

AMITY UNIVERSITY HARYANA

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS & SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Title:	AUH Environmental Consciousness and Sustainability Policy
Authority:	Registrar, Amity University Haryana
Purpose of this Policy:	The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent guidelines for Environmental consciousness and sustainability in the University

1.1. Scope/ Applicability of the Policy

This document on AUH Environmental and Sustainability Policy will be applicable to all activities associated with university's routine internal operations and its infrastructural development. The University acknowledges that its operations interact with the environment. To control and enhance its environmental performance and resilience, identify environmental opportunities and manage risks the University is committed to operating a system of managing its environment.

This Environmental Consciousness and Sustainability Policy commits the University to be a responsible organization that leads by example with regard to environmental sustainability. The University is committed to following good environmental practice, meeting or exceeding all compliance obligations as decided by the Government, Tribunals and experts in the field, and strives to achieve a continual improvement.

1.2. Objective

The main objectives and commitments are to:

- Reduce carbon emissions in the University
- Improve energy and water efficiency and reduce reliance on fossil fuels
- Protect the green nature, and ensure its sustenance
- Protect the environment by preventing pollution
- Optimise reduction, reuse, recycling and disposal of waste, i.e. through an efficient Waste Management
- Reduce the impacts of transport and travel and encourage sustainable alternatives
- Manage the use, storage and disposal of materials and e-materials to reduce environmental impact
- Manage our campuses to protect and promote biodiversity
- Promote sustainable procurement, both internally and through the University's supply chains
- Communicate with staff, students and relevant interested parties and promote sustainable behaviours

1.3. Policy Statement

Amity University Haryana is strongly committed to the environmental sustainability. The University thrusts upon initiatives to minimise impact upon the environment due to its routine internal operations and its infrastructural development and on importance of value addition among students through environment and sustainability related education. Amity University Haryana is committed to be sustainable green campus by adopting green building design through nature just development plan with optimal consumption of water substituted by rainwater recharge and reuse, green energy infrastructure, proper waste management plan and integration of sustainability based value addition through teaching learning process. To attain this goal, adoption of best practices, awareness and immersion of technologies for day to day university functioning in water, energy and material consumption is tuned with university mission and vision. This policy provides a set of guidelines and framework for efficient operations of activities related with environment and sustainability.

1.4. Policy Framework

- 1.4.1. The University considers is responsible for, and a committed to, the protection of the environment at all levels inside campus regarding routine activities and infrastructure development.
- 1.4.2. The University is committed to environmental performance improvement associated with aspects of sustainability including water, energy, waste, landscaping and infrastructure development.
- 1.4.3. In conjunction with contemporary need, promote and raise awareness of good environmental management practices among staff, students and other stakeholders across the University like i.e. use of single use plastics, minimize wastage of water, energy, papers etc.
- 1.4.4. Continue to reduce the consumption of primary raw materials (including fossil fuels, water and energy) by adopting electronic processing of official work (Amizone, TCSion, LMS etc), integrating Solar-based energy to internal grid, provision of STP, ETP, reuse of water, rainwater harvesting infrastructure.
- 1.4.5. The University also seeks to enhance the contribution of energy efficient (i.e. LED lighting, efficient wiring as per national code), low carbon measures (paperless office), recyclable components and renewables (i.e. Solar PVC) to ensure sustainable consumption without compromising performance.
- 1.4.6. The University employs sound waste management strategies to reduce overall waste production and increase the recycled component of the waste stream and their reuse (wastewater treatment, composting, biogas etc.)
- 1.4.7. Encourage and facilitate sustainable modes of transport to, from and ensure walkability within the University. The University maintains a pool of buses, traveler and taxies on subsidies rate for faculty, staff and student for daily commute.

- 1.4.8. Develop and maintain the university landscape, open spaces and buildings of the University in an environmentally sensitive way, seeking to protect and enhance natural habitats and biodiversity.
- 1.4.9. The University facilitates to integrate a consideration of environmental issues into all relevant aspects of the University's teaching and research activities including campus-based research projects and survey, Social Awareness Program (SAP), LEED Lab and many more.
- 1.4.10. The University is committed to create a *niche* of sustainability education. University has included Environmental studies as core course for all UG programs and has developed dedicated schools/institutes that offer programs on Environmental Science & Management, Alternate Energy, Environmental Engineering and Earth Science.
- 1.4.11. In conjunction with national and global framework, achieve recognition for environmental sustainability to ensure energy efficiency, low carbon consumption and activities, recyclable components and renewables.