
Sustainability Literacy Survey Goal

This short multiple choice survey is used by the Office of Sustainability to understand how much UConn students know about sustainability and the environment. The survey is anonymous and after completing it you can optionally enter your email for a chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card or a Dairy Bar ice cream voucher.

PS - It's ok if you don't know the right answers, give it your best shot!

Anonymous Identity Block

What is your class standing (or which do you feel best describes you)?

- 1st Year (Freshman)
- 2nd Year (Sophomore)
- 3rd Year (Junior)
- 4th Year (Senior)
- 5th Year +
- Graduate Student

Which campus do you currently attend?

- Avery Point
- Hartford
- Stamford
- Storrs
- Waterbury
- Graduate School Program
- Other (please specify)

What gender identity do you most identify with?

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary / Non-conforming
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

What best describes your racial/ethnic identity? (Can select multiple)

- Asian/Asian American
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American/Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- North African/Middle Eastern
- South Asian/Southeast Asian
- White/Caucasian
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

Where do you live during the semester?

- Residence Hall
- On Campus Apartment Complex
- Off-campus Housing/Apartment

Which residence hall area do you live in?

- Alumni Quad
- Buckley
- Busby
- East
- Garrigus
- Hilltop Halls
- Husky Village
- McMahan

- North
- Northwest
- Shippee
- South
- Towers
- Werth
- West

Which apartment area do you live in?

- Hilltop Apartments
- Northwood Apartments
- Charter Oak Apartments

How did you hear about our survey? Select all that apply.

- In-class announcement
- Flier
- Email
- Word of Mouth
- The Daily Digest
- Sustainability Webpage
- Social Media
- Tabling
- Other (please specify)

Have you taken a Sustainability Literacy survey in the past?

- Yes
- No

Academic Information Template

What school is your major?

- College of Allied Health and Natural Resources (CAHNR)
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS)

- School of Business (SOB)
- School of Engineering (SOE)
- School of Pharmacy
- School of Fine Arts
- School of Public Policy
- NEAG School of Education
- School of Nursing
- Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture
- School of Social Work
- Undecided

What major are you within the College of Allied Health and Natural Resources?

- Agriculture and Resource Economics (ARE) - Concentration Below
- Allied Health Sciences (AH) - Concentration Below
- Animal Science
- Diagnostic Genetic Science
- Dietetics
- Environmental Science - Concentration Below
- Environmental Studies
- Exercise Science
- Individualized Major
- Kinesiology
- Landscape Architecture
- Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS)
- Natural Resources and the Environment (NRE) - Concentration Below
- Nutritional Sciences
- Pathobiology & Veterinary
- Sustainable Plant and Soil Systems (SPSS) - Concentration Below

What major are you within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences?

- Africana Studies
- American Sign Language
- American Studies

- Anthropology
- Applied Mathematical Sciences
- Arabic and Islamic Civilizations
- Biological Studies
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Classic and Ancient Mediterranean Studies
- Cognitive Sciences
- Communication
- Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- Economics
- Engineering Physics
- English
- Environmental Sciences (ENVS) - Concentration Below
- Environmental Studies (EVST)
- French
- Geography
- Geographical Information Sciences
- Geoscience
- German
- History
- Human Development & Family Studies
- Human Rights
- Individualized Major
- Italian Literary and Cultural Studies
- Journalism
- Judaic Studies
- Latino & Latin American Studies
- Linguistics/Philosophy
- Linguistics/Psychology
- Marine Sciences
- Maritime Studies
- Mathematics (Which type if applicable)
- Molecular and Cell Biology
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Physiology and Neurobiology

- Political Science
- Psychological Sciences
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences
- Statistics
- Structural Biology & Biophysics
- Urban & Community Studies
- Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

What major are you within the School of Engineering?

- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering - Concentration Below
- Computer Science - Concentration Below
- Computer Science & Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Multidisciplinary Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Management & Engineering for Manufacturing (MEM)
- Material Science & Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering - Concentration Below
- Robotic Engineering

What major are you within the School of Business?

- Business Management
- Accounting
- Business Data Analytics
- Finance - Concentration Below
- Financial Management
- Healthcare Management
- Management - Concentration Below
- Management & Engineering for Manufacturing (MEM)

- Management Information Systems
- Marketing - Concentration Below
- Marketing Management
- Real Estate & Urban Economic Studies
- Individualized Major

What major are you within the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture?

- Animal Science - Concentration Below
- Plant Science - Concentration Below
- Urban Forestry & Arboriculture

What major are you within the School of Fine Arts?

- Acting
- Design & Technical
- Puppet Arts
- Theatre Arts - Concentration Below
- General Art Studies
- Art (B.F.A) - Concentration Below
- General Art History
- Digital Media & Design - Concentration Below
- Music - Concentration Below

What major are you within the NEAG School of Education?

- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education - Concentration Below
- Comprehensive Special Education
- Musical Education
- Sports Management

List any minors if applicable.

