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Lecture notes for **Sustainability**
(Academic Staff)



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Sustainability on Campus
The Role of Academic Staff

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UN Sustainable Development Goals





SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS

Sustainability



- **Environmental, economical and social balance**



Why Sustainability on Campus?

- Universities as leaders in innovation and influence
- Responsibility to students and community



Why Sustainability on Campus?

Environmental footprint of higher education institutions (Categories)

- *Catering*
- *Lab equipment*
- *IT equipment*
- *Electricity*
- *Gas & Fuels*
- *Daily commute*
- *Other goods & services*
- *International travel*
- *Business services*

The Role of Academic Staff

- Instructors, researchers, mentors, policy influencers
- Unique ability to shape student values and actions



Embedding Sustainability into Curriculum

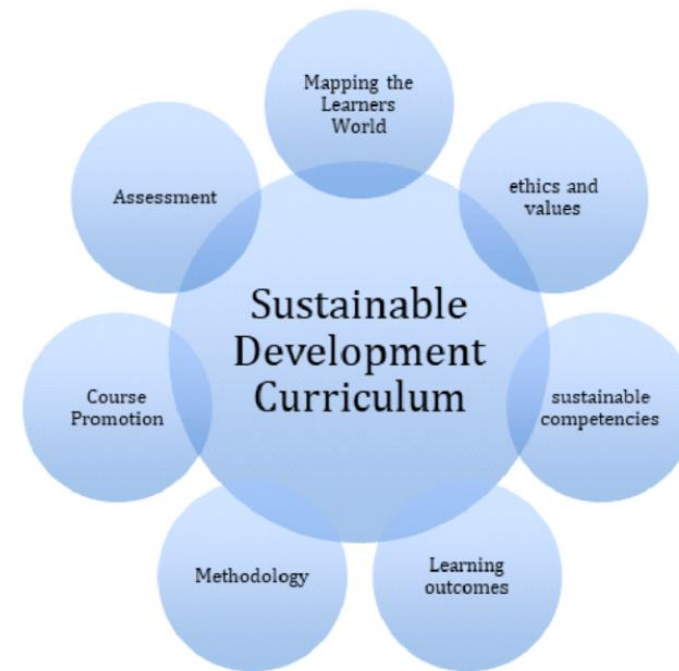
- Add sustainability themes to existing content





- Encourage critical thinking on real-world problems

- Interdisciplinary opportunities

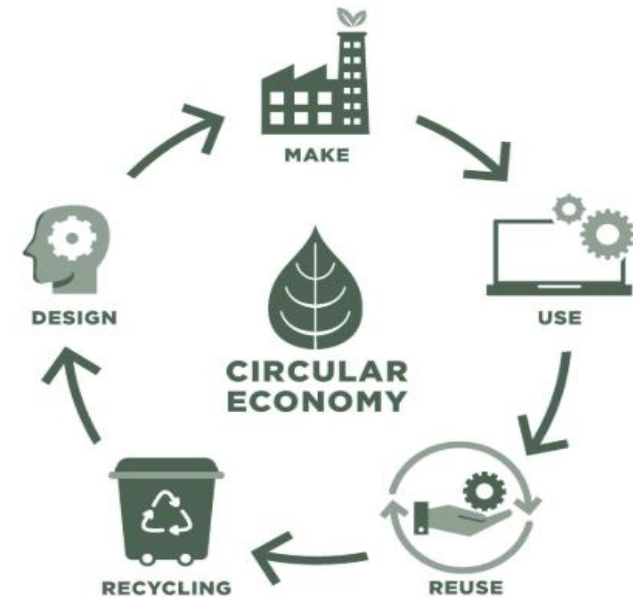


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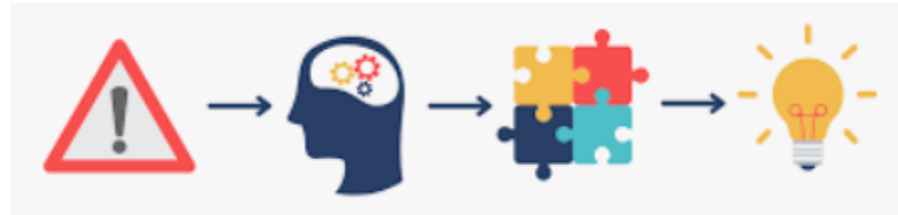


- Engineering: lifecycle analysis
- Literature: environmental storytelling

- Business: circular economy models
- Medicine: environmental health



Developing Sustainability Competencies



- Systems thinking
- Critical thinking

Developing Sustainability Competencies

- Anticipatory skills
- Strategic collaboration



Sustainability-Focused Assignments

- Community-based projects



- Campus sustainability audits

- Case studies on global challenges (features)

