

Sustainability Knowledge and Perspectives Survey

INTRO

We are reaching out to staff and faculty to get your input on sustainability at UNH. Sustainability is a core value at UNH and is defined as a collective commitment to human dignity for all people and ecological integrity in all places. At UNH, sustainability relates to the education of our students, our research agenda, our engagement with the community, and how we govern and operate our campus.

Your responses to this survey matter. The results will help guide our work and will ensure sustainability is a consistent thread that connects and enhances our entire learning community.

This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. Participation is voluntary and your responses will be kept confidential. The data you provide will be combined with others and will only be reported in the aggregate.

Should you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact Project Director Tracy Keirns at tracy.keirns@unh.edu.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Q1

Which of the following is the United Nation's definition of sustainable development?

- Achieving responsible production and consumption (1)
- Addressing the climate crisis (2)
- A collective commitment to human dignity and wellbeing for all people and ecological integrity in all places (3)
- Eradicating poverty (4)
- Don't know/Not sure (98)

Q2 Knowledge of Sustainability at UNH

How much have you heard about each of the following UNH sustainability initiatives?

ROTATE STATEMENT

	Nothing at all (1)	Only a little (2)	A fair amount (3)	A great deal (4)
UNH is ranked Platinum by STARS (Sustainability Tracking and Rating and System), one of only a handful of institutions to have achieved that ranking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UNH has reduced its carbon footprint by more than half since 2001	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UNH provides 1 day of paid time off each year for all employees to dedicate to community service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UNH has a program that guarantees free tuition for NH students receiving Pell grants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UNH hosts and encourages faculty, staff, and students to participate each year in the 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The majority of the energy used to heat and power UNH's Durham campus comes from methane gas piped in from a local landfill and from small hydroelectric dams in New England	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UNH has a Student Emergency Assistance Fund which provides short-term financial assistance to UNH students who are unable to meet essential expenses due to a temporary or unexpected hardship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UNH has four 3-star Green Certified restaurants on campus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In 2020, UNH launched a Postdoctoral Diversity and Innovation Scholars program to increase the diversity of UNH's faculty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UNH has a Sustainability Task Force comprised of staff, faculty, and students to guide a shared vision of sustainability at UNH	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UNH composts food waste from the dining halls, using the resulting product to fertilize fields at our research farms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UNH Dining Services created a program called	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>Swipe it Forward to address food insecurity on campus</p>				
<p>UNH has a unique partnership with our local utility, Eversource, that promotes campus energy efficiency</p>	○	○	○	○
<p>More than 25% of the UNH endowment is now invested in Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) qualified investments</p>	○	○	○	○
<p>UNH employees have access to several Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) qualified investment options through the USNH Retirement Plans</p>	○	○	○	○
<p>UNH recognizes and incentivizes sustainability leadership among our faculty, staff, and students through the Sustainability Awards Program</p>	○	○	○	○
<p>UNH is one of the few universities in the country to have a dual major in sustainability, open to students from any major</p>	○	○	○	○
<p>UNH has many co-curricular options to engage students in sustainability (e.g. Sustainability Fellowship, Sustainability Advocates, Changemaker Fellows)</p>	○	○	○	○

Q4 The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

How likely are you to engage, or do you currently engage, in addressing the 17 SDGs in your professional or civic life?

ROTATE STATEMENT 1 - 17

Q4a:

Rate your level of agreement with the following statement:

The 17 SDGs should be elements of a single, integrated approach to sustainability that requires all goals to be met simultaneously. For example, ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, advance equality, – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

Strongly Disagree (1)

Disagree (2)

Neither Disagree nor Agree (3)

Agree (4)

Strongly Agree (5)

Don't Know.Not Sure (98)

Q5 Is there another sustainability issue that is of interest to you?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Display This Question:

If Is there another sustainability issue that is of interest to you? Yes Is Selected

Q6 Please specify:

Open box for answer

Q7 How often do you engage in the following activities?

