



Create a Sustainable Future Policy	Action number	-----
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Policy Statement	<p>AAU is committed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leadership in Sustainability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing and maintaining a leadership role in sustainability, setting an example for higher education institutions and the wider community. • Engaging with local, national, and international sustainability networks and initiatives to share knowledge, learn from others, and collaborate on sustainability projects. 2. Sustainable Campus Operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing and maintaining sustainable practices in all campus operations. • Reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving natural resources, and minimizing waste generation through efficient use and recycling. • Promoting sustainable transportation options and striving to create a pedestrian-friendly, bike-friendly, and transit-accessible campus. 3. Academic and Research Excellence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating sustainability principles into the curriculum across all disciplines, ensuring that all students graduate with an understanding of sustainability challenges and solutions. • Encouraging and supporting sustainability-focused research that contributes to local and global sustainability solutions. 4. Community Engagement and Collaboration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging with the community to promote sustainability beyond the campus. • Partnering with local organizations, governments, and industries to advance shared sustainability goals. 	



	<p>5. Sustainable Procurement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that procurement policies and practices support the purchase of environmentally and socially responsible products and services. • Encouraging suppliers and contractors to adhere to sustainability standards. <p>6. Investment in Sustainability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocating resources effectively to support sustainability initiatives and projects. • Considering sustainability factors in investment decisions and seeking to optimize the environmental, social, and economic returns on investments. <p>7. Transparency and Reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring, documenting, and publicly reporting on the university's sustainability performance. • Ensuring that the university community is informed about sustainability initiatives and progress. <p>8. Continuous Improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularly reviewing and updating sustainability goals, policies, and practices to reflect emerging knowledge, technologies, and best practices. • Fostering a culture of innovation, learning, and adaptability in pursuit of sustainability.
Policy Purpose	<p>The purpose of this policy is to articulate AAU's commitment to sustainability and its dedication to the promotion of environmental, social, and economic well-being for current and future generations. This policy outlines the university's approach to integrating sustainability into its operations, academic programs, research, and community engagement.</p>
Policy Scope	<p>This policy applies to all aspects of the university's operations, including but not limited to campus development and maintenance, procurement, waste management, energy use, water conservation, transportation, and food services. It also encompasses the university's academic and research activities as well as its community and public engagement initiatives.</p>
Policy Responsibilities	<p>1. The Sustainability Office is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating and overseeing the implementation of this policy. • Providing guidance and support to departments and units on integrating sustainability into their operations and activities.



	<p>2. All university departments and units are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrating sustainability principles into their operations, activities, and decision-making processes.• Collaborating with the Sustainability Office and other departments to achieve the university's sustainability goals. <p>3. All members of the university community are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contributing to the achievement of the university's sustainability goals through their actions and choices.• Participating in sustainability initiatives and programs.
Policy Compliance	Non-compliance with this policy may be addressed through review and feedback mechanisms. The university is committed to fostering a supportive and collaborative environment for the implementation of sustainability practices.
Policy Review	This policy will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised every year or as needed to ensure it remains relevant, reflects the latest sustainability standards and practices, and aligns with the university's goals and objectives.