



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS POLICY MANUAL

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Policy on Sustainable Practices

PURPOSE:

This policy is to provide general guidance about efficient and environmentally sustainable use of resources by the campus community.

BACKGROUND:

CSU Channel Islands (CSUCI) places a high value on being an environmentally sustainable and resilient campus. Sustainability has been a longstanding strategic focus for the campus and CSU in recent years CI has achieved significant success in conservation, demonstrating leadership through innovative practices, and educating the campus community about responsible stewardship of resources. In 2023, the University adopted a Climate Action Plan, identifying carbon neutrality goals and identifying actions to reduce the University's CI's carbon footprint. This policy will aid CI and campus units in their efforts to become more sustainable and in complying with California State University policy.

POLICY:

Accountability:

Office of the President, Provost, Vice Presidents, and the Sustainability Task Force Working Group

Applicability:

All divisions, departments, and programs, and any parties conducting business on University grounds, within the University structure.

Definition(s):

Sustainability –

Sustainability is the just, equitable, and efficient use of all types of capital -- human, financial, manufactured and natural -- with the goal of maintaining healthy ecosystems in perpetuity and meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Sustainability focuses on dynamic relationships among the environment, economy, and society. Sustainability encompasses how environmental and ecological issues are intertwined with economic, social, and health wellness, and how human society's actions interconnect with these issues. Being sustainable requires addressing these issues so as to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.



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~~For the purposes of this policy, sustainability is defined as stewardship of resources so as to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to maintain their environment and meet their own needs.~~

Policy Text:

~~California State UC~~ University Channel Islands (CI) is committed to minimizing its impact on the environment, and reducing its consumption of non-renewable resources while supporting efforts to promote a more environmentally and financially sustainable campus and community.

All campus units will carefully consider both ~~long and short term~~ long- and short-term environmental implications associated with their use of resources.

The campus~~CI~~ community will work together to increase the sustainability of the campus through:

Energy and Climate ~~Goals~~

- Prioritization of practices that contribute to Efficient use of energy and water.
- Reduction of energy use intensity 20% from 2019 baseline by 2029 in line with Better Climate Challenge.
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in alignment with the University's~~CI's~~ climate action plan.
- Investment in energy efficiency, energy storage, and renewable energy generation projects to source 90% of the University's electricity from renewable sources by 2030.

Responsible Procurement and Consumption

- Responsible purchasing, procurement and handling of goods and services-
 - Cleaning products shall be third party certified in accordance with standards outlined in the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS).
 - All custodial paper products purchased shall have a minimum of 30%-percent postconsumer recycled and/or agricultural residue content (for sanitary paper, paper towels, etc.).
 - All office paper and copier paper purchases shall prioritize 100%-percent postconsumer recycled and/or agricultural residue content and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Recycled label; at a minimum, all purchases must



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contain at least 30% ~~percent~~ postconsumer recycled and/or agricultural residue content.

- All electronics purchases shall hold a sustainability certification, prioritizing EPEAT Gold, for eligible product categories, followed by EPEAT Silver, Energy Star, or other recognized third party certifications.
- All furniture and furnishings purchases should prioritize products that are low-VOC, free of flame retardants, and/or third party certified (e.g., FSC or LEVEL certified).
- Minimizing unnecessary use of single-use plastics, such as confetti, utensils, plates, cups, and other items with reusable and/or compostable alternatives.
- Environmentally responsible provision of food and commercial services including sustainability specifications in bid proposals, for products and/or suppliers.

Transportation Initiatives

- Promotion of public and alternative transportation options for students, staff, and faculty.
- Transition of all fleet vehicles to zero emission vehicles by 2045.
- Support of telework for approved personnel to reduce vehicle trips to campus.

Education and Training for Sustainability

- Delivery of curricular and co-curricular programs that promote environmental awareness and climate literacy.
- Development and delivery of training programs that equip members of the campus community to be better stewards of the ~~C~~campus.

Community Engagement and Support

- Promotion and support of student-led sustainability efforts.
- Housing ~~&and~~ Residential Education activities that promote the value of sustainable choices.

Food & Dining

- Increasing purchasing of sustainable food, as defined by AASHE STARS, by at least ~~5% five percent~~ annually with a goal of achieving 30% sustainable purchases by 2034.



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- Establishing an Edible Food Recovery Agreement with at least one Food Recovery Organization or Food Recovery Service and donating all surplus edible food to such organizations as required by Senate Bill 1383.

Waste Management and Recycling

- Promotion of recycling and responsible management of waste materials and compliance with all relevant state regulations.

Operational and Administrative Practices

- Creation and implementation of administrative, financial, and operational practices that support the campus' sustainability goals.
- Utilization of recognized best practices in the design, construction, and operation of facilities and grounds to conserve energy, water, and materials.

Landscaping and Biodiversity

- Prioritization of native, drought-tolerant, climate adaptive, and/or non-invasive flora for campus landscaping.

• CSU

CI will comply with relevant CSU executive orders concerning environmentally sustainable and resilient practices, such as the CSU Sustainability Policy, Single Use Plastics Policy, CSU Buy-Recycled Products Campaign, and Executive Order 987. As an institution, CSUCI will measure and demonstrate its commitment to sustainability by working to achieve and maintain a campus platinum rating using the AASHE STARS sustainability rating system. While some units and individuals may have specific roles and tasks related to sustainability, each campus unit is expected to contribute to creating a more sustainable campus.

-Campus divisions will support sustainability efforts by collecting appropriate data, identifying a sustainability lead or coordinator, demonstrating leadership in implementing sustainable practices, and including information about divisional efforts in their annual reports. -Campus divisions will consider the balance between immediate financial needs of the campus and long-term sustainability impacts when making significant policy or operational decisions.



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EXHIBIT(S):

CSU policies and reports related to sustainability - <https://www.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/sustainability>~~<http://www.calstate.edu/epde/sustainability/policies-reports/>~~

[CSUCI Climate Action Plan - https://www.csuci.edu/sustainability/climate-action.htm](https://www.csuci.edu/sustainability/climate-action.htm)

[CSUCI Sustainability Progress Reports \(2/13/14\) - https://www.csuci.edu/fs/sustainability/reports-and-awards.htm](https://www.csuci.edu/fs/sustainability/reports-and-awards.htm)~~<http://www.csuci.edu/sustainability/sustainabilityreport.pdf>~~

STARS ratings for [CSUCI](https://reports.aashe.org/institutions/california-state-university-channel-islands-ca/report) - <https://reports.aashe.org/institutions/california-state-university-channel-islands-ca/report>~~<https://stars.aashe.org/institutions/california-state-university-channel-islands-ca/report/2011-06-30/>~~

[STARS Technical Manual - https://stars.aashe.org/resources-support/technical-manual/](https://stars.aashe.org/resources-support/technical-manual/)