



Plastic Waste Reduction Policy	Action number	-----
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Policy Statement	<p>AAU is committed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minimizing Single-Use Plastics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Actively reducing the use of single-use plastic items (e.g., bottles, bags, straws, cutlery, and packaging) by replacing them with sustainable alternatives wherever possible.</li> <li>▪ Implementing campus-wide initiatives to discourage the unnecessary use of single-use plastics.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Sustainable Procurement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prioritizing the purchase of products made from recycled materials, or those that are biodegradable, compostable, or otherwise environmentally friendly.</li> <li>▪ Engaging with suppliers to reduce plastic packaging and to preferentially select products that minimize environmental impact.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Waste Management and Recycling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promoting effective waste segregation to facilitate plastic recycling and ensure proper disposal of non-recyclable plastic waste.</li> <li>▪ Providing adequate recycling facilities across the campus and ensuring that the university community is aware of and uses these facilities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Education and Awareness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Raising awareness about the environmental impacts of plastic waste and promoting a culture of reduction, reuse, and recycling among the university community.</li> <li>▪ Offering educational programs, workshops, and campaigns focused on plastic waste reduction and sustainability practices.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	



	<p>5. Collaboration and Partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collaborating with external organizations, local authorities, and other institutions to support wider community initiatives aimed at plastic waste reduction and environmental sustainability.</li> <li>▪ Participating in or supporting regional, national, or international programs focused on reducing plastic pollution.</li> </ul> <p>6. Innovation and Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Encouraging and supporting research and innovation focused on alternatives to plastic, plastic waste reduction, and sustainable materials.</li> <li>▪ Facilitating the development and testing of sustainable and innovative solutions to reduce the university's plastic footprint.</li> </ul> <p>7. Monitoring and Reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regularly monitoring the university's plastic use and waste generation and assessing the effectiveness of reduction strategies.</li> <li>▪ Setting measurable targets for plastic waste reduction and publicly reporting on progress.</li> </ul>
<p>Policy Purpose</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy is to establish AAU's commitment to reducing plastic waste, minimizing its environmental impact, and promoting a culture of sustainability and responsible consumption within the university community. This policy aims to decrease the use of single-use plastics, improve plastic waste management, and encourage alternatives that are more sustainable.</p>
<p>Policy Scope</p>	<p>This policy applies to all university operations, activities, departments, and members, including students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors. It encompasses the procurement, use, disposal, and recycling of plastic materials within the university.</p>
<p>Policy Responsibilities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Sustainability Office is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coordinating the implementation of this policy.</li> <li>▪ Providing support and guidance to departments and units in reducing plastic use and managing plastic waste.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Procurement Services is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensuring that procurement practices align with this policy and support plastic waste reduction.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Facilities Management is responsible for:</li> </ol>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Managing waste effectively and ensuring the availability and proper functioning of recycling facilities.</li></ul> <p>4. All university departments and units are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Implementing practices that align with this policy in their operations and activities.</li><li>▪ Encouraging sustainable practices and proper waste management among employees and students.</li></ul> <p>5. All members of the university community are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Contributing to the university's plastic waste reduction efforts and adopting sustainable practices in their daily activities.</li></ul>
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 best practices in plastic waste reduction, and aligns with the university's sustainability goals.