

MINOBUSAN UNIVERSITY (身延山大学)

Evaluation summary

This university has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the standards of the Japan Institution for Higher Education Evaluation.

Standards	Evaluation result
Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.	Satisfied
Standard 2. Students	Satisfied
Standard 3. Educational Curriculum	Satisfied
Standard 4. Faculty and Staff	Satisfied
Standard 5. Management, Administration and Finance	Satisfied
Standard 6. Internal Quality Assurance	Satisfied

Good practices

- The Questionnaire Survey on Satisfaction with the University after Entrance and the Questionnaire Survey on Satisfaction with the University enable the university to ascertain the requests of all students including new entrants, and improve the effects of reforms made in line with student requests about learning and living environment. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.
- The three projects of the Minobu Bunko Research Team, Lotus Sutra Research Team and Laotian World Heritage Restoration Project are strengths of the university publicized to the world using the university's International Institute for Nichiren Buddhism. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.

Recommendations for improvement

- The University Regulations do not specifically state its educational objectives, and improvements are required.
- The fill rate of total capacity in the Department of Buddhist Studies, Faculty of Buddhist Studies is less than 70% and improvements are required.
- The university's regulations do not stipulate the procedures for the disciplinary action against the students, and improvements are required.
- In order to attempt to further strengthen the university's financial base and stabilize management improvements are required to steadily execute and achieve results in line with the remedial measures cited by the university's incorporated entity. These are the securing of students, the

getting of Subsidies for Current Expenditures for Private Institution of Higher Education, other external funding and increased donations, and the cutting of expenditure.

- Further improvements are required regarding initiatives aimed at internal quality assurance based on the Recommendations for Improvement in each Point Evaluated, including the point that the University Regulations do not specifically state its educational objectives; the point that there are no rules stipulating procedures for the disciplinary action against the students; the non-attainment of total capacity, and the further strengthening of the university's financial base.