**University of Mount Union**

**Sustainability Literacy Survey**

***Please circle the most appropriate response***

As part of the University of Mount Union’s Sustainability efforts we conduct an annual survey to gauge your understanding of Sustainability concepts and concerns and to see how that understanding may change during your time at Mount. We are kindly asking that you take the time to complete this short survey. The results are a valuable tool used to access our progress and direct our future sustainability efforts. Your personal identity is kept anonymous, we will only use group data so that your privacy is protected. All students who complete the survey will be entered in a raffle to win $10 B&B Gift Cards.

1. **General Sustainability Knowledge**
2. What is meant by the term “carbon footprint”?
3. The amount of carbon released with each step taken
4. The amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases emitted due to the consumption of fossil fuels by a particular person, group, etc. for electricity, transportation, food production, etc.
5. The amount of carbon we consume on the average day
6. I don’t know
7. “Sustainability” with regard to natural resources means:
8. Using natural resources as slowly as possible
9. Using only as much as is replaced by natural processes
10. Discovering new resources to allow maximum economic growth
11. I don’t know
12. Which of the following is a renewable resource?
13. Oil
14. Trees
15. Coal
16. All of the above
17. Living in a “sustainable” way implies a commitment to the following:
18. Environmental, social, and economic issues
19. Income, expenses, and consumer confidence
20. Worker wages, worker satisfaction, worker production
21. I don’t know
22. **Personal Attitudes & Behaviors Regarding Sustainability**
23. Which of the following statements best describes your level of interest in sustainability?
24. I have a passion for sustainability
25. I have considerable interest in sustainability
26. I am rather neutral about sustainability
27. I have little or no interest in sustainability
28. Do you recycle on a regular basis?
29. Yes, I try to do it as much as I can
30. Yes, when it’s convenient
31. No, I choose not to
32. No, I don’t know how
33. Which of the following would encourage you to walk or bike to campus most of the time (if you generally drive to campus)?
34. Nothing, I prefer to drive to campus
35. A more bike friendly campus (lanes on public streets, more bike racks, etc.)
36. More pedestrian-friendly routes to campus
37. Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
38. What best explains any personal motivation to become involved in sustainability-related behaviors? (Mark all that apply).
39. Personal concern and beliefs
40. Information I have received from a course or from another source
41. Saving money
42. Friend/Peer influence
43. On a scale of 1-7 (with 7 being most important), how important is it for Americans to reduce their personal use of energy? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
44. Please indicate which of the following you have done or used in the last 30 days (Select all that apply)
45. Turned off water while brushing teeth/shaving
46. Recycled on campus
47. Attempted to reduce electricity usage (unplugged appliances to eliminate “ghost” power use, used a power save scheme on computer, turned off lights, used cold water to wash clothes, etc)
48. Walked or rode a bike to class instead of using a vehicle
49. Before taking this survey which did you know was an example of a sustainable practice?
50. Selecting double-sided printing
51. Conserving energy in any way you can
52. Using alternative transportation (walking, bikes, buses, etc.)
53. Powering down electrical devices when not using them for more than 15 minutes
54. **Sustainability at Mount Union**
55. What do you think is the largest contributor to UMU’s greenhouse gas emissions?
56. Electricity used in campus buildings
57. Natural gas used to heat campus buildings
58. Transportation emissions from vehicles used by faculty, staff, and students
59. Solar panels on the roof of the MAAC and Campus Center
60. On a scale of 1 – 5 (with 5 being most important), how important to you are the following sustainability issues at UMU:
61. Recycling and waste reduction \_\_\_\_\_
62. Energy consumption \_\_\_\_\_
63. Air pollution \_\_\_\_\_
64. Water quality\_\_\_\_\_
65. Water conservation\_\_\_\_\_
66. What resources would you find most beneficial to help you learn more about sustainability or environmental issues (circle all that apply)
67. Email communication
68. Courses on topics related to the environment or sustainability
69. Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, etc.)
70. On-campus signs and flyers

Thank you for participating in this survey. If you have questions or comments or would like to become more involved in campus sustainability please email: [sustainability@mountunion.edu](mailto:sustainability@mountunion.edu).

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