



Sustainable Plastic Use Policy	Action number	-----
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Statement	<p>AAU is committed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimizing Single-Use Plastics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phasing out the use of single-use plastic items (e.g., straws, utensils, bags, and packaging) by replacing them with sustainable alternatives (e.g., reusable, biodegradable, or compostable products). ▪ Implementing a campus-wide program to reduce the distribution and consumption of single-use plastics. 2. Sustainable Procurement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prioritizing the purchase of products made from recycled, recyclable, or biodegradable materials. ▪ Engaging suppliers and contractors to encourage and preferentially select products that minimize plastic waste and environmental impact. 3. Waste Reduction and Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promoting recycling and proper waste segregation on campus to ensure effective plastic waste management. ▪ Implementing initiatives to reduce plastic waste in university operations, such as water refill stations to reduce the use of plastic water bottles. 4. Education and Awareness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raising awareness among students, faculty, staff, and visitors about the environmental impact of plastic waste and the importance of reducing plastic consumption. ▪ Providing educational programs and resources to promote sustainable practices related to plastic use. 	



	<p>5. Collaboration and Partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaborating with local governments, non-profit organizations, and industry partners to support wider community initiatives aimed at reducing plastic waste and promoting sustainability. ▪ Participating in national and international campaigns and initiatives focused on reducing plastic pollution. <p>6. Monitoring and Reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regularly monitoring the progress of plastic reduction initiatives and reporting on the university's performance in minimizing plastic waste. ▪ Setting measurable targets for the reduction of plastic use on campus and regularly reviewing the effectiveness of implemented strategies. <p>7. Continuous Improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regularly reviewing and updating this policy and related practices to adapt to new developments in sustainable materials and waste management technologies. ▪ Encouraging innovation and research in sustainable materials and waste reduction strategies within the university community.
<p>Purpose</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy is to outline AAU's commitment to reducing the environmental impact of plastic use on campus. This policy aims to minimize the consumption of single-use plastics, promote the use of sustainable alternatives, and ensure responsible plastic waste management, aligning with global efforts to address plastic pollution and promote environmental sustainability.</p>
<p>Scope</p>	<p>This policy applies to all university operations, including dining services, campus stores, events, and facilities management. It covers the procurement, use, disposal, and recycling of plastic materials within the university.</p>
<p>Responsibilities</p>	<p>1. The Sustainability Office is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinating the implementation of this policy. ▪ Providing support and guidance to departments and units in reducing plastic use and managing plastic waste. <p>2. Procurement Services is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring that procurement practices align with this policy and prioritize sustainable plastic use and waste reduction.



	<p>3. 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.▪ Encouraging sustainable plastic use and proper waste management among employees and students. <p>4. All members of the university community are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participating in and supporting initiatives aimed at reducing plastic use and promoting sustainability on campus.
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.
Review	This policy will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised every year or as needed to ensure it remains effective, reflects best practices in sustainable plastic use, and aligns with the university's sustainability goals.