

KYOTO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES (京都外国語大学)

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

- It is highly commendable that the university has introduced the “student supporter” system, to support students with disabilities, and has been maintaining the quality of this system by holding various training sessions, and that the number of student supporters has grown each year, creating an environment where students can learn and grow together.
- It is commendable that the university, in cooperation with several external organizations, provides employment support for students with disabilities, assisting them in finding, through work experience, a suitable work style, and thus maintaining a high employment rate.
- It is commendable that the university appoints experts from outside the university as external evaluators of the Self-Inspection and Evaluation Committee, based on the Internal Quality Assurance Policy, on the Self-Inspection and Evaluation Committee Regulations, and on the Stipulations Regarding External Evaluators, and that this external evaluation is conducted every academic year.

Recommendations for improvement

- With regard to the fact that the number of students in the Doctoral Program of the Graduate School of Foreign Studies significantly exceeds the total capacity, the educational and research environment needs to be improved.
- Improvements are needed to clarify the position of the Faculty Council and Executive Council in the deliberation and decision-making on important matters related to education and learning, in the course of decision-making by the President, as well as to ensure appropriate management, including a review of related rules and regulations.
- Improvements are needed to establish the rules and review systems related to research ethics, and to ensure that these are strictly enforced.

- The current situation whereby revisions to the mid-term plan created by the Five-year Plan Implementation Committee are discussed by the Executive Committee, but not by the Board of Directors, needs to be improved.
- Insofar as there are some issues regarding the positioning of the Faculty Council and the Executive Committee, in the development of the rules and review system for research ethics, and in the items for deliberation by the Board of Directors, the functionality with regard to internal quality assurance is insufficient and needs to be improved.