

University of Central Florida Student Sustainability Literacy Survey

This survey is being conducted by the University of Central Florida's Office of Sustainability Initiatives to assess our students' knowledge, practices, attitudes about environmental sustainability topics, and awareness about the university's sustainability initiatives. This survey is voluntary and your identity will remain anonymous. Any feedback you provide will be kept confidential and only summarized results will be distributed.

Please give each question your full consideration. The survey should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete.

Biographical Data Section

Please indicate your current academic level:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Freshman</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Sophomore</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Junior</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Senior</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Graduate</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Other</i>

On which campus do you primarily attend classes?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Main campus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Lake Nona campus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Rosen campus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Cocoa Campus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Sanford campus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Downtown campus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Online only</i>

In which academic school(s) or college(s) are you pursuing a degree(s)? (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>College of Arts and Humanities</i>
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Conserving Energy (keeping thermostats between 74-78 degrees, Powering down electrical devices when not in use for more than 15 minutes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimizing emissions from transportation (ride the shuttle or SunRail, bike, walk, car pool, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please rate the frequency with which you do the following:					
	<i>Always</i>	<i>Usually</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>
Recycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimize waste (use reusable bags/drink containers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choose food based on its impact (locally sourced, organic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conserve water (taking shorter showers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimize purchases which are not environmentally friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conserve energy (keeping thermostats between 74-78 degrees, Powering down electrical devices when not in use for more than 15 minutes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use alternative transportation (ride the shuttle or SunRail, bike, walk, car pool, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Of the following, which did you know was an example of sustainable practices before taking this survey? (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Recycling e-waste(electronics, cellphones, etc)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Selecting double-sided printing</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Serving locally sourced/organic food</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Limiting meat consumption (Meatless Mondays)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Purchasing reusable as opposed to single use, disposable items(ceramic vs. paper plates)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Keeping indoor temperatures close to outdoor temperatures and dressing for that temperature</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Utilizing a powerstrip for all your plugin devices</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Using video conferencing as opposed to travel</i>

Please indicate which statement best describes your level of interest in sustainability:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I have a passion for sustainability</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I have some interest in sustainability</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I am neither interested nor disinterested in sustainability (neutral)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I have little interest in sustainability</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I have no interest in sustainability</i>

Sustainability Literacy Section

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

More than eight times the amount of energy is required to make a single plastic bottle from virgin plastic (materials never before manufactured) than a bottle made from recycled plastic.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>True</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>False</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Do not know</i>

“Cradle to grave” refers to assessing a products lifecycle from creation to disposal.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>True</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>False</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Do not know</i>

The term "carbon footprint" refers to the greenhouse gasses released by burning fossil fuels for uses such as electricity and transportation.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>True</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>False</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Do not know</i>

Oil, iron ore, trees, sunshine and coal are considered renewable resources.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>True</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>False</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Do not know</i>

With regard to natural resources, "sustainability" means using only as much as is replaced by natural processes.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>True</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>False</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Do not know</i>

In order to sustain life, the earth requires greenhouse gasses.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>True</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>False</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Do not know</i>

The Urban Heat Island Effect is the increase in the number of cities that cut off exports and imports during hot summer months.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>True</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>False</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Do not know</i>

A principle of systems thinking is addressing problems immediately so to not create new problems in the future.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>True</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>False</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Do not know</i>

Sustainability Initiatives Section

Which resources would be most beneficial to help you learn about sustainability? (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Email</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Social media</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Blogs</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Website</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Online workshops / classes</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>In-person Workshops / classes</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Public forums</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Large educational events, such as Earth Day</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>On-campus signs</i>

Of the following sustainability programs implemented by UCF, mark which you were aware of prior to taking this survey: (Please select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The university goal to achieve climate neutrality by 2050</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>LEED Certification requirements for all new buildings</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Solar power installations and generation</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Florida friendly campus landscaping</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Community garden/Arboretum</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Green purchasing guidelines</i>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Mixed recycling</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Sustainable dining options</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Free shuttles between campuses and around the campus</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Bike share</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Zipcar/Zimride car sharing Ppogram</i>