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## Institutional Characteristics

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Institutional Boundary

Criteria

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Operational Characteristics

Criteria

n/a

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Academics and Demographics

Criteria

n/a

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This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that have formal education programs and courses that address sustainability. One of the primary functions of colleges and universities is to educate students. By training and educating future leaders, scholars, workers, and professionals, higher education institutions are uniquely positioned to prepare students to understand and address sustainability challenges. Institutions that offer courses covering sustainability issues help equip their students to lead society to a sustainable future.

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Academic Courses

Criteria

Part 1

Institution offers sustainability courses and/or courses that include sustainability and makes an inventory of those courses publicly available.

Part 2

Institution’s academic departments (or the equivalent) offer sustainability courses and/or courses that include sustainability.

In order to report and earn points for this credit, the institution must conduct a course inventory. The inventory should consist of two parts:

1) An inventory of sustainability courses that includes, at minimum, the title, department (or equivalent), and level of each course (i.e. undergraduate or graduate), as well as a brief description if the sustainability focus of the course is not apparent from its title

2) An inventory of other courses that include sustainability. The inventory includes, at minimum, the title, department (or the equivalent), and level of each course and a description of how sustainability is integrated into each course.

A course may be a sustainability course or it may include sustainability; no course should be identified as both:

• A sustainability course is a course in which the primary and explicit focus is on sustainability and/or on understanding or solving one or more major sustainability challenge (e.g. the course contributes toward achieving principles outlined in the Earth Charter).

• A course that includes sustainability is primarily focused on a topic other than sustainability, but incorporates a unit or module on sustainability or a sustainability challenge, includes one or more sustainability-focused activities, or integrates sustainability issues throughout the course.

For guidance on conducting a course inventory and distinguishing between sustainability courses and courses that include sustainability, see Standards and Terms and the Credit Example in the STARS Technical Manual. An institution that has developed a more refined approach to course classification may use that approach as long as it is consistent with the definitions and guidance provided.

Each institution is free to choose a methodology to identify sustainability courses that is most appropriate given its unique circumstances. Asking faculty and departments to self-identify sustainability courses and courses that include sustainability using the definitions outlined in Standards and Terms or looking at the stated learning outcomes and course objectives associated with each course may provide a richer view of sustainability course offerings than simply reviewing course descriptions, but it is not required.

This credit does not include continuing education and extension courses, which are covered by EN 11: Continuing Education.

This credit was marked as Not Pursuing so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Learning Outcomes

Responsible Party

David Jackson  
Assoc. VP for Academic Affairs  
Academic Affairs

Criteria

Institution’s students graduate from degree programs that include sustainability as a learning outcome or include multiple sustainability learning outcomes. Sustainability learning outcomes (or the equivalent) may be specified at:

- Institution level (e.g. covering all students)
- Division level (e.g. covering one or more schools or colleges within the institution)
- Program level
- Course level

This credit includes graduate as well as undergraduate programs. For this credit, “degree programs” include majors, minors, concentrations, certificates, and other academic designations. Extension certificates and other certificates that are not part of academic degree programs do not count for this credit; they are covered in EN 11: Continuing Education. Programs that include co-curricular aspects may count as long as there is an academic component of the program. Learning outcomes at the course level count if the course is required to complete the program.

This credit is inclusive of learning outcomes, institutional learning goals, general education outcomes, and graduate profiles that are consistent with the definition of “sustainability learning outcomes” included in Standards and Terms.

Institutions that do not specify learning outcomes as a matter of policy or standard practice may report graduates from sustainability-focused programs (i.e. majors, minors, concentrations and the equivalent as reported for AC 3: Undergraduate Program and AC 4: Graduate Program) in lieu of the above criteria.

Submission Note:

In this, our first year of specifically assessing sustainability, we assessed 159 students. On a four year cycle, over 90% of the students enrolled at the college will take an environmental studies course.

"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

Number of students who graduated from a program that has adopted at least one sustainability learning outcome: 295

Total number of graduates from degree programs: 327
A copy of the list or inventory of degree, diploma or certificate programs that have sustainability learning outcomes: Sustainability Course Inventory.docx

A list of degree, diploma or certificate programs that have sustainability learning outcomes:

We are assessing sustainability at the institutional level, not the department or major level. We have an environmental studies requirement at Ringling that serves the role of our Liberal Arts/general studies Science requirement for both the BA and BFA degree programs. All courses in environmental studies have a focus on sustainability – it was, and is, a primary principle of that area of the curriculum and has been since the requirement was established in 1991.

Interior Design has additional sustainability requirement as required by its accreditors.

BOAD (Business of Art and Design) also incorporates sustainability into its courses, but the major itself does not have a specific sustainability-learning outcome.

