



GREEN
ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY
POLICY
UCL

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Vision

Our Vision is for UCL to become a leader in the field of sustainability through performing at the highest levels of excellence in multidisciplinary academic teaching and research; creating a culture of inspiration, innovation, action and trust, through engagement with its schools, faculties, departments and other stakeholders; and through the sustainable development and use of the estate.

Scope

The UCL Bloomsbury campus is located in the heart of London with a complex estate of historic and modern buildings, housing a multitude of uses. UCL has a number of satellite buildings within the UK and internationally.

The current scope of this Policy addresses UCL UK activities only, but considers the global impact of these activities, such as international procurement, carbon emissions and travel.

The UCL Environmental Sustainability Policy will be delivered across the four key functions outlined in Figure 1, which illustrates the range of activities and the extent of inter-dependency between these functions.



Figure 1: Interdependency between function and range of activities within the influence of UCL Environmental Sustainability Policy

Objectives

UCL will seek to deliver the following objectives:

- Achieve maximum positive social, environmental and economic benefit
- Conduct itself ethically and fairly, and in an environmentally sustainable manner, locally, nationally and globally
- Improve the sustainability of the UCL estate, and its use
- Seek to continuously improve its environmental and sustainability performance
- Enable and support UCL staff and students, through action, critical discourse, research and study, to contribute towards resolving global environmental challenges

Core Aims

In pursuing these objectives, UCL will focus on the following core environmental sustainability aims:

1. To create a campus which supports UCL's academic, research and enterprise activities in a sustainable way
2. To enable, empower and support all UCL communities to address our environmental sustainability impacts
3. To provide the education, advancement, dissemination and application of sustainable development
4. To maximise the wider impact of UCLs environmental sustainability activities at local, regional, national and international level through collaboration, partnership and communications
5. To become a leader across the HE sector in terms of environmental sustainability

In meeting its objectives and delivering the core aims, UCL has developed an Environmental Sustainability Strategy, which sets out the commitments and targets that UCL will aspire to meet.

These commitments include (but are not limited to):

- Commitment to prevent pollution
- Commitment to comply with legal and other requirements
- Commitment to reduce carbon emissions
- Commitment to reduce water use
- Commitment to minimise waste generation and sustainable procurement
- Commitment to sustainable design and construction practices
- Commitment to reduce the impacts of travel and transport
- Commitments to improve UCL's contribution to biodiversity.

The Policy and Strategy will be implemented through the development, delivery and continuous improvement of the EcoCampus Environmental Sustainability

Management System (ESMS) which will lead to certification under ISO14001.
Through this approach UCL will:

- Publish detailed strategies and targets, to manage the environmental risk and impact of UCL activities, and report against these annually
- Review and evaluate performance against key indicators so as to facilitate continuous improvement
- Ensure governance and clarity of leadership at all levels

The commitments outlined in this Policy represent the importance given by UCL to managing environmental sustainability. Leadership and governance to deliver this Policy is provided from the Provost and Council through the Estates Management Committee; the Environmental Sustainability Steering Group advises on strategic direction and approach to delivery; and the Environmental Sustainability Team sets the overall Environmental Sustainability Strategy and manages the delivery programme. This Policy will be made publically available and will be reviewed annually as part of the management system annual review.

Signature:  Date: 19/03/2013

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