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Welcome to the UW Sustainability Sustainable Choices Survey, thank you for participating! The survey has 15 questions and should take about 5 minutes to complete.

We offer this survey to our many and diverse constituents at the beginning and end of each academic year to get a sense of the current state of sustainability knowledge, opinions, and choices.

Please answer all of the questions. This survey is not about getting the correct answer, it is about showing us what you know now, how you feel about certain topics, and what sustainable choices you are making. Please do not consult any outside resources (e.g. do not Google the answers, look in a book, or ask a friend). If you don't know, just take your best guess.

Thank you again,

The UW Sustainability Team

Question 1.

I am a:

☐ Student

☐ Faculty Member

☐ Staff Member

☐ Non-UW Guest

No response

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Question 2.

If you are a student, what is your intended or declared major? If you do not know yet, type "undecided". If you are faculty, staff, or a non-UW guest, please type "N/A".

This set of questions tests your knowledge of sustainability topics. Don't worry if you don't know the answer, just try to answer as best you can.

Question 3.

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

☐ Harmful UV rays

☐ Climate Change

☐ Sudden changes in temperature

☐ Acid Rain

☐ Don't Know

Question 4.

What is the name of the primary federal agency that oversees environmental regulation?

- ☐ Department of Health Environment and Safety (DHES)
- ☐ Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- ☐ Federal Pollution Control Agency (FPCA)
- ☐ National Environmental Agency (NEA)
- ☐ Don't Know

Question 5.

What is the primary benefit of wetlands?

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

Question 6.

What is the most common cause of pollution of streams and rivers?

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

Question 7.

Over the past three decades, what has happened to the difference between the wealth of the richest and poorest Americans?

- ☐ The difference has increased
- ☐ The difference has stayed about the same
- ☐ The difference has decreased
- ☐ I don't know

Question 8.

Which of the following is an example of an environmental injustice?

- ☐ Establishing community health centers near agricultural areas for farm workers and their families
- ☐ A city government establishes a new waste transfer station in a low income neighborhood
- ☐ All stakeholders (state agencies, businesses, nonprofits, tribes, etc.) are involved in setting a salmon fishing quota
- ☐ Community stakeholders work together to develop an old industrial site into a park and garden

Question 9.

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

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

Please share your knowledge and thoughts on sustainability at the UW.

Question 10.

How would you rank UW among other universities in the area of sustainability?

- ☐ Far behind other universities
- ☐ Behind other universities
- ☐ Equal with other universities
- ☐ Ahead of other universities
- ☐ A leader among universities

Question 11.

Which of the following sustainability efforts are you aware of at UW? Choose all that apply.

- ☐ Waste reduction (e.g. recycling, composting, etc.)
- ☐ Renewable energy use (e.g. hydro power, solar panels, etc.)
- ☐ Energy conservation (e.g. turning off lights and computer monitors when not using, buying LED lights when possible, etc.)
- ☐ Dining Services (e.g. local food sourcing, community gardens, organic foods, etc.)
- ☐ Water Conservation (e.g. rooftop gardens, rain gardens, Salmon Safe campus, etc.)
- ☐ Alternative transportation (e.g. carpooling, biking/walking options, transit, etc.)
- ☐ Green building design and maintenance (e.g. green building, LEED, etc.)
- ☐ Grounds (e.g. use native plants, Tree campus USA designation, integrated pest management, etc.)
- ☐ Sustainable purchasing (e.g. purchasing energy star equipment, green cleaning products, items with recycled content, etc.)
- ☐ Carbon emissions reduction (e.g. Climate Action Plan (CAP), Transportation Management Plan, etc.)
- ☐ Business/supplier diversity Diversity Program (e.g. buying from small, minority & women-owned, veteran, and other diverse businesses)
- ☐ Diversity, equity, and inclusion (e.g. Race & Equity Initiative, Husky Promise, etc.)

Question 12.

Do you think campus sustainability efforts help attract students to the UW?

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

Question 13.

If making sustainable choices could save you money personally or in your department on campus, would you be more likely to make sustainable choices?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Question 14.

Do you have interest in helping the UW improve its performance in environmental issues like resource conservation, transportation, waste, etc.?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

Question 15.

We would like to know more about the sustainable choices you make.

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Please indicate the percentage of time that you choose to take public transportation instead of driving when traveling to and from campus.

Please indicate the percentage of time that you choose to walk or bike instead of driving a car or carpooling when traveling to and from campus.

What percentage of time do you buy organically grown food rather than conventionally grown food?

What percentage of time do you use a reusable water bottle?

How often do you turn off the lights in an empty room?

How often do you intentionally purchase an environmentally preferable item (e.g. organic produce, paper that is made of recycled content, an appliance that is Energy Star rated, used instead of new item)?

How often do you intentionally purchase an item that is made or sold by a women- or minority-owned business?

- ☐ nearly every time
- ☐ more than half the time
- ☐ half the time
- ☐ less than half the time
- ☐ never