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## 2022 Incoming Freshman Sustainability Survey

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Q1

To better understand and meet the needs of our students and planet, SJSU is conducting a sustainability survey. The assessment focuses on awareness, attitudes, and culture. The information you provide will be used to make recommendations on programming and resources that will support sustainability teaching and research on campus. Thank you for taking five minutes out of your day to participate.

You are being asked to participate in a research study investigating your sustainability opinions and awareness. The survey is completely voluntary and confidential. It will take about 5 minutes to complete. Potential risks from participating in this study are no greater than those encountered in everyday life. You will not receive any direct benefit from this study. You will not be compensated for your participation. No service of any kind, to which you are otherwise entitled, will be lost or jeopardized if you choose to “not participate” in the study. Your consent is being given voluntarily. You may refuse to participate in the entire study or in any part of the study. If you decide to participate in the study, you are free to withdraw at any time without any negative effect on your relations with San Jose State University or with any other participating institutions or agencies.

Although the results of this study may be published, no information that could identify you will be included.

Questions about this research may be addressed to: Prof. Katherine Cushing. Phone: 408.924.6951, Email: [katherine.cushing@sjsu.edu](mailto:katherine.cushing@sjsu.edu). Complaints about the research may be presented to: Lynne Trulio, Ph.D.: Chair, Environmental Studies, College of Social Sciences 408-924-5445. Questions about research subjects' rights, or research-related injury may be presented to: Associate Vice President, Graduate Studies and Research: 408-924-2480

A checkmark in the “I consent” box below this document indicates agreement to participate in the study and that you, as a research subject, have been fully informed of your rights.

- I consent
- I do not consent

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Q2

Q1. Choose the student status that best describes you

- Freshman (0 units-29.5 units)
- Sophomore (30 units-59.5 units)
- Junior (60 units-89.5 units)
- Senior (90 units+)
- Graduate
- Open University
- Certificate Program
- Other/Unsure

Q3

Q2. What is your major?



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Q4

Q3. Do you plan on enrolling in sustainability-related or -focused coursework during your academic career at SJSU?

- I plan on enrolling in sustainability-related or -focused coursework at SJSU
- I am not currently planning to enroll in sustainability-related or -focused coursework at SJSU, but I am interested in enrolling
- I am not currently planning, nor am I interested in enrolling in sustainability-related or -focused coursework at SJSU
- I do not understand the question

Q5

Q4. Before enrolling at SJSU, have you taken any courses or participated in any organizations that participated in sustainability or environmental action?

- Yes
- No

Q6

Q5. Would you be willing to pay a student sustainability fee to fund initiatives that reduce SJSU's impacts on the environment, for example: fund student projects, support student participation in sustainability conferences, survey implementation, student programming, student sustainability research, and/or student interns?

- Yes, I would be willing to pay \$1 - \$5
- Yes, I would be willing to pay up to \$10
- Yes, I would be willing to pay up to \$15
- Yes, I would be willing to pay up to \$20
- No, I would not be willing to pay a student sustainability fee

Q7



Q6. How aware are you of SJSU's attempts to

	Not at all aware	Not too aware	Somewhat aware	Very aware
Conserve energy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage people to take public transportation or bike to campus?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote ridesharing?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote zero waste efforts?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintain campus grounds in an environmentally friendly manner?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offer a wide variety of sustainability-related/focused courses to students?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote composting?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conduct sustainability-related/focused research?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Offer sustainability co-curricular activities and events to students?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q8



Q7. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Access to clean water is a universal human right.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Everyone should learn about climate change in school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am NOT concerned about the increase of sea level rise and extreme weather events like droughts, floods, and fires impacted by climate change.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am NOT concerned about the environmental impact of my transportation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I value the principles of organic and locally sourced food.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q15

Q15. Out of these options, which do you think is the biggest sustainability challenge we should be working on today?

- Plastic waste/zero waste
- Climate change/ global temperature rise
- environmentally friendly agriculture/food practices
- environmental justice
- clean, accessible water

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Q9



Q8. What is the primary source of energy on Earth?

- Fossil fuels
- Wind
- Sun
- Caffeine

Q10



Q9. What is the most common Greenhouse Gas?

- Water vapor
- Nitrous oxide (laughing gas)
- Ozone
- Methane (natural gas)

Q11

Q10. What is the average total home water use for each person in the U.S.

- 20 gallons per day
- 30 gallons per day
- 40 gallons per day
- 50 gallons per day
- More than 60 gallons per day

Q12



Q11. SJSU is located on the traditional territory of what Native American tribe?

- Lakota
- Muwekma Ohlone
- Paiute
- Cheyenne

Q13

Q13. Pollutants from a coal-fired power plant include all of the following except

- Oxygen
- Carbon Dioxide
- Mercury
- Arsenic

Q14

Q14. What is the mathematical relationship between average global surface temperature and atmospheric CO2 levels?

- Positively correlated (the relationship between two variables that change together)
- Negatively correlated (the relationship between two variables that change in opposing directions)
- They are not correlated in a meaningful way



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We thank you for your time spent taking this survey.

Your response has been recorded.