

Sustainability Student Survey Spring 2022

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Total Respondents: 355

Q1. What is your academic year?

Count	Percent		
76	21.41%		Freshman
88	24.79%		Sophomore
73	20.56%		Junior
112	31.55%		Senior
0	0.00%		Graduate Student
6	1.69%		Other (please specify)

Count	Percent		
2	33.33%		5th year
2	33.33%		5th year senior
1	16.67%		Nontraditional senior
1	16.67%		Second Degree Student

355 Respondents

Q2. Prior to this survey, have you heard the term "sustainability" used at UW-Platteville?

Count	Percent		
276	77.75%		Yes
58	16.34%		No
21	5.92%		Not sure

355 Respondents

Q3. How would you describe your interest in sustainability?

Count	Percent		
106	29.86%		Extremely interested
170	47.89%		Somewhat interested
38	10.70%		Not interested at all
41	11.55%		Not familiar enough with the term to have an opinion on it

355 Respondents

Q4. When striving to make decisions that have sustainable outcomes, how important are the following criteria? - Long-term impacts of that decision

Count	Percent		
177	65.80%		Very important
80	29.74%		Moderately important
8	2.97%		Slightly important
1	0.37%		Not important
3	1.12%		Don't know
269	Respondents		

Q5. When striving to make decisions that have sustainable outcomes, how important are the following criteria? - Financial impacts of that decision

Count	Percent		
119	44.40%		Very important
104	38.81%		Moderately important
33	12.31%		Slightly important
8	2.99%		Not important
4	1.49%		Don't know
268	Respondents		



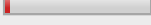
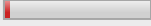
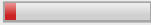
Q6. When striving to make decisions that have sustainable outcomes, how important are the following criteria? - Social impacts of that decision

Count	Percent		
64	23.79%		Very important
122	45.35%		Moderately important
56	20.82%		Slightly important
20	7.43%		Not important
7	2.60%		Don't know
269	Respondents		

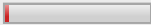


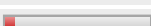
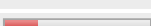
Q7. When striving to make decisions that have sustainable outcomes, how important are the following criteria? - Environmental impacts of that decision

Count	Percent		
183	68.03%		Very important
59	21.93%		Moderately important
19	7.06%		Slightly important
4	1.49%		Not important
4	1.49%		Don't know
269	Respondents		





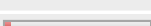
Q8. Which of the following is the most commonly used definition of sustainable development?

Count	Percent		
16	5.95%		Creating a government welfare system that ensures universal access to education, healthcare, and social services.
215	79.93%		Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
9	3.35%		Setting aside resources for preservation, never to be used.
9	3.35%		Building a neighborhood that is both socio-demographically and economically diverse
20	7.43%		Don't know
269	Respondents		

Q9. Which of the following is the most commonly used definition of economic sustainability?

Count	Percent		
8	2.97%		Maximizing the share price of a company's stock
148	55.02%		Long term profitability
33	12.27%		When costs equal revenue
19	7.06%		Continually expanding market share
61	22.68%		Don't know
269	Respondents		

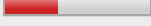
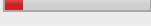


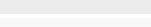
Q10. During a rainstorm or snowmelt, water needs a place to go. Historically, most water would be absorbed by the ground and remain in our local water table. Humans have altered the landscape, however, and made it difficult for water to be absorbed in many places. Which of the following land uses is able to absorb the most water?

Count	Percent		
6	2.67%		Mowed lawn
175	77.78%		Forest or prairie
32	14.22%		Farm field
3	1.33%		Built places like houses or parking lots
9	4.00%		Don't know
225	Respondents		


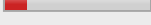
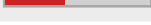
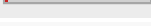
Q11. UW-Platteville is located in an ecologically unique area featuring unusual species such as cacti and rattlesnakes, rolling hills, and a high proportion of organic farms. What is this area most often called?

Count	Percent		
24	10.67%		Southwest Wisconsin Area
6	2.67%		Terminal Moraine Area
151	67.11%		Driftless Area
11	4.89%		Semi-arid Area
33	14.67%		Don't know
225	Respondents		

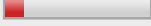

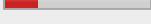
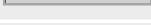
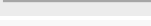
Q12. Transportation accounts for about 1/3 of the United States carbon footprint each year. Which of the following transportation methods produces the most carbon?

Count	Percent		
82	36.44%		One hour of car travel
28	12.44%		One hour of bus travel
101	44.89%		One hour of air travel
1	0.44%		One hour of walking or biking
13	5.78%		Don't know
225	Respondents		

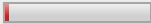
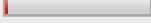
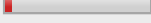

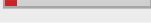
Q13. On Earth Day 2021, UW-Platteville committed to being Zero Waste by 2035. Which of the following is the most sustainable way to minimize use of the landfill?