ROTATE STATEMENT 1 - 8

	Never (1)	Sometimes (2)	About Half the Time (3)	Most of the Time (4)	Always (5)	Not Applicable (6)
Make food choices with broader impacts in mind (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Select sustainable investment options through my retirement plan or other investments (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participate in political organizing and social movements (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use a reusable water bottle, coffee container, etc. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seek out products and services from companies that engage in sustainable practices. (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participate in university-wide councils, forums, and other types of gatherings to facilitate positive change on campus (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contact local, state or national representatives when I feel strongly about an issue (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attend lectures and events on sustainability issues (e.g., human rights, arts, and society) (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteer or engage in community service (10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q8 Are there other activities or behaviors that you practice that support sustainability?

Open box for answer

Q15 Overall, how important is sustainability to you **personally**?

- Not at all Important (1)
- Not Very Important (2)
- Somewhat Important (3)
- Very Important (4)
- Don't know/Not sure (98)

Q16 Overall, how important is sustainability to you **professionally**?

- Not at all Important (1)
- Not Very Important (2)
- Somewhat Important (3)
- Very Important (4)
- Don't know/Not sure (98)

Q17 Please share your thoughts on how UNH can improve our sustainability efforts regarding, education, research, and practice, across our three campuses

Open box for answer

Q18 About You

How would you describe your primary position at UNH?

- Tenure Track Faculty (1)
- AAUP Lecturer Faculty (2)
- Affiliated Faculty (3)
- Extension Educator (4)
- Temporary (Adjunct) Faculty (5)
- Research Faculty (6)
- Clinical Faculty (7)
- Professional Administrative & Technical (PAT) (8)
- Operating Staff (OS) (9)
- Temporary (Adjunct) Staff (10)
- Other (11) _____

Q19 In what college, school, or department do you work or teach?

- Advancement (1)
- Athletics (2)
- Business Affairs (Hospitality Services, Housing, Printing & Mail, Transportation, etc.) (3)
- CEPS - College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (4)
- CHHS - College of Health and Human Services (5)
- COLA - College of Liberal Arts (6)
- COLSA - College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (7)
- Community, Equity and Diversity (8)
- Cooperative Extension (9)
- Enrollment Management (10)
- EOS - Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space (School for Marine and Ocean Engineering) (11)
- Graduate School (Carsey School of Public Policy) (12)
- IT - Information Technology (13)
- Library (14)
- PAUL - Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics (15)
- President's Office (President's Commissions) (16)
- Provost's Office (Academic Affairs, Academic Technology, Research, Student Affairs, etc.) (17)
- UNH Manchester (18)
- UNH School of Law (19)
- Vice President for Finance & Administration Office (Facilities, University Police, HR, Finance and Planning, etc.) (20)
- Other (21)

Q20 Please name the department or unit in which you work? _____

Q21 At which campus do you work most often?

- UNH Durham (1)
- UNH Manchester (2)
- UNH Law School (Concord) (3)
- Other location (open box for location)

Q22 What best describes your gender?

- Male (1)
- Female (2)
- Transgender (3)
- Gender Nonconforming (4)
- Prefer not to say (5)

Q23 What is your age?

- 18 to 24 (2)
- 25 to 34 (3)
- 35 to 44 (4)
- 45 to 54 (5)
- 55 to 64 (6)
- 65 and older (29)

Q24 How many years have you been employed at UNH (in any capacity)?

- Less than 1 year (1)
- 1 to 2 years (2)
- 3 to 5 years (3)
- 6 to 10 years (4)
- 11 to 20 years (5)
- More than 20 years (6)

Q25 What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- High school (GED) or less (1)
- Some college (2)
- Technical or vocational school (3)
- Associate's Degree (4)
- Bachelor's degree (5)
- Master's degree (6)
- PhD, JD, MD, or other doctorate level degree (7)

Q26 How do you learn about various sustainability initiatives on campus? Select all that apply.

- UNH landing page (1)
- UNH Sustainability Institute's website (2)
- Other UNH website (3)
- Facebook (4)
- Twitter (5)
- YouTube (6)
- Friend (7)
- Tabling on campus (8)
- The New Hampshire (9)
- Town Halls (10)
- Direct email communications (11)
- Colleagues (12)
- Other (please specify) (13) _____
- NONE OF THE ABOVE (14)

Q27 Thank you for completing this survey! For more information on sustainability initiatives at UNH please visit the UNH Sustainability website. Please click "Submit" to submit your responses.