- Colorado State University



Fostering Student Engagement

- Support student-led sustainability initiatives



- Promote service learning and green internships

- Involve students in research and outreach



Academic Research for Sustainability

- Interdisciplinary projects
- Applying for sustainability-related grants

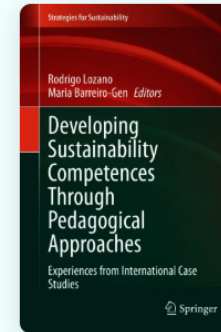
- Solving local and global sustainability problems

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Research Ethics and Sustainability

- Consider environmental and social impact of research
- Promote open-access knowledge sharing
- Reduce waste in lab and fieldwork



- Role modelling sustainable practices in everyday work



- Reducing paper and energy use



- Attending conferences virtually when possible

Departmental Practices



- Sustainable procurement in labs and offices
- Creating sustainability action plans

Participating in Campus Sustainability Planning

- Join university sustainability committees
- Provide input on institutional sustainability goals
- Collaborate with administration and facilities

Academic Staff as Policy Influencers

- Advocate for sustainability in faculty boards



- Influence decisions on travel, purchasing, and operations
- Push for sustainability criteria in faculty evaluations



Collaborating Across Disciplines

- Co-teaching with other departments
- Joint research projects
- Sustainability across the curriculum initiative

Campus Footprint

- Carbon footprint
- Energy use in buildings
- Waste management
- Water usage transportation

Carbon footprint

- Energy
- Transportation

- Waste



- Water (efficient use of fittings)



Energy use in Buildings

- Heating/cooling
- Lighting
- Lab equipment

Be a responsible consumer!

Waste Management

- Recycling
- Composting
- Reducing waste generation



Water Usage

- Consumption (minimise as much as you can)
- Leak detection (inform as soon as you can)
- Water-saving technologies (ask for it)

Transportation

- Staff and student commuting patterns
- Cut down your emissions



Challenges and Barriers

- Time constraints (short, medium and long terms)
- Lack of institutional support
- Perceived lack of relevance to field

Strategies and Actions

- Institutional Commitment
 - Green campus policies, sustainability offices
- Sustainability Committees
 - Multidisciplinary teams with faculty involvement
- Greening Operations
 - Energy retrofits, green roofs, low-flow fixtures

- Digitalization and Efficiency
 - Paperless offices, smart systems
- Incentives for Staff
 - Recognition programs

Strategies to Overcome Barriers

- Start small (Beware! Sustainable development starts from the possible smallest scale)
- Collaborate with sustainability offices
- Use existing resources and toolkits

Resources and Tools

- AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education)
- SDG Academy
- Teaching materials and case studies
- University's sustainability office

Call to Action

- Identify one change you can make this semester
- Gather meetings and talk to your department
- Inspire your students

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Any questions?



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- Water Conservation
- Creating a Sustainable Office Culture
- Campus Initiatives You can Support
- Tracking and Reporting

Sustainable Development Goals



**SUSTAINABLE
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Sustainability

- Sustainability has 3 aspects; **environmental**, **economical** and **social**.



Sustainability Matters

- Climate change (influence on Global Warming)
- Waste
- Resource depletion



Beware! Universities are large consumers!



What is Campus Sustainability?

- Reducing environmental impact
- Improving economic efficiency
- Creating a healthy environment
- Supporting social responsibility



Administrative Staff as Key Players

- You manage processes, buildings, and resources daily
- Your choices shape campus culture
- You're crucial in leading change



Energy Efficiency



- Turn off lights and equipment after hours
- Use energy-efficient office equipment
- Optimize heating/cooling settings

Paper Reduction

- Go digital where possible
- Use double-sided printing
- Share documents electronically

Waste Management

- Recycle paper, plastic, e-waste
- Properly dispose of batteries and ink cartridges
- Compost food waste if available



Greener Meetings and Events

- Use online platforms for virtual meetings
- Avoid single-use items
- Provide digital materials instead of printouts

Commuting and Transportation

- Promote carpooling, biking, walking
- Use public transport when possible
- Offer flexible or remote work options



Water Conservation

- Report leaks promptly
- Use water-efficient appliances
- Do not leave taps running unnecessarily



Creating a Sustainable Office Culture

- Encourage colleagues to adopt green habits
- Create a green team or office champion
- Celebrate small wins and improvements

Campus Initiatives You Can Support

- Sustainability office/programs
- Student-led green projects
- Annual campus sustainability events



Tracking and Reporting

- Help collect data on energy use, paper usage, etc.
- Provide feedback on green policies
- Help set achievable goals for your department

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