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Sustainable Campus Initiative: Sustainability Action Program 2016-2017

Purpose of the research: The research attempts to gain a greater understanding of (American University of Sharjah) campus behaviors and attitudes concerning sustainability. We are asking you to take part in this study because we are interested in the activity of AUS students specifically.

- You will be asked to complete a short, online questionnaire about your demographic background, academic profile, and sustainability activity.
- No identifying or contact information will be collected (unless you are interested in participating in the future focus groups and voluntarily provide contact information).

Study activities

If you choose to be in the study, you will:

- Consent to participate in the online survey.
- Complete the online survey.

Risks and Benefits:

- To the best of our knowledge, there are no risks to you for taking part in this study. You do not have to answer any questions that make you feel uncomfortable.
- There are no direct benefits to you from taking part in this research.
- Others may benefit in the future from the information that is learned in this study.

Confidentiality:

- Confidentiality will be maintained to the degree permitted by the technology used. Your participation in this online survey involves risks similar to a person's everyday use of the Internet, which could include illegal interception of the data by another

party. If you are concerned about your data security, you should not participate in this research.

- We will keep the records of this study confidential; only digital versions of the raw data will be used, and no identifying markers will link you to your responses. We will make every effort to keep your records confidential. However, there are times when federal or state law requires the disclosure of your records.
- Authorized staff of the investigation universities may review the study records for purposes such as quality control or safety.
- Raw data (again, with no identifying markers) will be not be shared outside of the scope of the above researchers and relative AUS administration.

Compensation:

You will not be receiving any incentives for taking part in this study.

Those who volunteer to participate in the focus groups and are selected may receive food and a gift as a thank you for their efforts.

Questions or concerns about this research study

You can call us with any concerns or questions about the research. Our telephone numbers are listed below:

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If you want to speak with someone not directly involved in this research study, you may contact the AUS IRB using the contact information below. You can talk to them about:

- Your rights as a research subject
- Your concerns about the research
- A complaint about the research

Taking part in this study is your choice. You are free not to take part or to stop at any time for any reason. No matter what you decide, there will be no penalty or loss of benefit to which you are entitled. If you decide to withdraw from this study, the information that you have already provided will be kept confidential. Information already collected about you cannot be deleted.

Consent. By continuing with the research and completing the study activities, you are providing consent.

- I consent
- I do not consent

Demographics

Q44. Are you currently enrolled in any of the following courses? (Select all that apply)

- SOC 201 Introduction to Sociology (Lusk)
- SOC 302 Environmental Sociology (Lusk)
- SOC 370 Women's Empowerment & International Development (Lusk)

- ENV 100-01 Principles of Environmental Science (Samara)
- ENV 100-07 Principles of Environmental Science (Samara)
- ENV 353-01 Soil & Water Chemistry (Samara)
- ENV 100-04 Principles of Environmental Science (Knuteson)
- ENV 100-06 Principles of Environmental Science (Knuteson)
- ENV 19401-01 Introduction to Sustainability (Knuteson)
- ENV 411-01 Environmental Assessment & Management (Knuteson)
- Other (please specify):

1. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

2. What is your age?

3. What is your nationality? (Please select all that apply.)

- UAE
- Egypt
- Jordan
- India
- Syria
- Pakistan
- Palestine
- Saudi Arabia
- USA
- Lebanon
- Other (please specify):

4. Do you live on campus?

- Yes
- No

Campus Resident

5. Which of the following best describes your housing on campus?

- Student residential halls/Student housing
- Faculty housing
- Something else

6. Which of the following dormitories do you live in?

AB (women)
CD (women)
EF (women)
GH (women)
AB (men)
CD (men)
EF (men)
GH (men)
IJ (men)
KL (men)

7. Which of the following room types best describes your own?

- Private (1 person/private bath and kitchen)
- Semi-Private (1 person/shared bath and kitchen)
- Sharing (2 people/shared bath and kitchen)
- Single (1 person/no both or kitchen)
- Double (2 people/no bath or kitchen)

8. Which of the following faculty housing types best describes your own?

- Studio flat
- 1 bedroom flat
- 2 bedroom flat
- 2 bedroom villa
- 3+ bedroom villa (with or without maids room)
- Other

9. Including yourself and any children, how many people live in your household?

Commuter Block

10. How far do you travel one-way to commute to the AUS campus?

- Less than 5km
- 5km to 9km
- 10km to 19km
- 20km to 29km
- 30km to 39km
- 40km or more

11. From which region do you typically commute to the AUS campus?

- Ras Al Khaimah
- Ajman
- Dubai
- Fujairah
- Sharjah
- Abu Dhabi

- Umm Al Quwain
- Other (please specify):

AUS Affiliation

12. Are you a(n):

- Undergraduate Student
- Graduate Student
- Faculty member
- Administrator/Staff member

13. In which department is your primary major (or employment for AUS employees)?

- College of Arts & Sciences
- School of Business Administration
- College of Engineering
- College of Architecture Art and Design
- None of these: Administration in Main, CSC, etc

14. What is your primary major program?

- English Language and Literature
- International Studies
- Mass Communication
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Sciences
- Mathematics
- Economics
- Business Administration (all emphases)
- Computer Science

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Architecture
- Interior Design
- Design Management
- Multimedia Design
- Visual Communication
- Other (please specify):

Sustainability & Water

15.

