

STARS Subcategories

Air & Climate: Measure greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions and propose steps to reduce campus impact on global climate change

Buildings: Address the sustainability performance of campus buildings, specifically the ways in which their design, construction and maintenance contributes to campus emissions, energy usage and water usage

Campus Engagement: Provide institution sponsored co-curricular activities that offer approaches to sustainability outside of the classroom, integrate sustainability into campus culture, support faculty and staff involvement and knowledge of sustainability initiatives and help adopt behavior change

Coordination, Planning & Governance: Support the implementation of sustainability goals through resource allocation, budgeting, governance and planning

Curriculum: Create courses that address sustainability-related challenges, incorporate sustainability into a course, immersive experiences such as community-based internships and “study abroad” programs

Dining Services: Support sustainable food systems on campus, specifically by requiring transparency from distributors and supporting humane and sustainable farming practices

Diversity and Affordability: Support the advancement of diversity and affordability on campus by addressing social inequities and promoting equality, providing support for diverse faculty and underrepresented groups on campus, moving toward greater equity in higher education

Energy: Reduce energy consumption on campus through conservation and efficiency efforts as well as renewable energy methods

Grounds: Make landscape management of the grounds more sustainable and supportive of campus biodiversity

Health, Wellbeing & Work: Support ethical employee compensation, as well as wellness programs and workplace safety for campus employees and students

Investment: Invest in sustainability campus innovations, supporting a sustainable investment strategies

Public Engagement: Address community needs related to sustainability challenges by collaborating with community members and organizations in the government, nonprofit and for-profit sectors

Purchasing: Use of purchasing power to support a sustainable economy, specifically by choosing environmentally and socially conscious products and services

Research: Research on sustainability issues, theories and concepts, innovative technologies, strategies or approaches

Transportation: Support sustainable transportation systems on and around campus, alleviating impact on the environment and local economies by reducing petroleum reliance for transportation

Waste: Support efforts to move toward a “zero waste” campus by reducing the generation of waste on campus

Water: Reduce water consumption through conservation and efficiency efforts