanashi Gakuin.” It also takes care of human rights and safety and is working on environmental conservation within campus.

Method of account processing and system of accounting audit are proper and effectively functioning, which contribute to maintenance of appropriateness and truthfulness of management and admission, as well as financial soundness.

“Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation”

In various activities related to Self-Inspection and Evaluation, the University established the “Code of Self-Inspection and Evaluation in Yamanashi Gakuin University” to conduct autonomous evaluation activities and issue a Self-Inspection and Evaluation report. It is worthy of special mention that respective departments, divisions, research courses, and affiliated organizations are working on evaluation activities. Since evaluation activities are conducted based on evidence, it is expected that the Institutional Research (IR) function to collect data for evaluation will be enhanced further.

The accomplishment of the evaluation activities plays an important role in establishing plan-do-check-action (PDCA) cycle in the whole university. The University is especially seeking to cooperate with activities such as “Learning/Education Development Center.” Its autonomous active evaluation activities significantly contribute to establishment of future landscape of the University.

In general, the University meets the four standards and its approaches for evaluation activities are positive and autonomous. Resulting improvement of educational quality yielded striking achievement such as examination pass rate for national registered dietitians in Department of Health and Nutrition. College athletes from its students and former students were dispatched to the 31st Olympic Games (in Rio de Janeiro) and their great success is worthy of special mention.

Please see a general comment of the standard for “Standard A. Contribution to and Cooperation with Local Society” defined as a unique framework of the University based on its mission and goal.