

Sustainability Literacy Assessment

Demographic Questions

I live

- On Campus
- Off Campus
- Prefer not to answer

What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to answer

What is your ethnicity?

- White
- Hispanic or Latino
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Other

The high-school I attended was

- Public
- Private (Catholic)
- Private (other-religious)
- Private (non-religious)
- Home-schooled

Before attending University of Notre Dame I resided
in

- the United States
- Elsewhere

Within the United States I resided in

- The Northeast
- The Midwest
- The South
- The West

Behavioral Questions

Does the University of Notre Dame have a sustainability strategy?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Does the University of Notre Dame have an undergraduate minor in sustainability and energy studies?

- Yes

- No
- Don't know

Remembering to turn the light off when leaving the room is easy

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

Turning off the lights when leaving the room saves money

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

It is important to turn the lights off when leaving the room

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

There are vegetarian options available to me on campus

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

Eating vegetarian meals is important for sustainability

- Strongly Disagree

- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

Eating vegetarian meals is good for my health

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

I know which materials can/cannot be recycled

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree

- Somewhat agree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

I know how to recycle on campus

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

It is important to recycle

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree

Strongly agree

It is important to reduce plastic waste

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

Reusable water refill stations are conveniently located on campus

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

I like the taste of water from water fountains/ refill stations

- Like a great deal
- Like a moderate amount
- Like a little
- Neither like nor dislike
- Dislike a little
- Dislike a moderate amount
- Dislike a great deal

Knowledge of Sustainable Principles

What is the most common cause of pollution in streams/rivers?

- Dumping of garbage by cities
- Surface water running off yards, city streets, paved lots, and farm fields
- Litter near streams and rivers
- Waste dumped by factories
- Don't know

Ozone forms a protective layer in the Earth's upper atmosphere. What does ozone protect us from?

- Acid rain
- Climate change
- Sudden changes in temperature
- Harmful UV rays
- Don't know

What is the primary benefit of wetlands?

- Promote flooding
- Clean the water before it enters lakes, streams, rivers or oceans
- Keep the number of undesirable plants and animals low
- Provide good sites for landfills
- Don't know

Which of the following is an example of sustainable forest management?

- Setting aside forests to be off-limits to the public
- Never harvesting more than what the forest produces in new growth

- Producing lumber for nearby communities to build affordable housing
- Putting the local communities in charge of forest resources
- Don't know

In the U.S., what do we currently do with the nuclear waste generated by nuclear power plants?

- Use it as nuclear fuel
- Sell it to other countries
- Store and monitor the waste
- Don't know

Which of the following is the most commonly used definition of sustainable development?

- Creating a government welfare system that ensures universal access to education, healthcare and social services
- Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs
- Setting aside resources for preservation, never to be used
- Building a neighborhood that is both socio-demographically and economically diverse
- Don't know

Which of the following areas has the highest rate of population growth?

- North America
- Europe
- China
- Africa
- Don't know

Which of the following countries has now surpassed the U.S. as the biggest emitter of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide?

- China
- Sweden
- Brazil
- Japan
- Don't know

Many economists argue that electricity prices in the U.S. are too low because:

- They do not reflect the costs of pollution from generating electricity
- Too many suppliers go out of business
- Electric companies have a monopoly in their own service area
- Consumers spend only a small part of their income on energy
- Don't know

Which of the following is a leading cause of the depletion of fish stocks in the Atlantic Ocean?

- Fishermen seeking to maximize their catch
- Reduced fish fertility due to genetic hybridization
- Ocean pollution
- Global climate change
- Don't know

Which of the following is the most commonly used definition of economic sustainability?

- Maximizing the share price of a company's stock
- Long-term profitability
- When costs equal revenue
- Continually expanding market share
- Don't know

Which of the following is the primary reason that gasoline prices have risen over the past several decades in the U.S.?

- Growing percentage of gas stations owned by large corporations
- Increasing oil discoveries overseas
- Higher rates of state and federal gasoline tax
- Increasing global demand for oil
- Don't know

Climate change is real

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

Climate change is caused by humans

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

What are the three pillars of sustainability

- Society, Economy, Environment
- Land, Air, and Water
- Corporations, People, Government
- Don't know

Do you have any other ideas for what Notre Dame should be focusing on re: Sustainability

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