Count	Percent		
93	41.33%		Reduce: Avoid buying brand new items and items in a lot of disposable packaging
34	15.11%		Reuse: Shop used, bring your own bag
93	41.33%		Recycle: Turn used products into something new (includes composting)
5	2.22%		Don't know
225	Respondents		

Q14. The United States represents 5% of the world's population. Approximately what percent of the world's energy resources does the United States consume?

Count	Percent		
29	12.89%		53%
95	42.22%		24%
51	22.67%		18%
2	0.89%		7%
48	21.33%		Don't know
225	Respondents		

Q15. Climate change occurs because human activities release gases such as carbon dioxide into the atmosphere more quickly than plants and biological systems can absorb them. These increased levels of gases are changing weather patterns. Which of the following is the Midwest most likely to experience due to climate change?

Count	Percent		
6	2.67%		More heat waves
6	2.67%		More droughts
4	1.78%		More flooding
11	4.89%		More extreme storms
179	79.56%		All of the above
19	8.44%		Don't know
225	Respondents		

Q16. Tell us how often, on average, you do each of the following. (Select one for each) - Eat meat (other than wild game)

Count	Percent		
8	3.67%		Never
4	1.83%		A few times per year
7	3.21%		A few times per month
53	24.31%		A few times per week
75	34.40%		Once per day
70	32.11%		Two or more times per day
1	0.46%		Don't know
218	Respondents		

Q17. Tell us how often, on average, you do each of the following. (Select one for each) - Eat dairy or eggs

Count	Percent		
2	0.92%		Never
2	0.92%		A few times per year
13	5.96%		A few times per month
72	33.03%		A few times per week
67	30.73%		Once per day
60	27.52%		Two or more times per day
2	0.92%		Don't know
218	Respondents		


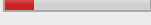
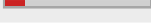
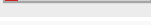
Q18. Tell us how often, on average, you do each of the following. (Select one for each) - Eat locally-sourced food (200 miles or less)

Count	Percent		
2	0.92%		Never
7	3.21%		A few times per year
40	18.35%		A few times per month
59	27.06%		A few times per week
25	11.47%		Once per day
19	8.72%		Two or more times per day
66	30.28%		Don't know
218	Respondents		


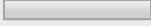
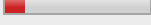
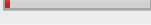
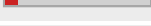

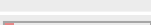
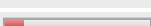


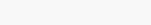
Q19. Tell us how often, on average, you do each of the following. (Select one for each) - Cook your own meals from scratch

Count	Percent		
13	5.99%		Never
26	11.98%		A few times per year
68	31.34%		A few times per month
46	21.20%		A few times per week
27	12.44%		Once per day
30	13.82%		Two or more times per day
7	3.23%		Don't know
217	Respondents		


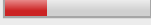
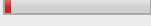
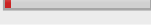
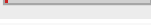
Q20. Which best describes your current housing?

Count	Percent		
124	56.88%		I live in campus housing
44	20.18%		I live in a single unit house
30	13.76%		I live a building with 2-4 units
20	9.17%		I live in a building with 5 or more units
218	Respondents		

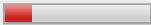
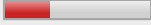
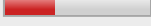
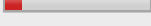
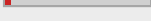
Q21. If you live on campus, which residence hall do you live it?



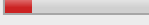
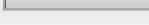
Count	Percent		
20	16.13%		Bridgeway Commons
0	0.00%		Cooper Living and Learning Center
17	13.71%		Dobson Hall
4	3.23%		McGregor Hall
11	8.87%		Melcher Hall
12	9.68%		Morrow Hall
10	8.06%		Pickard Hall
8	6.45%		Porter Hall
16	12.90%		Rountree Commons
17	13.71%		Southwest Hall
9	7.26%		Wilgus Hall
124	Respondents		

Q22. Approximately how far do you live from the Student Center?


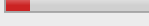
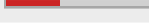
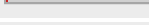
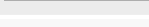
Count	Percent		
31	60.78%		Less than 1 mile
15	29.41%		1-2.9 miles
2	3.92%		3-24.5 miles
2	3.92%		25-79.9 miles
1	1.96%		80+ miles
51	Respondents		

Q23. How many roommates do you have?

