

SBI Graduate School (SBI 大学院大学)

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

- “Pursuit of moral philosophy required for business administration” is given as one of the graduate school’s individuality and distinctive qualities; its aim is to nurture next-generation leaders with the “moral philosophy” to shape not only practical abilities but also unshakeable judgement; and many students are taking this course. This initiative is worthy of high evaluation.
- The graduate school has established a five-year long-term enrollment program to enable working adults to achieve balance between working and studying. Because it does in fact have many users, this program is functioning effectively. The initiative is worthy of evaluation.
- There is close cooperation and communication between students and faculty members through such measures as the appropriate allocation of learning staff to establish a system for learning staff to smoothly receive questions/consultation from students. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.
- There is a *Shuko-kai* association that graduates may join if they wish to. The association collaborates with student groups and endeavors to stimulate interpersonal exchange with students. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.
- The Business Planning Seminar provides more practical learning, with not only professional faculty providing instruction but also investment company executives and other external evaluators participating in the final report presentation meeting, and results of the seminar becoming candidates for angel investment. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.

Recommendations for improvement

- Course and major names are not stipulated in the Article 2 of Graduate School Regulations; accordingly, improvements are required.

- With regard to student recruitment, acceptance of applications for the 2021 autumn semester was halted before the deadline due to an increase in applicants, but because of potential impacts resulting in applicants changing their career or further education choices, improvements are required to ensure that applications are accepted up until the usual deadline and selections made accordingly.

- Improvements are required to ensure that the President stipulates and publicizes “important matters regarding education and research stipulated by the President as matters in which it is essential to seek the opinions of the Graduate School Committee” in Article 13-3 of the Graduate School Regulations in accordance with Article 93, paragraph (2), item (iii) of the School Education Act.

- The graduate school does not formulate a business plan for each fiscal year as required under Article 45-2 of the Private Schools Act, but rather the Board of Directors and Board of Councilors deliberate and decide the budget for the following fiscal year using on the Statement of School Operation Activity’s Income and Expenditure as a business plan. Accordingly, improvements are required.

- Account settlement that has not been decided by the Board of Directors are first discussed and decided by the Board of Councilors; however, improvements are required to ensure that account settlement is reported to the Board of Councilors after approval by the Board of Directors and the opinion of the Board of Councilors sought in accordance with Article 46 of the Private Schools Act and Article 35 of the articles of endowment.

- For several years the university has not prepared or publicized a statement of cash flows by activity category, and so improvements are required.

- The roles, etc. of seven expert committees, including the Self-Inspection Committee are laid out in the Academic Year 2021 SBI Graduate School Committee System; however, improvements are required in order to formulate rules clarifying in greater detail the roles of each committee as well as their relationships and positioning.