



Mitigate Climate Change Policy	Action number	-----
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Policy Statement	<p>AAU is committed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Setting and pursuing aggressive targets for reducing the university's carbon footprint, aiming for carbon neutrality by a specific date. ▪ Implementing energy-efficient technologies and practices in all university facilities. ▪ Transitioning to renewable energy sources for electricity, heating, and cooling on campus. 2. Sustainable Transportation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promoting sustainable transportation options for students, faculty, staff, and visitors, including public transit, cycling, walking, car-sharing, and the use of electric vehicles. ▪ Providing infrastructure and incentives to support sustainable transportation, such as bike racks, electric vehicle charging stations, and transit passes. 3. Responsible Consumption and Waste Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimizing waste generation and maximizing the reuse, recycling, and composting of materials. ▪ Implementing sustainable procurement practices that prioritize products and services with low carbon footprints. 4. Sustainable Infrastructure and Land Use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring that all new construction and major renovations meet high standards of energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. ▪ Preserving and enhancing green spaces on campus and promoting biodiversity. 	



	<p>5. Climate Education and Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integrating climate change and sustainability into the university curriculum across all disciplines. ▪ Supporting and promoting research on climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. <p>6. Community Engagement and Collaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engaging with local, national, and international partners to advance shared climate action goals. ▪ Encouraging the university community to participate in climate action initiatives both on and off-campus. <p>7. Transparency and Reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regularly measuring, documenting, and publicly reporting on the university's greenhouse gas emissions and progress toward climate action targets. ▪ Ensuring that the university community is informed about climate action initiatives and progress.
<p>Policy Purpose</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy is to establish AAU's commitment to actively participating in the global effort to mitigate climate change. This policy outlines the university's strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing energy efficiency, supporting climate research and education, and fostering a campus culture of sustainability and environmental responsibility.</p>
<p>Policy Scope</p>	<p>This policy applies to all aspects of the university's operations, including campus energy use, transportation, waste management, procurement, and investment. It also encompasses the university's academic and research activities, as well as its community outreach and partnership initiatives.</p>
<p>Policy Responsibilities</p>	<p>1. The Office of Sustainability is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinating the implementation of this policy. ▪ Providing guidance and support to departments and units on integrating climate action into their operations and activities. <p>2. All university departments and units are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementing practices that align with this policy in their operations and activities. ▪ Collaborating with the Office of Sustainability and other departments to achieve the university's climate action goals.



	<p>3. All members of the university community are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Contributing to the university's climate action efforts through their actions, choices, and participation in sustainability initiatives.
Policy Compliance	Non-compliance with this policy may result in a review of operations and procedures to identify areas for improvement. Continuous non-compliance may lead to further actions as deemed necessary by the university administration.
Policy Review	This policy will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised every year or as needed to ensure it remains effective, reflects the latest in climate science and sustainability practices, and aligns with the university's commitment to mitigating climate change.