



Office of Sustainability

# ONE WORLD IN BALANCE. TODAY AND TOMORROW.



# Sustainability:

## Endure and Thrive in Harmony



### Engagement Opportunities



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**  
The Sustainability Committee facilitates regular communication with the Maverick community about sustainability programs on campus, analyzes best practices, recommends improvements, and helps implement new programs.



**FACULTY AND STAFF**  
The **Office Green Team** program takes a coordinated, long-term, and campus-wide approach to sustainability. It is a stepping-stone to getting faculty and staff involved in a responsible green lifestyle that simultaneously helps the campus move toward achieving sustainability goals.

The **Faculty Advisory Network on Sustainability** integrates sustainability into teaching, curriculum development, service learning, and faculty research in a collaborative environment.



**STUDENTS**  
Students can join the **Food Recovery Network** chapter and **MavGoGreen**. UTA also offers courses in sustainability topics and two minors, the Environmental and Sustainable Studies Minor and the Sustainable Engineering Minor.



**COMMUNITY MEMBERS**  
In addition to RCE North Texas, in spring 2021 UT Arlington launched the **North Texas Food Policy Alliance** to foster regional collaboration to develop sustainable and equitable food systems in North Texas. It encompasses 16 counties in North Texas and comprises more than 42 partners, including community leaders in city government, public health, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions.

### Sustainability Programs

The Office of Sustainability at UT Arlington is dedicated to educating the campus and community about the importance of thinking and acting sustainably so we can use resources responsibly and help improve the lives of present and future generations.



**RECYCLING**  
The recycling program, supported by the Office of Facilities Management, accommodates paper, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum. The Office of Sustainability also offers an electronic waste recycling program.



**BUILDINGS**  
The Campus Master Plan provides a blueprint for responsible development through mindful planning and design that focuses on sustainable buildings, resource stewardship, and climate-responsive outdoor spaces accentuated by native plants. The University has committed to sustainable construction practices through the adoption of a **Green Building Policy**.



**ENERGY**  
UTA has implemented energy conservation measures and performance contracts since 2011. These have saved the University over \$18 million in energy costs and led to an overall cost of \$1.46 per square foot per year.



**TRANSPORTATION**  
UT Arlington offers bike share, car share, and ride share programs. Several electric vehicle charging stations are also available for public use; customers can find their location and port status, as well as pay for their charges, using the Chargepoint app. UTA also offers bike repair stations on campus.



**DINING SERVICES**  
UTA is a partner in the **EPA's Food Recovery Challenge**, a food waste reduction initiative. The University also has two Farmshelf hydroponic features in the Connection Café.



**COMPOSTING**  
UT Arlington's award-winning composting program annually composts 40 tons of food waste. The University uses this compost as mulch and soil amendment on campus grounds and in the **Community Garden**, a public green space where community members can adopt one of 78 plots and grow produce.



**RCE NORTH TEXAS**  
A **Regional Center of Expertise** for Education on Sustainable Development—an initiative of the United Nations University—launched at UTA in March 2019. The center is focused on the following UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): Good Health and Well-Being, Quality Education, and Sustainable Cities and Communities. The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings assess universities against these SDGs; in 2021, UTA ranked No. 14 in the U.S. and No. 101-200 globally.



**UT Arlington is actively engaged in promoting environmental sustainability on campus. We're dedicated to investing in today to create technology and solutions for tomorrow.**

Sustainability Committee • Faculty Advisory Network • Outreach and Education • Academic Programs • Sustainability Reporting • Office Green Teams • Building and Development • Emissions Inventory • Community Engagement • Sustainable Dining • Energy Conservation

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