A list or sample of the sustainability learning outcomes associated with degree, diploma or certificate programs (if not included in an inventory above):

The four components of Sustainability that we are assessing are:

1) Awareness of current Environmental Issues,
2) Scientific and quantitative reasoning
3) Basic understanding of Natural Capital and the value of Nature’s services to the economy and the environment.
4) Understanding of systems thinking and modeling.

The website URL where information about the institution’s sustainability learning outcomes is available:

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Undergraduate Program

Criteria

Institution offers at least one:

- Sustainability-focused program (major, degree program, or equivalent) for undergraduate students

And/or

- Undergraduate-level sustainability-focused minor or concentration (e.g. a concentration on sustainable business within a business major).

Extension certificates and other certificates that are not part of academic degree programs do not count for this credit; they are covered in EN 11: Continuing Education.

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Does the institution offer at least one sustainability-focused major, degree program, or the equivalent for undergraduate students?:
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The name of the sustainability-focused, undergraduate degree program (1st program):
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A brief description of the undergraduate degree program (1st program):
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The website URL for the undergraduate degree program (1st program):
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The name of the sustainability-focused, undergraduate degree program (2nd program):
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A brief description of the undergraduate degree program (2nd program):
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The website URL for the undergraduate degree program (2nd program):
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The name of the sustainability-focused, undergraduate degree program (3rd program):
A brief description of the undergraduate degree program (3rd program):

The website URL for the undergraduate degree program (3rd program):

The name and website URLs of all other sustainability-focused, undergraduate degree program(s):

Does the institution offer one or more sustainability-focused minors, concentrations or certificates for undergraduate students?:

The name of the sustainability-focused undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (1st program):

A brief description of the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (1st program):

The website URL for the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (1st program):

The name of the sustainability-focused undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (2nd program):

A brief description of the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (2nd program):

The website URL for the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (2nd program):

The name of the sustainability-focused undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):

A brief description of the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):

The website URL for the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):
The website URL for the undergraduate minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):
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The name, brief description and URL of all other undergraduate-level sustainability-focused minors, concentrations and certificates:
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Graduate Program

Criteria

Institution offers at least one:

- Sustainability-focused program (major, degree program, or equivalent) for graduate students

And/or

- Graduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate (e.g. a concentration on sustainable business within an MBA program).

Extension certificates and other certificates that are not part of academic degree programs do not count for this credit; they are covered in EN 11: Continuing Education.

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Does the institution offer at least one sustainability-focused major, degree program, or the equivalent for graduate students?:
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The name of the sustainability-focused, graduate-level degree program (1st program):
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A brief description of the graduate degree program (1st program):
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The website URL for the graduate degree program (1st program):
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The name of the sustainability-focused, graduate-level degree program (2nd program):
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A brief description of the graduate degree program (2nd program):
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The website URL for the graduate degree program (2nd program):
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The name of the sustainability-focused, graduate-level degree program (3rd program):
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The name of the sustainability-focused, graduate-level degree program (4th program):
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A brief description of the graduate degree program (4th program):
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The website URL for the graduate degree program (4th program):
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The name of the sustainability-focused, graduate-level degree program (5th program):
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A brief description of the graduate degree program (5th program):
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The website URL for the graduate degree program (5th program):
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A brief description of the graduate degree program (3rd program):
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The website URL for the graduate degree program (3rd program):
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The name and website URLs of all other sustainability-focused, graduate-level degree program(s):
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Does the institution offer one or more graduate-level sustainability-focused minors, concentrations or certificates?:
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The name of the graduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate (1st program):
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A brief description of the graduate minor, concentration or certificate (1st program):
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The website URL for the graduate minor, concentration or certificate (1st program):
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The name of the graduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate (2nd program):
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A brief description of the graduate minor, concentration or certificate (2nd program):
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The website URL for the graduate minor, concentration or certificate (2nd program):
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The name of the graduate-level sustainability-focused minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):
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A brief description of the graduate minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):
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The website URL for the graduate minor, concentration or certificate (3rd program):
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The name and website URLs of all other graduate-level, sustainability-focused minors, concentrations and certificates:
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Immersive Experience

Criteria

Institution offers at least one immersive, sustainability-focused educational study program. The program is one week or more in length and may take place off-campus, overseas, or on-campus.

For this credit, the program must meet one or both of the following criteria:

- It concentrates on sustainability, including its social, economic, and environmental dimensions

  And/or

- It examines an issue or topic using sustainability as a lens.

For-credit programs, non-credit programs and programs offered in partnership with outside entities may count for this credit. Programs offered exclusively by outside entities do not count for this credit.

See the Credit Example in the STARS Technical Manual for further guidance.

"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

Does the institution offer at least one immersive, sustainability-focused educational study program that meets the criteria for this credit?:

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A brief description of the sustainability-focused immersive program(s) offered by the institution:

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The website URL where information about the immersive program(s) is available:

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Sustainability Literacy Assessment

Responsible Party

David Jackson
Assoc. VP for Academic Affairs
Academic Affairs

Criteria

Institution conducts an assessment of the sustainability literacy of its students. The sustainability literacy assessment focuses on knowledge of sustainability topics and may also address values, behaviors and/or beliefs. Assessments that focus exclusively on values, behaviors and/or beliefs are not sufficient to earn points for this credit.

