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SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

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Introduction

Istanbul Okan University has ambitious to provide sustainability-oriented value for all the stakeholders in line with our vision to be an innovative, leading “World University”. We are committed to deliver sustainability through expanding our research scope, engaging with society, and increasing the competencies of our students with our innovative education model. The university desires to achieve major global contribution to UN sustainable development goals through expanding national and international collaborations under the motto of “being closest to business life”. The passion of our staff and the students will help us to make an outstanding difference on sustainability.

Istanbul Okan University recognizes its responsibilities toward the planet and the communities that we serve. We are also dedicated to contribute to sustainability by creating positive impact in our operational aspects in the light of sustainability policies developing in line with the strategies of the university.

Policy Framework

Istanbul Okan University is committed to focus in making positive impact on operational aspects, community engagement, teaching and research activities for creating more sustainable future. The Prioritized Areas within the framework of sustainability framework are as follows:



THE GLOBAL GOALS

REDUCE CARBON EMISSION



THE GLOBAL GOALS

SUSTAINABILITY ORIENTED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES



THE GLOBAL GOALS

ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

1. Energy Management

We will carry out energy efficiency projects that will use natural resources effectively. We will design structures and buildings based on minimum energy use and making them comply with national and international energy efficiency standards through efficiency and enhancing practices. We will embrace continuously measurement and improvement of energy performance to increase sustainable energy efficiency and effectiveness.

2. Water Management

The university aims to reduce water consumption. Therefore, awareness-raising activities will be carried out to increase reduction of water consumption of water users on campus. We will be identifying potential savings by analyzing consumption data. Students and staff will be share the responsibility of creating innovative solutions to prevent water loses.

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3. Transportation

We will be seeking to provide sustainable travel options for staff and students for travel to campus to be able to reduce carbon emissions. We will encourage our students and staff to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips to campus and increase car sharing, use of public transport or shared shuttles. We will be initiated to ensure the elimination of diesel fuel and replace vehicles with sustainable fueled, non-diesel and high efficiency options by leasing or procuring.

4. Sustainable Procurement

Our sustainable procurement goal is to procure goods and services in ways that maximize efficiency and effectiveness while minimizing social, environmental and other risks.

When using University contracted suppliers or buying through University's purchasing systems, all stakeholders can be confident that environmental and social cases have been taken into account.

Purchasing products which are likely to:

- Cause unnecessary waste
 - Endanger health
 - Consume a low amount of energy
 - Cause important damage to the environment
 - Usage of the unnecessary and cruelty to animals
 - Cause bad or hardship to employees due to poor working conditions, discrimination and poor health and safety.
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5. Waste Reduction

Waste management strategy sets out objectives and targets going forward at the end these are based around the principle of circular economy and focus on waste reduction, material reuse, recycling and composting, landfill diversion, sustainable procurement and sustainable estate development

Managing waste reduction approach are likely to;

- Identify the source and magnitude of waste being generated, establish effective monitoring processes
- Identify anomalies in usage to be investigated and resolved
- Reducing over consumption
- Regularly update current position to stakeholders

6. Protecting Biodiversity in Campus

University campus already contains a range of habitats and ecosystems. Related areas contain trees and shrubs which are also present in cultivated beds and woodland areas. In addition to that there are open water areas. The University recognizes that there is a balance to strike between interventions to aesthetic value of the campus and aims to continue its approach of seeking to accommodate and encourage the greatest diverse mix of ecosystem.

Protecting biodiversity approach are likely to;

- Continue to leave grassland margins uncut during growing and flowering season.
- Introduce wildflower planting as part of landscaping plans for proposed solar PV arrays.
- Adopt a “peat free” stance for the provision of topsoil and compost needed for the maintenance of the campus.
- Flowering all suitable areas.

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7. Sustainability Oriented Teaching

Developing programme designs to ensure the adaptation of Sustainability Development goals within our education model.

We will provide sustainability-oriented competency gains to ensure our students is leading practitioners of sustainability in the field. In addition to academic qualification, we will be designing education methodologies that will enable them to learn through experience the actioners roles they will assume in the future.

8. Sustainability Oriented Research

We will be promoting research and determining strategic research areas to explore innovative solutions that address sustainability concerns. Cooperation will be provided with different institutions and organizations to encourage interdisciplinary research.

9. Engaging the Community

We will be developing collaborative partnership with a broad spectrum of stakeholders which focus on participating in green impact. A network of researchers will be created to carry our sustainability-focused studies both within and outside the institution. A common language and behavior change action will be created by organizing campus events open to local, national, and international participation.

Conclusion

Istanbul Okan University will adhere to new working principles, behavioral changes, educational methodologies, technology adaptations and collaboration models in order to increase the positive impact it will create

Reduction of Emission

- Energy Management
 - Water Management
 - Transportation
 - Sustainable Procurement
 - Waste Reduction
 - Protecting Biodiversity in Campus
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Sustainability Oriented Academic Activities

- Common Perception and Language of Sustainability through teaching
 - Sustainability Oriented Research and Projects
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Engaging Community

- Hosting of sustainability engagement events
 - Seeking of formal and informal partnership opportunities with national and international stakeholders
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Our vision is to become an innovative, leading “World University” that meets the requirements of the society and business life in the universal standards.