Count	Percent		
40	18.35%		None, I live alone
68	31.19%		1
75	34.40%		2 - 3
26	11.93%		4-5
9	4.13%		6+
218	Respondents		

Q24. Which comes closest to describing your monthly non-food purchases?			
Count	Percent		
44	20.18%		I mostly shop resale or previously used items and avoid buying brand new items.
132	60.55%		I primarily shop brand new items and consider myself an infrequent shopper.
40	18.35%		I primarily shop brand new items and consider myself an average shopper.
2	0.92%		I primarily shop brand new items and consider myself a frequent shopper.
218	Respondents		

Q25. How many hours do you fly in an average year?			
Count	Percent		
128	58.72%		None
56	25.69%		1-5 hours
24	11.01%		6-10 hours
10	4.59%		10 + hours
218	Respondents		

Q26. What type of campus parking permit did you purchase this year? (Select all that apply)				
Count	Respondent %	Response %		
93	42.66%	41.33%		None
38	17.43%	16.89%		Commuter
84	38.53%	37.33%		Residence Hall - Regular
3	1.38%	1.33%		Residence Hall - Remote
7	3.21%	3.11%		Motorcycle
218	Respondents			
225	Responses			

Q27. Please tell us how you travel to campus in an average week. - Walking			
Count	Percent		
35	17.33%		Never
15	7.43%		1 or 2 times/week
28	13.86%		3-5 times/week
124	61.39%		6 or more
202	Respondents		

Q28. Please tell us how you travel to campus in an average week. - Biking or skateboarding

Count	Percent		
147	82.58%		Never
13	7.30%		1 or 2 times/week
11	6.18%		3-5 times/week
7	3.93%		6 or more
178	Respondents		

Q29. Please tell us how you travel to campus in an average week. - Automobile - Carpool with others

Count	Percent		
117	63.93%		Never
47	25.68%		1 or 2 times/week
15	8.20%		3-5 times/week
4	2.19%		6 or more
183	Respondents		

Q30. Please tell us how you travel to campus in an average week. - Automobile - Alone

Count	Percent		
91	47.89%		Never
63	33.16%		1 or 2 times/week
26	13.68%		3-5 times/week
10	5.26%		6 or more
190	Respondents		

Q31. Please tell us how you travel to campus in an average week. - Bus

Count	Percent		
157	89.71%		Never
8	4.57%		1 or 2 times/week
7	4.00%		3-5 times/week
3	1.71%		6 or more
175	Respondents		


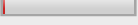
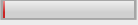


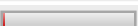
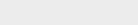
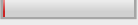
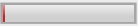

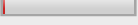
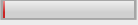


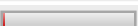
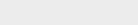
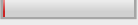
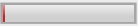

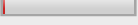
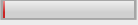


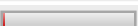
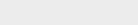
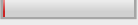
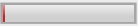

Q32. Please tell us how you travel to campus in an average week. - Taxi

Count	Percent		
173	98.30%		Never
2	1.14%		1 or 2 times/week
1	0.57%		3-5 times/week
0	0.00%		6 or more
176 Respondents			



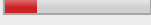
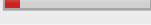
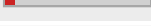
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Count	Percent		
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1	0.62%		1 or 2 times/week
1	0.62%		3-5 times/week
1	0.62%		6 or more
161 Respondents			


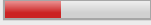

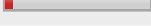
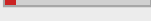
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Q35. On average, how many total miles do you travel by automobile each week?

Count	Percent		
21	9.63%		None
111	50.92%		.01-30 miles
48	22.02%		31-100 miles
23	10.55%		101-200 miles
15	6.88%		200+ miles
218	Respondents		

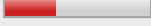
Q36. What is the average fuel economy of the automobile you use most often?

Count	Percent		
14	6.42%		.01-14 mpg
85	38.99%		15-25 mpg
90	41.28%		26-35 mpg
12	5.50%		36+ mpg
17	7.80%		Not applicable (don't drive)
218	Respondents		

Q37. What do you think is a reasonable amount of time to expect the following campus users to spend walking from their parked car to their campus destination? - Faculty or staff

Count	Percent		
44	20.56%		Less than 2 minutes
120	56.07%		2-5 minutes
40	18.69%		6-9 minutes
10	4.67%		10 or more minutes
214	Respondents		

Q38. What do you think is a reasonable amount of time to expect the following campus users to spend walking from their parked car to their campus destination? - Commuting students

Count	Percent		
22	10.28%		Less than 2 minutes
101	47.20%		2-5 minutes
75	35.05%		6-9 minutes
16	7.48%		10 or more minutes
214	Respondents		

Q39. What do you think is a reasonable amount of time to expect the following campus users to spend walking from their parked car to their campus destination? - Campus visitors

Count	Percent		
35	16.51%		Less than 2 minutes
84	39.62%		2-5 minutes
75	35.38%		6-9 minutes
18	8.49%		10 or more minutes
212	Respondents		

Q40. What do you think is a reasonable amount of time to expect the following campus users to spend walking from their parked car to their campus destination? - Those using ADA (disabled) parking

Count	Percent		
167	78.40%		Less than 2 minutes
28	13.15%		2-5 minutes
9	4.23%		6-9 minutes
9	4.23%		10 or more minutes
213	Respondents		

Q41. What do you think is a reasonable amount of time to expect the following campus users to spend walking from their parked car to their campus destination? - Residence Hall students to their housing, full price parking permit

Count	Percent		
52	24.19%		Less than 2 minutes
77	35.81%		2-5 minutes
65	30.23%		6-9 minutes
21	9.77%		10 or more minutes
215	Respondents		

Q42. What do you think is a reasonable amount of time to expect the following campus users to spend walking from their parked car to their campus destination? - Residence Hall students to their housing, reduced price remote parking permit

Count	Percent		
14	6.57%		Less than 2 minutes
56	26.29%		2-5 minutes
73	34.27%		6-9 minutes
70	32.86%		10 or more minutes
213	Respondents		

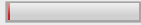
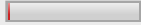
Q43. Please choose five of the following sustainability goals that you find the most important.