Institution may conduct a follow-up assessment of the same cohort group(s) using the same instrument.

This credit includes graduate as well as undergraduate students.

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The percentage of students assessed for sustainability literacy (directly or by representative sample) and for whom a follow-up assessment is conducted:

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The percentage of students assessed for sustainability literacy (directly or by representative sample) without a follow-up assessment:

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A copy of the questions included in the sustainability literacy assessment(s):

Sustainability literacy assessment.docx

The questions included in the sustainability literacy assessment(s):

The four components of Sustainability that we are assessing are:

1) Awareness of current Environmental Issues,
2) Scientific and quantitative reasoning
3) Basic understanding of Natural Capital and the value of Nature’s services to the economy and the environment.
4) Understanding of systems thinking and modeling.

And then we rate the students as to their ability to demonstrate and their willingness to use and apply the aforementioned criteria to their work. Students are rated as Limited, Adequate or Strong in each of the categories.
A brief description of how the assessment(s) were developed:

The assessment topics were developed in conversation/discussion among the faculty of Environmental Studies, on-line reviews of assessment methods used at other institutions, discussion within the Liberal Arts program, presentation to Academic Affairs Committee, presentation to the Sustainability Committee, presentation to the full faculty, discussion with students regarding sustainability, and discussion amongst the 5 individual in Academic Affairs documenting the curricular portion of STARS.

A brief description of how the assessment(s) were administered:

We use a holistic approach involving projects, presentations, research, journals, term papers, tests, and in-class discussions. We want to know if students are using sustainability precepts in their work, their thinking and their life – not just their ability to select a correct answer on an evaluation form.

A brief summary of results from the assessment(s):

The four components of Sustainability that we are assessing are:

1) Awareness of current Environmental Issues,
2) Scientific and quantitative reasoning
3) Basic understanding of Natural Capital and the value of Nature’s services to the economy and the environment.
4) Understanding of systems thinking and modeling.

In assessment, we rate the students as to their ability to demonstrate and their willingness to use and apply the aforementioned criteria to their work. Students are rated as Limited, Adequate or Strong in each of the criteria. The results from the categories are then averaged over the criteria to determine a score for Sustainability.

Skill Level LIMITED ADEQUATE STRONG

Category:

Awareness of current
Environmental issues 28 (17.6%) 68 (42.8%) 63 (39.6%)

NASAD 14 Scientific and
quantitative reasoning 35 (22%) 72 (45.3%) 52 (32.7%)

Basic understanding of
Natural Capital and the value 25 (16%) 67 (42%) 67 (42%)
of Nature’s services to the
 economy and the environment.

Understanding of
systems thinking and modeling. 46 (29%) 66 (41.5%) 47 (29.5%)
Sustainability 34 (21.4%) 68 (42.8%) 57 (35.8%)

The website URL where information about the literacy assessment(s) is available:
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Incentives for Developing Courses

Criteria

Institution has an ongoing program or programs that offer incentives for faculty in multiple disciplines or departments to develop new sustainability courses and/or incorporate sustainability into existing courses or departments. The program specifically aims to increase student learning of sustainability.

Incentives may include release time, funding for professional development, and trainings offered by the institution.

Incentives for expanding sustainability offerings in academic, non-credit, and/or continuing education courses count for this credit.

"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

Does the institution have an ongoing incentives program or programs that meet the criteria for this credit?: ---

A brief description of the program(s), including positive outcomes during the previous three years: ---

A brief description of the incentives that faculty members who participate in the program(s) receive: ---

The website URL where information about the incentive program(s) is available: ---
Campus as a Living Laboratory

Criteria

Institution is utilizing its infrastructure and operations for multidisciplinary student learning, applied research and practical work that advances sustainability on campus in at least one of the following areas:

- Air & Climate
- Buildings
- Dining Services/Food
- Energy
- Grounds
- Purchasing
- Transportation
- Waste
- Water
- Coordination, Planning & Governance
- Diversity & Affordability
- Health, Wellbeing & Work
- Investment
- Public Engagement
- Other

This credit includes substantive work by students and/or faculty (e.g. class projects, thesis projects, term papers, published papers) that involves active and experiential learning and contributes to positive sustainability outcomes on campus (see the Credit Example in the STARS Technical Manual). On-campus internships and non-credit work (e.g. that take place under supervision of sustainability staff or committees) may count as long as the work has a learning component.

This credit does not include immersive education programs, co-curricular activities, or community-based work, which are covered by AC 5: Immersive Experience, credits in the Campus Engagement subcategory, and credits in the Public Engagement subcategory, respectively.

