Overview of AUS Sustainability

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Our Priorities

Low Carbon Campus

- Reducing building energy and water consumption
- Sustainable transportation to/from/on campus

Waste Reduction & Management

- Campus waste reduction
- Single-use plastics reduction on campus
- Increase waste recycling
- Responsible waste disposal
- Product life cycle management

Diversity, Tolerance & Community Service

 Providing volunteer opportunities to students and AUS Community at large

Nutrition, Health & Wellbeing

 Partnering internally and externally to promote a healthy community

Our Approach & Team

Our Core Values

CONNECT across disciplines and departments to frame and solve problems collectively **ENGAGE** all stakeholders on campus and beyond to spark transformative and lasting change

EMPOWER faculty, students, and staff in shaping, applying and improving the sustainability of AUS and beyond

CHALLENGE the status quo and constantly aim for better solutions

POISITION higher education as a critical partner in delivering scalable impact to sustainability challenges

Sustainability Staff



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Academics

Academic Goals

Build a **sustainability mindset**, **r**esulting in AUS graduates being capable of and inclined to take sustainability issues into consideration in their professional and personal decision making.

Expose all students to sustainability issues no matter their major. Work with faculty to track **sustainability learning outcomes** (SLOs), making sure students learn about sustainable development.



Academics

Academic Impact

COLLABORATE with faculty to bring sustainability into the classroom **DEMONSTRATE** that sustainability impacts everyone **ORGANIZE** guest speakers, field trips, and other classroom collaborations **PROVIDE** AUS as a learning laboratory with real life data to drive real solutions

NOTE: Guest speakers and field trips are open to all of the AUS community and many staff join these events.



Community Engagement

Activities At A Glance



Campaigns

- Single-Use Plastic Ban
- Women in Leadership
- EcoChallenge
- E-Waste Recycling
- Coffee Pod & Battery Recycling

Sustainability Events

- Weekly Farmers' Market (Seasonal)
- Movie Nights
- EcoRep Meet & Greets
- Waste Audits

Field Trips

- Emirates Bio Farm
- Bee'ah Waste Management Facilities
- Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week
- WISER Conference
- Dubai Sustainable City
- Al Fakher Pottery Works

Operations

Operation Goals

COLLABORATE with Facilities Department and others (internally and externally) ADDRESS resource usage and disposal across campus and housing areas RAISE AWARENESS within the entire AUS community CONDUCT education and outreach to students, staff, and faculty ENCOURAGE more sustainable behaviors

Operation Impact

Green Events Initiative

Take a comprehensive approach to reduce the number of resources used during events and responsibly disposal of any waste created. For more info: <u>Green Events</u>.

Green Office Certification (GOC)

Suggest activities and initiatives offices and individuals can undertake to increase sustainability in our everyday office operations.

If interested email: <u>sustainability@aus.edu</u>.

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