



# UTDBP3013 - Sustainability Policy

## Policy Statement

### Policy

The University of Texas at Dallas aspires to be one of the nation's best public research universities focused on research and education in emerging areas of technology, science, and learning. This includes excellence in advancing environmental stewardship and sustainability on our campus, in our academic and research programs, and in our public service and outreach activities. Efficient energy use is central to this objective and energy conservation efforts provide a means to save money, foster environmental awareness, reduce the environmental consequences of University activities, and provide educational leadership for the 21st century.

To accomplish this goal, the University shall establish procedures to consider conservation of utilities' use and sustainability in the design and operation of University facilities in the most economical and environmentally friendly manner possible, educate the University community on sustainability measures, and consider conservation in purchasing decisions and transportation. Our day-to-day decisions and actions will be guided by the University's Sustainability Policy.

### Rationale

This policy promotes efforts to support initiatives that increase efficiency, reduce emissions, promote sustainability and contribute meaningfully to the environment, while achieving the mission of the University.

### Scope

This policy applies to the University main campus and other University-owned facilities in the Dallas Metroplex.

### Definition

Sustainability refers to societal efforts that meet the needs of present users without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This is accomplished through teaching, research, service, and administrative efforts that benefit our various communities.

# Implementation

## Education

The University will integrate the Sustainability Policy in educating faculty, staff, and students, promote the development and expansion of sustainability-related research and curriculum, support sustainability related service and learning opportunities on and off campus, and encourage sustainability-themed programming opportunities and events.

## Campus Operations

In campus planning, operations and activities, the University will use resources in a manner that takes into consideration environmental, social and economic impacts. The University will seek to integrate sustainability considerations into all business decisions including but not limited to:

- Energy and water management
- Procurement
- Materials and resource management
- Landscaping and grounds maintenance
- Transportation
- Dining
- Building construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance.

## Community Engagement

The University will seek to establish partnerships with government, business and community organizations that strive to foster environmental consciousness and lead to the betterment of our campus and surrounding communities, encourage research by faculty that benefits the local community, share experiences and provide outreach to the community wherever feasible, increase awareness and inform the community on sustainability-related issues.

# Policy Links

- Permalink for this policy: <http://policy.utdallas.edu/utdbp3013>
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