This credit was marked as Not Pursuing so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Research

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are conducting research on sustainability topics. Conducting research is a major function of many colleges and universities. By researching sustainability issues and refining theories and concepts, higher education institutions can continue to help the world understand sustainability challenges and develop new technologies, strategies, and approaches to address those challenges.

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**Academic Research**

**Criteria**

*Part 1*

Institution’s faculty and/or staff conduct sustainability research and the institution makes an inventory of its sustainability research publicly available.

*Part 2*

Institution’s academic departments (or the equivalent) include faculty and staff who conduct sustainability research.

Any level of sustainability research is sufficient to be included for this credit. In other words, a researcher who conducts both sustainability research and other research may be included.

In order to report for this credit, the institution should conduct an inventory to identify its sustainability research activities and initiatives.

Each institution is free to choose a methodology to identify sustainability research that is most appropriate given its unique circumstances. For example, an institution may distribute a survey to all faculty members and ask them to self-identify as being engaged in sustainability research or ask the chairperson of each department to identify the sustainability research activities within his or her department. The research inventory should be based on the definition of “sustainability research” outlined in Standards and Terms and include, at minimum, all research centers, laboratories, departments, and faculty members whose research focuses on or is related to sustainability.

This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Support for Research

Criteria

Institution encourages and/or supports sustainability research through one or more of the following:

- An ongoing program to encourage students in multiple disciplines or academic programs to conduct research in sustainability. The program provides students with incentives to research sustainability. Such incentives may include, but are not limited to, fellowships, financial support, and mentorships. The program specifically aims to increase student sustainability research.

- An ongoing program to encourage faculty from multiple disciplines or academic programs to conduct research in sustainability topics. The program provides faculty with incentives to research sustainability. Such incentives may include, but are not limited to, fellowships, financial support, and faculty development workshops. The program specifically aims to increase faculty sustainability research.

- Formally adopted policies and procedures that give positive recognition to interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and multidisciplinary research during faculty promotion and/or tenure decisions.

- Ongoing library support for sustainability research and learning in the form of research guides, materials selection policies and practices, curriculum development efforts, sustainability literacy promotion, and e-learning objects focused on sustainability.

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"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

Does the institution have a program to encourage student sustainability research that meets the criteria for this credit?:
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A brief description of the institution’s program(s) to encourage student research in sustainability:
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The website URL where information about the student research program is available:
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Does the institution have a program to encourage faculty sustainability research that meets the criteria for this credit?:
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A brief description of the institution’s program(s) to encourage faculty research in sustainability:
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The website URL where information about the faculty research program is available:
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Has the institution formally adopted policies and procedures that give positive recognition to interdisciplinary,
transdisciplinary, and multidisciplinary research during faculty promotion and/or tenure decisions?:

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A brief description or the text of the institution’s policy regarding interdisciplinary research:

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The website URL where information about the treatment of interdisciplinary research is available:

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Does the institution provide ongoing library support for sustainability research and learning that meets the criteria for this credit?:

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A brief description of the institution's library support for sustainability research and learning:

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The website URL where information about the institution's library support for sustainability is available:

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Access to Research

Criteria

Institution has a formally adopted open access policy that ensures that versions of all future scholarly articles by faculty and staff and all future theses and dissertations are deposited in a designated open access repository.

The open access repository may be managed by the institution or the institution may participate in a consortium with a consortial and/or outsourced open access repository.

This credit was marked as Not Pursuing so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Engagement

Campus Engagement

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that provide their students with sustainability learning experiences outside the formal curriculum. Engaging in sustainability issues through co-curricular activities allows students to deepen and apply their understandings of sustainability principles. Institution-sponsored co-curricular sustainability offerings, often coordinated by student affairs offices, help integrate sustainability into the campus culture and set a positive tone for the institution.

In addition, this subcategory recognizes institutions that support faculty and staff engagement, training, and development programs in sustainability. Faculty and staff members’ daily decisions impact an institution’s sustainability performance. Equipping faculty and staff with the tools, knowledge, and motivation to adopt behavior changes that promote sustainability is an essential activity of a sustainable campus.

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Student Educators Program

Responsible Party
Tammy Walsh
Dean of Students
Student Life

Criteria

Institution coordinates an ongoing peer-to-peer sustainability outreach and education program for degree-seeking students. The institution:

- Selects or appoints students to serve as educators and formally designates the students as educators (paid and/or volunteer),
- Provides formal training to the educators in how to conduct outreach, and
- Offers faculty or staff and/or other financial support to the program.

This credit focuses on programs for degree-seeking students enrolled in a for-credit program. Continuing education and/or non-credit students are excluded from this credit.

This credit recognizes ongoing student educator programs that engage students on a regular basis. For example, student educators may be responsible for serving (i.e. directly targeting) a particular subset of students, such as those living in residence halls or enrolled in certain academic subdivisions. Thus, a group of students may be served by a program even if not all of these students avail themselves of the outreach and education offerings.

