
Sustainability

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UC Sustainability and its impact on the campus:

- UC |sustainability represents the diverse and interdisciplinary sustainability movements at the University of Cincinnati.
- University of Cincinnati was awarded STARS Gold Campus status last year, as awarded by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.
- UC has 9 LEED certified Green Buildings and 6 more in the process
- In process of writing its own climate action plan
- Using wind power to power newer buildings such as 1819 Innovation Hub
- Community service on and off campus
- Bike Friendly campus
- Coming up with innovative sustainability challenges

Problems

1. Ignorance/ lack of education (Apathy of the student body)
2. Is enough effort being made to make our campus green?
3. The small size/ limitations of the office of sustainability

Why Does it Matter?

- Understanding the implications
- Up to 2017-oil still makes up 37% of energy source
- We do not have an unlimited supply of resources
- Resources are decreasing whereas population is increasing exponentially
- Use of “Clean energy” will help stabilize the rapid exhaustion of resources
- Sustainable use of resources will be a foundation for a better future
- Save money!

Lessons and Resources

- The UC Sustainability program has an impact on our campus in so many ways. They are involved with the UC Bike Kitchen, LEED certified buildings, proper trash and recycling disposal.
- UC sustainability is only as successful as the support of its student body.
- The use of clean energy and practices on a campus as large as UC can make difference in the sustainability of our community.
- Every bit that each of us can contribute helps contribute to a sustainable mindset on campus.
- If you would like to help make decisions and take action, join [PACES](#) or its student sub-committee, the sustainUC coalition. The coalition is composed of dozens of UC students and several [student organizations](#) - there's sure to be one that's right for you.
- **To receive a weekly newsletter with opportunities to get involved, join the UC Sustainability listserv: green@listserv.uc.edu**
- To find out what you can recycle in your area visit the UC sustainability website.

Opportunities to Get Involved

- LEAP
- UC Sustainability
 - PACES (President's Advisory Council on Environment & Sustainability)
 - Recycling (volunteer.uc.edu)
 - sustainUC
- Clean Up Cincy
- Veg Club
- Personal decisions & lifestyle choices
- UHP Ignite
- Design for America

Conclusion

- Effort needs to be made by both students and the University to become more sustainable.
 - Students can get involved by making conscious efforts while on campus or becoming more knowledgeable
 - The Office of Sustainability could use more funding and workers, which will also increase the number of programs they put on for students
- The number 1 focus should be student involvement. UC will give more attention to sustainability, which would increase the funding and efforts made.