

Results for Certified Evaluation and Accreditation for Junior College

Junior College of Tokyo University of Agriculture

Basic Information of the Institution	
Ownership: Private	Location: Tokyo, Japan
Accreditation Status	
Year of the Review: 2012	
Accreditation Status: accredited (Accreditation Period: April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2020)	
Related Links	
Junior College of Tokyo University of Agriculture: http://www.ics-com.biz/nodai/juniorcollege/index.html	
Full Text of the Accreditation Results (in Japanese): http://www.juaa.or.jp/accreditation/j_college/result_2012.html	
Accreditation Standards, Process and other related information (in English): http://www.juaa.or.jp/en/accreditation/j_college.html	

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Notable Strength

- The Junior College of Tokyo University of Agriculture is commended for its efforts to realize its educational mission of practical learning. For example, the Department of Environment and Landscape offers a compulsory Landscape Gardening course in which students choose internship sites from various corporations and organizations, including environmental NGOs. This provides students with a broad platform for learning. In the second year, students take one of three courses in order to acquire specialized knowledge and skills step by step. The courses they can choose from are: Landscape Planning and Design; Environment and Plant Science; and Landscape Construction.

Suggestions for Improvement

- The syllabi vary in their specification of items, including those concerning progression in courses, assignments, and grading criteria. This should be improved.
- In the last five years, the average of the ratios of enrolled freshmen to the freshman admission cap is high at 1.21 in the Department of Bioproduction Technology and the Department of Environment and Landscape. The average ratio is also high at 1.25 in the Department of Brewing and Fermentation. The ratio of enrolled students to the student enrollment cap is high at 1.25 in the Department of Bioproduction Technology. These numbers should be improved.
- In the Department of Bioproduction Technology, the ratio of students to full-time faculty is high at 36, which should be improved.
- The number of course hours full-time faculty members teach far exceeds the course hours the Junior College of Tokyo University of Agriculture stipulates (12 hours). This has been a heavy burden on the faculty and should be improved.

Area of Serious Concern

- Although the Special Action Program is a formal course, it has no syllabus. Moreover, there is no indication that the class takes the form of a lecture, seminar, experiment, practicum, or a combination of these. It is also a serious problem that no faculty is in charge of coordinating this course. This must be rectified immediately.