Sustainability outreach campaigns, sustainability events, and student clubs or groups are not eligible for this credit unless the criteria outlined above are met. These programs are covered by EN 5: Outreach Campaign and EN 3: Student Life.

"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

Does the institution coordinate one or more ongoing student, peer-to-peer sustainability outreach and education programs that meet the criteria for this credit?:
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Number of degree-seeking students enrolled at the institution:
1,364

Name of the student educators program (1st program):
Resident Assistants

Number of students served (i.e. directly targeted) by the program (1st program):
850
A brief description of the program, including examples of peer-to-peer outreach activities (1st program):

All residents are assigned an Upperclassman peer mentor for sustainability focus within on-campus residential living. Student Resident Assistants (RAs) live in residence and work together to create the most comfortable, supportive, and responsive living environment possible. Examples of activities are the following: green living, sustainable out-door experience, wellness, etc.

A brief description of how the student educators are selected (1st program):

Resident Assistant selection begins with an application process similar to most other student employment, including faculty/peer references. Candidates then participate in a group interview process that allows for evaluation of interaction in a group setting. The final step is an individual interview with the Coordinator of Residence Life for Staff Development and Training.

A brief description of the formal training that the student educators receive (1st program):

Once selected, there is a “spring training” the semester prior to employment, which includes team building activities and ice breakers. Formal training occurs the week prior to New Student Orientation in the Fall semester, followed by ongoing staff “In-service training” modules throughout the term of employment.

A brief description of the financial or other support the institution provides to the program (1st program):

The institution provides support for this program in the form of a programming budget allocation managed by the Coordinator of Residence Life for Staff Development and Training. Primary function of this position is to select, train, and supervise the activity of this group of employees. Resident Assistants are compensated with a waiver for room/board, valued at @$12,000 per academic year.

Name of the student educators program (2nd program):

Orientation Leaders

Number of students served (i.e. directly targeted) by the program (2nd program):

400

A brief description of the program, including examples of peer-to-peer outreach activities (2nd program):

New students are assigned a peer orientation leader in order to assist with their transition to college life. The activities involved are focused on a sustainability during New Student Orientation: Tervis Tumblr (water bottle) program for water conservation, use of electronic communications as opposed to hard copy materials, special club fair event to introduce students to sustainable campus organizations, etc.

A brief description of how the student educators are selected (2nd program):

Orientation Leaders (OL) submit an application to the Coordinator of Student Activities and Leadership Development and are selected based on their written application, individual interview, and group interview.
A brief description of the formal training that the student educators receive (2nd program):

OL’s receive a brief spring training, consisting of ice breakers and other community-building exercises prior to working with our Accepted Student Day program. In the fall (August), the OL’s return to campus approximately 4 days prior to the start of New Student Orientation and participate in a full, 4-day training. Training during these days includes: ice breaker training, community building, diversity training, academic advising training, environmental health and safety training, crisis management and health services training, campus safety training, and volunteerism training. Each training session is approximately 1-1.5hrs in length and utilizes the campus professionals that currently manager the afore mentioned areas.

A brief description of the financial or other support the institution provides to the program (2nd program):

The OL program is staffed by the Coordinator of Student Activities and Leadership Development. As a subset of the New Student Orientation program, the OL program is financially supported through allocated programming budgets.

Name of the student educators program (3rd program):

REACH Peer Educators

Number of students served (i.e. directly targeted) by the program (3rd program):

1,364

A brief description of the program, including examples of peer-to-peer outreach activities (3rd program):

REACH Peer Educators are focused on the environment through healthy recreational activities and understanding of nature conservancy and respect for natural habitats.

A brief description of how the student educators are selected (3rd program):

REACH Peer Educators submit an application to the Coordinator of Recreation and Wellness and are selected based on their written application and individual interview.

A brief description of the formal training that the student educators receive (3rd program):

REACH Peer Educators receive a comprehensive 1-day training and 3-4 workshops through the academic year. The full-day training consists of education and application of skills and techniques related to First Aid, CPR, AED, Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. The 3-4 workshops provide continual education on pertinent campus issues including but not limited to: heat stroke and exhaustion, conflict resolution, nutrition, and other relevant topics for that particular year. *Note: topics for the workshops reflect the current campus climate and may change given immediate needs*.

A brief description of the financial or other support the institution provides to the program (3rd program):

The REACH program is staffed by the Coordinator of Recreation and Wellness. As a subset of the Recreation and Wellness program, the REACH program is financially supported through allocated programming budgets.
Name(s) of the student educator program(s) (all other programs):
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Number of students served (i.e. directly targeted) by all other student educator programs:
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A brief description of the program(s), including examples of peer-to-peer outreach activities (all other programs):
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A brief description of how the student educators are selected (all other programs):
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A brief description of the formal training that the student educators receive (all other programs):
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A brief description of the financial or other support the institution provides to the program (all other programs):
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Total number of hours student educators are engaged in peer-to-peer sustainability outreach and education activities annually:
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The website URL for the peer-to-peer student outreach and education program(s):
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Student Orientation

Responsible Party
Tammy Walsh
Dean of Students
Student Life

Criteria

Institution includes sustainability prominently in its student orientation activities and programming. Sustainability activities and programming are intended to educate about the principles and practices of sustainability. The topics covered include multiple dimensions of sustainability (i.e. social, environmental and economic).

