



University
of Windsor

Office of
Sustainability

Who we are

The [Office of Sustainability](#), acting as a resource hub looks to inspire and collaborate with the campus community to engage and lead sustainability initiatives and programs.

The University is fully committed to realizing the *Aspire* strategic priority: "fostering an engaged, healthy, safe, and environmentally sustainable campus." It is the core value that will steer our decisions and actions moving forward.

As a higher education institution, we have a responsibility to guide the next generation of innovative agents of change towards creating a sustainable and just future. Through leadership and innovation, we will establish a solution-driven mindset where students will learn and understand about the interconnectedness of environmental, social and economic issues to both local and global challenges. We aim to embed sustainability in research, teaching, services, and operations while fostering a culture of sustainability, and to empower positive change- both on and off campus.

How you can help

Champion innovation and collaboration to advance core education, research, and engagement activities in support of institutional leadership via integration of sustainability in academics and research (as per the campus' Sustainability Framework)

Build a sustainability mindset in your faculty unit and in your course. Students can be directly involved in addressing real world sustainability problems and proposing solutions that we face globally, or locally on the campus.

- COLLABORATE with faculty and staff to bring sustainability into the classroom
- FACILITATE living lab connections and hands-on learning opportunities
- LEARN about sustainability, holistically and the Sustainable Development Goals
- DEMONSTRATE to students that sustainability impacts all and is everyone's responsibility

Share your story: Let us know how you are incorporating sustainability into curriculum or research.

Helpful resources

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The [Office of Sustainability webpage](#) offers information on the current and ongoing sustainability programs and initiatives taking place on campus from responsible recycling practices to sustainable transportation and energy conservation and carbon reduction priorities.

- [Campus as a Living Lab](#): Campus as a living lab involves collaboration between faculty, staff, operations, and students, using the campus as a test centre (living lab) to pilot innovative research ideas. Using the campus to model solutions to real-world problems, both locally and globally.
- [Green Labs Program](#): A certification program to empower labs across campus to be sustainable and efficient in areas related to procurement, green chemistry, energy conservation and greenhouse gas emissions reduction, water conservation, and waste management.
- Campus Academic and Sustainability Literacy Working Group: Reporting to the [Campus Sustainability Steering Committee](#), faculty, researchers and staff work together to improve sustainability literacy across all faculties. Email sustainability@uwindsor.ca to join
- [Sustainability Events Guide](#): Tips and suggestions when planning meetings and events while keeping sustainability in mind (areas related to advertisement, procurement, transportation and waste)

Main frameworks used by the Office of Sustainability:

- [Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment and Rating System \(STARS\)](#): A self-reporting framework allowing the University to track progress and measure key performance indicators to integrate sustainability into all aspects of campus life; framework created by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
- [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)
 - [Reporting on the Sustainable Development Goals: A guide for Canada's universities & colleges](#)

UN Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) on Education for Sustainable Development

- [Detroit-Windsor RCE](#): Officially acknowledged by the United Nations University, this joint Wayne State University + University of Windsor effort focuses on the U.N. sustainable

development goals addressing climate change, economic and health disparities and social inequity to create a more sustainable future for the two communities that share an international border.

- Join the RCE Advisory Committee by emailing your interest statement to sustainability@uwindsor.ca

Embedding Sustainability into Curriculum

- Attend an [Indigenous Curriculum and Pedagogy session](#) or workshop, organized by CTL
- [Key Competencies: Practical Approaches to Teaching Sustainability](#): Joint project by the Sustainability Curriculum Consortium and AASHE aiming to provide practical guidance on how to effectively teach sustainability competencies.
- York University's [SDG Curriculum Champion videos](#)
 - [SDG Week Canada: Embedding Sustainability into Teaching Practices](#)
- [UN PRME \(Principles for Responsible Management Education\)](#). Impactful five pedagogical playbook ('i5' method)

If you are aware of additional resources, feel free to share with us and other colleagues.

Contact information

Have an idea for collaboration, propose a campus as a living lab idea or want to learn more about the office, we would love to hear from you, email us at sustainability@uwindsor.ca

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