Count	Respondent %	Response %	
158	72.48%	15.21%	
77	35.32%	7.41%	
36	16.51%	3.46%	
44	20.18%	4.23%	
153	70.18%	14.73%	
173	79.36%	16.65%	
64	29.36%	6.16%	
74	33.94%	7.12%	
118	54.13%	11.36%	
134	61.47%	12.90%	
8	3.67%	0.77%	
218 Respondents			
1039 Responses			

Q44. If other, please describe:

Count	Percent	
9	100.00%	
Count	Percent	
1	11.11%	Building efficiently, build up not out. To reduce need for additional building space
1	11.11%	Financial Considerations and Long term Impact Considerations. Ex: The sustainable windmill on campus is too expensive to fix and I would expect the solar panels will be in the same situation in a few years.
1	11.11%	Getting rid of the fear of Nuclear energy and teach people it is the best way to move forward with energy production.
1	11.11%	N/A
1	11.11%	Recycling.
1	11.11%	Stop pushing Climate Alarmism. Unless you are putting in a town nuclear reactor, please refrain from dumping federal and STUDENT money into useless green projects. Support more local farms, improve building energy ratings, let nature be wild, and respectfully stop taking more student money for woke pet projects.
1	11.11%	Sustainability has been mislabeled as largely energy related. Habitat loss is just as big a problem as climate change (the two are inextricably linked), but for some reason isn't publicized the same way. Ecosystem sustainability is only possible with an integrated plan of education, outreach, investment, and long term planning in conservation and ecological restoration (distinct from reclamation). The best way, in my opinion, to advance sustainable causes is to recreate a connection with nature that acknowledges that natural systems have incredible (!! cultural value, as well as long term economic value (ecosystem stability and ecosystem services). Looking at the campus land management plan, something like 16K a year is budgeted to restoration (this is like the equivalent of 3 one-day contracts to spray garlic mustard in a single large management unit). This is a drop in the bucket! Let's invest across all departments of the University in a long term educational plan that couples green energy learning with ecosystem sustainability learning, as well as investing in land management! The course "Environmental Conservation" is a really great start in terms of integrating the broad spectrum of sustainable ideas, but its ideas need to be translated across

campus. Thanks for your time! Lucas Turpin

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| 1 | 11.11% |  | Upgrading the HVAC systems for each campus building to reduce spending and become more efficient. Also upgrading the envelope of most old buildings on campus. |
| 1 | 11.11% |  | You'd have to interview me. UWP is a great campus and community but it has as much to contend with in terms of "engaging sustainable practices" as many other large institutions- which is a lot. There are potentially a LOT of things that could be done to make campus a less polluting place overall but I no longer have hope that most people, here or elsewhere, would want to make the sorts of sacrifices or deal with the perceived inconveniences entailed by attempting to ensure long-term environmental and sociopolitical stability. I'm not even sure it's worth spending university dollars exploring questions like this unless you guys would seriously, seriously consider doing things or compelling students, faculty, and staff to comply with green resource acquisition and use measures. There are ways we could reduce some lab wastes, electrical expenditures, ways to incentivize students to utilize lightweight transport vehicles like electric motor bikes, ways to possibly reduce or better utilize food wastes on and off campus- there's a LOT that we could do, potentially. More than is in your list of options. And for a much longer list of reasons, I don't think much of this will be done; most of it won't even be tried and bureaucracy, law, and the human condition would prevent most of it from happening in a "timely" way anyway (but I'm being generous here, since, well- would ANY action now be called timely since we're having this discussion half a century too late?). For whatever it's worth, I don't blame any of the administration for "not doing more" or something. I just don't have any hope left that any action made in regards to climate change is going to do much for us in the long run. I know what's coming; I know what kind of world we're setting up for ourselves. I've spent a while preparing for it. Maybe "stopping it" or "preventing the worst of it" is off the table, and bracing ourselves is a better option. As an optimistic aside from the above cynical note, maybe UW Platteville could give small cash dividends to undergraduates, I mean small sums (\$60-\$150 every two weeks) that students could use to have fun now, before we reach the "rationing and infighting" stage of this whole debacle. I think it would be fun, and it would be a great way to keep the anxiety of what the next few decades have in store at bay. |