Because orientation activities vary from one institution to another, prominent inclusion of sustainability may not take the same form on each campus. Prominent inclusion of sustainability may also take different forms for different types of students (e.g. undergraduate students, transfer students, graduate students). When reporting for this credit, each institution will determine what prominent inclusion of sustainability means given its particular context. (See the Credit Example in the STARS Technical Manual.)

As this credit is intended to recognize programming and student learning about sustainability, incorporating sustainability strategies into event planning (e.g. making recycling bins accessible or not serving bottled water) is not, in and of itself, sufficient for this credit. Such strategies may count if they are highlighted and are part of the educational offerings. For example, serving local food would not, in and of itself, be sufficient for this credit; however, serving local food and providing information about sustainable food systems during meals could contribute to earning this credit.

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The percentage of entering students that are provided an opportunity to participate in orientation activities and programming that prominently include sustainability:
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A brief description of how sustainability is included prominently in new student orientation:

Beginning in 2010, Orientation administrator Dr. Jennifer Awe, migrated previously paper-based orientation material to an online format to decrease use of paper as well as materials used for printing and mailing. In addition to her efforts, additional offices saw the value in "going green" and provided a more environmentally sustainable system and converted many of our hard copy forms to online forms and registration systems. Please see these forms below.

In addition to the “green” forms, an online Orientation training module replaced hard copy mailings and handouts given to students during the week long orientation program and saved approximately 10 pieces of paper per student and 5 pieces of paper per parent/family member. Starting in August 2010, reusable water bottles for each participant were distributed by our Recreation and Wellness department at check-in in lieu of disposable water bottles, and in 2012, Tervis Tumblers were given to every student to be used in our on campus dining halls instead of plastic cups. Approximately 18,000 pages of paper and 1200 water bottles are saved each summer by using these
sustainability practices.

The website URL where information about sustainability in student orientation is available:

Student Life

Criteria

Institution has co-curricular sustainability programs and initiatives. The programs and initiatives fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Active student groups focused on sustainability
- Gardens, farms, community supported agriculture (CSA) or fishery programs, and urban agriculture projects where students are able to gain experience in organic agriculture and sustainable food systems
- Sustainable enterprises that include sustainability as part of their mission statements or stated purposes (e.g. cafés through which students gain sustainable business skills)
- Sustainable investment funds, green revolving funds or sustainable microfinance initiatives through which students can develop socially, environmentally and fiscally responsible investment and financial skills
- Conferences, speaker series, symposia or similar events related to sustainability that have students as the intended audience
- Cultural arts events, installations or performances related to sustainability that have students as the intended audience
- Wilderness or outdoors programs (e.g. that organize hiking, backpacking, kayaking, or other outings for students and follow Leave No Trace principles)
- Sustainability-related themes chosen for themed semesters, years, or first-year experiences (e.g. choosing a sustainability-related book for common reading)
- Programs through which students can learn sustainable life skills (e.g. a series of sustainable living workshops, a model room in a residence hall that is open to students during regular visitation hours and demonstrates sustainable living principles, or sustainability-themed housing where residents and visitors learn about sustainability together)
- Sustainability-focused student employment opportunities offered by the institution
- Graduation pledges through which students pledge to consider social and environmental responsibility in future job and other decisions
- Other co-curricular sustainability programs and initiatives

Multiple programs and initiatives may be reported for each category and each category may include institution-governed and/or student-governed programs.

This credit was marked as Not Pursuing so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Outreach Materials and Publications

Criteria

Institution produces outreach materials and/or publications that foster sustainability learning and knowledge. The publications and outreach materials may include the following:

- A central sustainability website that consolidates information about the institution’s sustainability efforts
- A sustainability newsletter
- Social media platforms (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, interactive blogs) that focus specifically on campus sustainability
- A vehicle to publish and disseminate student research on sustainability
- Building signage that highlights green building features
- Food service area signage and/or brochures that include information about sustainable food systems
- Signage on the grounds about sustainable groundskeeping and/or landscaping strategies employed
- A sustainability walking map or tour
- A guide for commuters about how to use alternative methods of transportation
- Navigation and educational tools for bicyclists and pedestrians (e.g. covering routes, inter-modal connections, policies, services, and safety)
- A guide for green living and incorporating sustainability into the residential experience
- Regular coverage of sustainability in the main student newspaper, either through a regular column or a reporter assigned to the sustainability beat
- Other

A single outreach material or publication that serves multiple purposes may be counted more than once. For example, a sustainability website that includes tools for bicyclists and pedestrians may be counted in both categories.

