

KIKAN Education is the responsibility of the various undergraduate schools. Each undergraduate school has its own responsibilities, and implements a teaching program based on these. The cooperation of faculty members throughout the University is imperative in order to ensure a high standard of general education, which is the first step in our students' lives at the University.

#### Current status

Liberal arts education was formerly provided by the College of General Education, but this was abolished in 1994, as a result of the Deregulation of University Act. Following the abolition of the College of Liberal Arts, common education courses across the university were conducted based on the number of classes assigned, calculated according to the number of faculty members from the former College of General Education assigned to each department and the number of students determined after the merger with the School of Health Science and the School of Design. However, challenges such as a decrease in the number of faculty members from the former College of General Education and imbalances between departments also emerged.

With the launch of the KIKAN Education curriculum in the 2014 academic year, the methods for calculating the number of classes previously assigned were revised, and a basic policy for the university-wide mobilization system was established. This system assigns faculty members based on the number of faculty affiliated with each graduate school, etc. (For some courses, prior allocations are made to each graduate school, etc., based on the course content in order to ensure the quality of education.)

Following this basic policy, a university-wide mobilization system led by the KIKAN Education Institute has been established to enhance the KIKAN Education curriculum. Furthermore, the method for calculating the number of classes is continuously reviewed in response to changes such as curriculum revisions and organizational restructuring.

#### Want to know more

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