To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Events, activities, and/or courses offered at AUS increase my concern toward environmental issues.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am willing to go a little out of my way to be more sustainable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I find the recycling bins on campus (or around Sharjah) easy to read and use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmental issues directly affect my life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I believe people need to be more educated on the subject of recycling and know where items go after they have been recycled.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I fully understand the meaning of the term "sustainability".	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am willing to participate in sustainability activities on campus.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

16.

How often do you limit your use of water (at home or in your dorm) for these reasons?

	Very often	Somewhat often	Not at all often	Never	Not applicable
Keep water bill down	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not sure if the water well (typically a container that distributes water to the home) has enough water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Keep electrical bill down	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Want to conserve water to protect the resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. Are there any other reasons that cause you to limit your use of water at home or in your dorm?

18.

How often do you use the following methods to limit your use of water (at home or in your dorm)?

	Very often	Somewhat often	Not at all often	Never	Not Applicable
Reduced landscape area irrigated	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water outdoors during early morning or evening	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Take shorter showers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Installed a water efficient irrigation system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Installed low-flow plumbing fixture(s)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. Are there any other methods that you use to limit your use of water at home or in your dorm?

20.

How do you deal with running or leaky toilets and faucets? (Please select all that apply.)

- Call a plumber or maintenance immediately
- Repair it myself immediately
- Try to remember to jiggle toilet handle
- Have the leak fixed eventually (longer than one week)
- Have the leak fixed within one week
- Close the door and turn up the TV
- Other (please specify):
- Never had the problem

21.

How often do you run water continuously for any of these reasons?

	Every time	Almost every time	Only some times	Never/Almost never
While brushing my teeth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
While I wait for the water to become hotter or cooler	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
While hand-washing dishes/preparing dishes for the washer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. How often do you drink water directly from a tap (without boiling or filtering it)?

- Never
- Occasionally
- Often (once per week or more often)
- Always

23. How much total water from **disposable** water bottles do you drink per day (specify liters)?

- 0 to 0.19
- 0.2 to 1.25
- 0.26 to 0.49
- 0.5 to 0.74
- 0.75 to 0.99
- 1 or more

24. When you drink from **disposable** water bottles, how often do you finish all of the water in each bottle?

- Always
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- Almost never/Never

Q43. What is your preferred source of drinking water? (Select all that apply)

- Water coolers
- Tap
- Individual bottled waters
- None of these

25. When you drink from ***disposable*** water bottles, about how much of the drinking water goes to waste (liters) each day?

- 0 to 0.19
- 0.2 to 1.25
- 0.26 to 0.49
- 0.5 to 0.74
- 0.75 to 0.99
- 1 or more

Sustainability & Other behaviors

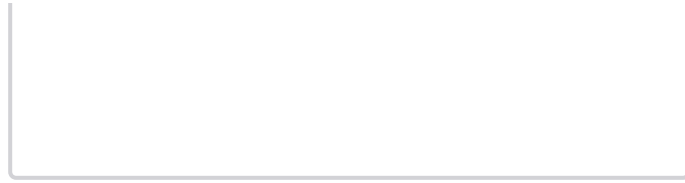
26.

When grocery shopping, which do you use most frequently?

- Items**
- Plastic bags
 - Paper bags
 - Reusable bags

Use MOST Frequently

Use LEAST Frequently



27.

About how many large bags of waste (e.g. 13 gallon) do you/your household throw out per week? Please include recycled waste in this estimate.

28.

Do you use a reusable drinking water-bottle?

- Yes (made of plastic)
- Yes (made of glass)
- Yes (made of aluminum)
- No

29.

Do you make an effort to recycle?

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

30.

What materials do you recycle? (Select all that apply.)

- Textiles (e.g. Clothes, shoes)
- Paper (e.g. Book, Newspaper, Magazine, Greeting cards)
- Aluminum (e.g. Aerosol, Can, Foil)
- Electrical (e.g. Battery, Mobile phone, Computer)

- Plastic (e.g. Carrier bag, Bottle, Yoghurt pot)
- Glass (e.g. Glass Bottle, Jar)
- Other items (please specify):
- None of these

31.

Why don't you recycle? (Select all that apply)

- I don't get anything out of it directly
- I don't see the point/it doesn't make a difference
- Other reason (please specify):

32.

How often do you use the following recycling bins while on the AUS campus?

	Very often	Somewhat often	Not often at all	Never	Not applicable because I don't need to.
Plastic bottle bin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Can bin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paper bin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

AUS Sustainability Satisfaction

33.

On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being extremely happy and 1 being not at all happy, how happy are you with the recycling procedures that are in place at the University campus?

10 is extremely happy, 1 is not at all happy:

34.

Is there anything that the University can do to make recycling easier?

- More recycle bins
- Make the bins more visible using signs
- Make the bins accessible
- Other (please specify):
- Nothing

35.

Are you interested in participating in a focus group within the next few weeks to gain more insight into your opinions of AUS sustainability practices?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

36.

Please provide your name and contact information below. Your information will only be used to contact you concerning focus group participation. This information will not be linked to your results.

Name

Mobile number (include country code and area code if outside of UAE)

Email address