



Appendix:

Sustainability Awareness Survey:

Assessing Sustainability Awareness at the University of Sharjah

Section A: General Background

A.1) What is your gender?

- a. Male
- b. Female

A.2) What describes your position here at UOS?

- a. Student
- b. Faculty
- c. Staff

A.3) What is your class? (STUDENT OPTION)

- a. Freshman
- b. Sophomore
- c. Junior
- d. Senior
- e. Graduate (Masters, PHD degree, ...)

A.4) How long have you been working at UOS?

- a. 1- 9 months
- b. 1-5 years
- c. 6- 10 years
- d. 11- 15 years
- e. More than 15 years

A.5) Please select your college(s) from the following list.

- a. Sharia and Islamic studies
- b. Arts humanities and social sciences
- c. Business administrations
- d. Engineering
- e. Health sciences
- f. Law
- g. Fine arts and design
- h. Communication
- i. Medicine
- j. Dental medicine
- k. Pharmacy
- l. Community college
- m. Sciences

A.6) Where do you live?

- a. On Campus
- b. Off Campus

Section B: Knowledge

B.1) what is the best definition for “Hydroponic system”?

- a. “A form of agriculture where plants are not grown in soil, but rather in trays or grow beds fed by a constant flow of nutrient solution.”
- b. “The science or practice of farming, including cultivation of the soil for the growing of crops and the rearing of animals to provide food, wool, and other products.”
- c. “A production system that sustains the health of soils ecosystems and people.”
- d. None of the above.
- e. Didn’t hear about the term before.

B.2) Which of the following is NOT a type of renewable energy?					
Fossil Fuels	Hydroelectric	Geothermal	Solar	All are renewable energy	Don’t know

B.3) Which of the following CANNOT be recycled easily?					
Milk cartons	Aluminum cans	Pizza boxes	Newspapers	All are recyclable	Don't know
B.4) Which of the following is NOT an Effect of Global Warming					
Ocean acidification	More heart attacks	Increase Precipitation (rain and snowfall)	Higher sea levels	All are effects of global warming	Don't know
B.5) which of the following are the number one recycled items					
Glass bottles	Aluminum cans	Plastic bags	Cartons	Don't know	

Section C: Awareness

C.1) While at UOS what has had the largest influence on your understanding of sustainability?

- a. A course at Uos
- b. Friends
- c. Posters/fliers
- d. Uos social media
- e. Speakers and events
- f. Newsletters
- g. Other
- h. Have not been influenced

C.2) Are you aware of the following sustainability organizations on campus? - Campus Sustainability Committee, Green Metrice and Sustainability Office.

- a. Aware of and have participated with
- b. Aware of but have not participated with
- c. Unaware

C.3) Are you aware of the following environmental issue

C.4) Please indicate your level of disagreement or agreement with each of the following.

(Strongly disagree, disagree, unsure, agree, and strongly agree)

	Yes	No
Climate change		
Ozone Hole		
Global Warming		
Polar Melt		
Motor Vehicle pollution		
Industrial pollution		
Food contamination by Pesticides		
Bio-engineered food supply		
Electromagnetic (power lines, cell phones)		

	Strongly disagree	disagree	Unsure/Neutral	agree	strongly agree
I feel that UOS has a strong commitment to carbon neutrality.					
I feel that UOS has a strong commitment to design and construct green building.					
I feel that UOS has a strong commitment to local sustainable food					
I feel that UOS has a strong commitment to renewable energy on campus					
I feel that UOS has a strong commitment to reduce emissions from transportation					
Sustainability includes environmental management					
Sustainability includes social consciousness					
Sustainability includes economic responsibility					

Section D: Behavior

D.1) Please indicate how often you engage in each of the following behaviors, whenever possible. (Never, rarely, sometimes, often, all the time)

	Never	rarely	som etimes	often	Always
Recycle					
Encourage others to recycle					
Turn off water while brushing teeth					
Use a reusable cup or mug					
Print double-sided					
Walk to class from dorms(Faculty &students)					
Take showers less than 5 minutes (in campus dorms)					
Turn off lights when leaving a room					
Use energy efficient appliances to conserve energy					
Unplug electronics when not in use to conserve energy					
Eat locally grown or organic foods					
Take classes that have a focus in sustainability					
Participate in activities on campus that promote sustainability					
Use the stairs rather than the elevator					
Wash laundry only when you have a full load					
Switch off computer before leaving the room					
Purchasing more recycled office materials					
Select materials such as paper, ink and binding materials which are environmentally friendly as possible					
Use green cleaning products					
Share your car with your colleagues					
Bring your food with you in a lunch ware or the water using ecofriendly water bottles					
If you have your own car would you use the University bus instead					
In conditioned areas, do you keep doors and windows closed					

D.2) If you engage in any of the behaviors listed above, please indicate the primary reason.

- a. It is convenient
- b. To be sustainable
- c. Peer Influence

- d. To avoid hazards
- e. Following UAE laws
- f. Cost / Economic obligations

D.3) If you do not engage in one or more of the behaviors listed above, please indicate the primary reason.

- g. Inconvenient
 - h. Don't see environmental benefits
 - i. Don't care about
 - j. Not necessary
 - k. If you have other reasons, please state your reason
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D.4) What type of transportation you use to reach university?

- a. Car
- b. University Buses
- c. With Colleagues
- d. Walking
- e. Others

Section E: Concerns

E.1) Please indicate how important it is to you that UOS addresses the following issues:

	Not at all important	Unimportant	Neither important nor unimportant	Important	Extremely important
Climate action planning.					
	Not at all important	Unimportant	Neither important nor unimportant	Important	Extremely important
Sustainability initiatives on campus					
Recycling and waste minimization					

Energy conservation and efficiency.					
Renewable energy					
Sustainable food and dining services					
Water conservation					
Energy efficient transportation					

E.2) Attitudes concerning sustainable development:

	yes	No
We should be sure that the next generation inherits a community at least as healthy, diverse and productive as it is today		
It is OK for companies to make products that are designed to be thrown away after one use.		
Using more resources than we need is a serious threat to the health and welfare of future generations		
Laws and rules to protect the environment do not need to be more strict than they are now		
Reducing poverty is an important topic in education for sustainable development		
Companies that are environmentally responsible are more likely to make a profit over the long run		
Governments should encourage greater use of fuel-efficient vehicles		
Providing UOS students with a FREE three hours training course about sustainability once during their study journey at UOS.		
If UOS provided biker-friendly services, I would be more likely to ride a bike to campus.		
If farming community was activated at UOS, are you willing to participate?		
	yes	No
Are you willing to participate in UOS 1st water & energy saving competition, where the family with the lowest consumption will be awarded and families with high consumption will be asked to review their consumption?		
Would you agree if UOS Re-distributed the parking in zones (section for staff , section for students and section for visitors).		

E.3) To what extent does your college or university provide significant faculty and staff development opportunities to enhance understanding, teaching and research in sustainability?

- a. (don't know)
- b. (none)
- c. (a little)
- d. (quite a bit)
- e. (a great deal)

E.4) How often the following groups in your social circle engage in sustainable practices (referring to the behaviors mentioned before)?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Friends					
Family					
Colleagues					
Professors					

[Optional Question]

Do you have any suggestions for how we as a community can become more sustainable without increasing costs? (Please briefly explain)

Thank you for your Co-operation