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A brief description of the sustainability newsletter:
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A brief description of the social media platforms that focus specifically on campus sustainability:
The website URL of the primary social media platform that focuses on sustainability:

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A brief description of the vehicle to publish and disseminate student research on sustainability:

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The website URL for the vehicle to publish and disseminate student research on sustainability:

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The website URL for building signage that highlights green building features:

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A brief description of food service area signage and/or brochures that include information about sustainable food systems:

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A brief description of the navigation and educational tools for bicyclists and pedestrians:

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The website URL for navigation and educational tools for bicyclists and pedestrians:

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A brief description of the guide for green living and incorporating sustainability into the residential experience:

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The website URL for the guide for green living and incorporating sustainability into the residential experience:

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A brief description of regular coverage of sustainability in the main student newspaper, either through a regular column or a reporter assigned to the sustainability beat:

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The website URL for regular coverage of sustainability in the main student newspaper, either through a regular column or a reporter assigned to the sustainability beat:

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A brief description of another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above (1st material):

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The website URL for this material (1st material):

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Does the institution produce another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above? (2nd material):

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A brief description of this material (2nd material):
The website URL for this material (2nd material):

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Does the institution produce another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above? (3rd material):

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A brief description of this material (3rd material):

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The website URL for this material (3rd material):

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Does the institution produce another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above? (4th material):

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A brief description of this material (4th material):

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The website URL for this material (4th material):

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A brief description of this material (5th material):

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The website URL for this material (5th material):

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A brief description of this material (6th material):

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The website URL for this material (6th material):

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A brief description of this material (7th material):

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The website URL for this material (7th material):

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Does the institution produce another sustainability publication or outreach material not covered above? (8th material):

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A brief description of this material (8th material):

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The website URL for this material (8th material):

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Outreach Campaign

Responsible Party

Tammy Walsh
Dean of Students
Student Life

Criteria

Part 1

Institution holds at least one sustainability-related outreach campaign directed at students that yields measurable, positive results in advancing sustainability. The sustainability-related outreach campaign may be conducted by the institution, a student organization, or students in a course.

Part 2

Institution holds at least one sustainability-related outreach campaign directed at employees that yields measurable, positive results in advancing sustainability. The sustainability-related outreach campaign may be conducted by the institution or an employee organization.

The campaign(s) reported for this credit could take the form of a competition (e.g. a residence hall conservation competition), a rating or certification program (e.g. a green labs or green office program), and/or a collective challenge (e.g. a campus-wide drive to achieve a specific sustainability target). A single campus-wide campaign may meet the criteria for both parts of this credit if educating students is a prime feature of the campaign and it is directed at both students and employees.

To measure if a campaign yields measurable, positive results, institutions should compare pre-campaign performance to performance during or after the campaign. The following impacts are not sufficient for this credit:

- Increased awareness
- Additional members of a mailing list or group

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Has the institution held at least one sustainability-related outreach campaign directed at students within the previous three years that has yielded measurable, positive results in advancing sustainability?:

Yes

Has the institution held at least one sustainability-related outreach campaign directed at employees within the previous three years that has yielded measurable, positive results in advancing sustainability?:

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The name of the campaign (1st campaign):

10:10 Reduce, Reuse, and Refill Program
A brief description of the campaign (1st campaign):

Ringling College student group 10:10 conducted an outreach campaign to decrease the consumption of bottled water on campus by continued awareness. This program included:
A t-shirt design contest

https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.105040149560382.7386.104582029606194&type=3

; A promotional video entitled Water Changes Everything

http://youtu.be/BCHhwvQqsg

; An installation entitled One Drop, where students deposited the water bottles they used for one month into recycling bins that were made into a hanging installation on campus. Over 1900 water bottles were collected

http://vimeo.com/35357813#at=0

; Developing a program with the Kimbrough Library at Ringling College and a declaration of support to the program and helping students find resources pertaining to water

http://libraryvoices.wordpress.com/2011/10/07/ringling-10-10-aqua-week-water-resources/

; Type Club design contest focused on water bottle reduction

https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.219597571437972.58549.104582029606194&type=3

; A documentary screening of HOME

https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.423231971074530.103336.104582029606194&type=1

; And established a local business partnership with Tervis Tumbler, who donated 1300 reusable green tumblers or cups

https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.403192236411837.97259.104582029606194&type=3

A brief description of the measured positive impact(s) of the campaign (1st campaign):

Before the campaign, water bottles were sold at multiple locations on campus. After the campaign, bottled water sales dropped. Since bottled water sales decreased after the outreach campaign, the institution can demonstrate that the campaign led to a measurable, positive
impact on its sustainability performance. In addition and because of the success of the program and student interest, the institution also committed to purchasing 5 water-bottle friendly drinking fountains that were installed in several locations across campus.