Basic Environmental Information

Which of the following best reflects the UN World Commission on Environment and Development's definition of "sustainable development"?

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

What is single stream recycling?

- A system where items are processed at a recycling facility via streams of water
- A waste system in which all recyclables and trash items are placed in the same bin and picked up by the collection truck together
- A recycling system in which all recyclable items are separated into different containers and picked up separately by material type in order to prevent contamination
- A recycling system in which all recyclable items (i.e. paper, plastic, glass, aluminum) are placed into the same bin and picked up by the collection truck together
- I don't know

In what order should someone approach waste minimization efforts to maximize positive environmental outcomes according to the waste management hierarchy?

- All equally important
- I don't know
- Reduce>reuse>recycle>waste to energy>landfill
- Reuse>recycle>reduce>landfill>waste-to-energy
- Waste to energy>recycle>reduce>reuse>landfill
- Reduce>reuse>recycle>landfill>waste-to-energy

What is an invasive or introduced species?

- Any species that migrates seasonally across great distances
- I don't know
- A non-native species to an ecosystem whose introduction causes a disturbance

- A species at the top of the food web within a ecosystem
- A predator species that largely hunts prey in an area far from its den

What is the primary threat to wildlife in the US?

- Predation from domesticated animals (e.g., cats or dogs)
- Illegal trapping and poaching
- Disease
- Habitat loss (degradation, fragmentation, or destruction)
- I don't know

What is the largest source of water pollution in the U.S?

- Municipal wastewater treatment plants discharging treated water, and during heavy storm events, releasing untreated sewage into streams and rivers
- Stormwater runoff from yards, paved lots, city streets, and farm fields, into surface water bodies
- I don't know
- Landfill leachate, containing harmful chemicals, contaminating drinking water wells
- Factories discharging toxins into nearby waterways

What does the term "greenhouse gas effect" mean?

- The emission of gases that encourage the growth of plants and crops
- The degradation and predicted total loss of the ozone layer as a result of increased levels of carbon dioxide
- I don't know
- The trapping of the sun's radiation in the atmosphere by gases, raising atmospheric temperature

International Sustainability Initiatives

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is the primary human-made contributor to global warming. But there are many other heat-trapping gases. Which one of the following is NOT a greenhouse gas?

- Oxygen
- Methane
- Water Vapor
- Nitrous Oxide
- I don't know

Which fuel, when combusted, has the highest carbon intensity, causing the most emissions (per unit fuel) of greenhouse gases?

- I don't know
- Coal
- Natural Gas
- Biofuels
- Oil

What is environmental justice?

- The concept that the environment deserves justice for the destruction that humans have caused to it
- I don't know
- The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies
- Equal environmental protection for forests, ocean, rural and urban areas

What is a by-product of hydrogen fuel energy?

- Water
- Inert hydrogen
- Carbon dioxide
- Methane
- I don't know

What are some impacts of climate change that are worsening?

- Increase in severe weather events
- Shifts in vector-borne diseases (e.g., Malaria, Lyme disease)
- Change in precipitation
- Ocean basification
- All of the above
- I don't know

What is corporate social responsibility (CSR)?

- Improving profit margins at any cost
- Minimizing the benefit of the company to society
- Minimizing a company's risks and costs to society

- Philanthropic support of organizations and activities that are doing good in the community
- I don't know

UConn Questions

Which of the following is an example of a circular economy?

- UConn is replacing the carpet in the Gant building. UConn sends the old carpet tiles back to the company to be broken down and remanufactured into new carpet.
- Coffee beans are grown in Ethiopia, sent to Europe to be roasted, sent to America to be packaged, and then sent back to their original destination to be sold back to residents of Ethiopia.
- A mechanical engineer designs a car tire with reduced friction in order to increase fuel efficiency.
- I don't know

Some UConn buildings have earned LEED certification, what does this acronym stand for?

- Least Efficient Energy Distributor
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
- Legendary Electrical Energy Department
- Leading Environmental Ecosystem Design
- I don't know

Every year UConn sends a group of students to the United Nations COP, what does this acronym stand for?

- Conference of the Parties
- Cool off the Planet
- Carbon-Oil Pollution
- Creating Optimal Parity
- I don't know

What is the primary source of energy on UConn's Storrs campus?

- Purchased electricity from Eversource and the grid
- Mansfield Public Utilities Waste-to-Energy Facility
- I don't know
- A coal-fired energy plant on campus
- An on-campus natural gas Cogeneration facility and Central Utility Plant

- On-campus solar farm at Depot Campus

What percentage of food is wasted by an average American?

- 40%
- I don't know
- 5%
- 20%
- 50%

Optional Email for Drawing

Please provide your email address if you wish to be included in the drawing for a \$100 gift card to Amazon

Would you like to be added to the Office of Sustainability Newsletter?

- Yes
- Maybe some other time

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