The website URL where information about the campaign is available (1st campaign):
http://ringling1010.blogspot.com/

The name of the campaign (2nd campaign):
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A brief description of the campaign (2nd campaign):
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A brief description of the measured positive impact(s) of the campaign (2nd campaign):
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The website URL where information about the campaign is available (2nd campaign):
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A brief description of other outreach campaigns, including measured positive impacts:
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### Employee Educators Program

**Criteria**

Institution administers or oversees an ongoing faculty/staff peer-to-peer sustainability outreach and education program.

In the program, employee sustainability educators are formally designated and receive formal training or participate in an institution-sponsored orientation. The institution offers financial or other support to the program.

This credit recognizes ongoing programs that engage employees on a regular basis. For example, employee educators may represent or be responsible for engaging workers in certain departments or buildings. Thus, a group of employees may be served (i.e. directly targeted) by a program even if not all of these employees avail themselves of the outreach and education offerings.

Training and/or professional development opportunities in sustainability for staff are excluded from this credit. These activities are covered in **EN 8: Staff Professional Development**.

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**Does the institution administer or oversee an ongoing faculty/staff peer-to-peer sustainability outreach and education program that meets the criteria for this credit?:**

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**Total number of employees:**

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**Name of the employee educators program (1st program):**

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**Number of employees served by the program (1st program):**

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**A brief description of how the employee educators are selected (1st program):**

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**A brief description of the formal training that the employee educators receive (1st program):**

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**A brief description of the staff and/or other financial support the institution provides to the program (1st program):**

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The website URL where information about the program is available (1st program):
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Name of the employee educators program (2nd program):
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Number of employees served by the program (2nd program):
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A brief description of how the employee educators are selected (2nd program):
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A brief description of the formal training that the employee educators receive (2nd program):
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A brief description of the financial or other support the institution provides to the program (2nd program):
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The website URL where information about the program is available (2nd program):
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Name(s) of the employee educator program(s) (all other programs):
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Number of employees served by all other programs:
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A brief description of how the employee educators are selected (all other programs):
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A brief description of the formal training that the employee educators receive (all other programs):
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A brief description of the staff and/or other financial support the institution provides to the program(s) (all other programs):
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The website URL where information about the program(s) is available (all other programs):
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Employee Orientation

Responsible Party

Christine DeGeorge
VP Human & Organizational Dev.
Human Resources

Criteria

Institution covers sustainability topics in new employee orientation and/or in outreach and guidance materials distributed to new employees, including faculty and staff. The topics covered include multiple dimensions of sustainability (i.e. social, environmental and economic).

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The percentage of new employees that are offered orientation and/or outreach and guidance materials that cover sustainability topics:

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A brief description of how sustainability is included in new employee orientation:

During benefits orientation, new employees are provided information on sustainable practices including recycling and alternate forms of transportation. In addition, orientation instructs new employees on the benefits offered, including health and wellness, domestic partner benefits and socially responsible investment options.

The website URL where information about sustainability in new employee orientation is available:

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Staff Professional Development

Responsible Party
Christine DeGeorge
VP Human & Organizational Dev.
Human Resources

Criteria

Institution makes available training and/or other professional development opportunities in sustainability to all staff at least once per year.

Separate training opportunities for each department would count for this credit, as long as each staff member has an opportunity to learn about sustainability at least once per year. It is not necessary that each staff member attend such trainings; the credit is based on making training available to all staff.

This credit applies to staff members only; it does not include faculty members.

The following training opportunities are not sufficient for this credit:

- Specialized training for a small group of staff
- The opportunity to participate in an institutional sustainability committee or group

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Does the institution make available training and/or other professional development opportunities in sustainability to all staff at least once per year?:
Yes

A brief description of the sustainability trainings and professional development opportunities available to staff:

Ringling College of Art and Design recognizes the need to encourage professional development of employees through participation in approved training and development activities. Annually, Ringling College provides support for employees who want to travel to professional conferences, get special training or experience, or conduct research which will contribute to their work, which can include opportunities in sustainability. Staff can request funds for training and development through their departments and for institutional funds through the Office of Human Resources. The cycle for requests runs throughout the fiscal year from June 1 through May 31.

The percentage of staff that participated in training and/or other professional development opportunities in sustainability during the previous year:

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The website URL where information about staff training opportunities in sustainability is available:
Public Engagement

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that help catalyze sustainable communities through public engagement, community partnerships and service. Engagement in community problem-solving is fundamental to sustainability. By engaging with community members and organizations in the governmental, non-profit and for-profit sectors, institutions can help solve sustainability challenges. Community engagement can help students develop leadership skills while deepening their understandings of practical, real-world problems and the process of creating solutions. Institutions can contribute to their communities by harnessing their financial and academic resources to address community needs and by engaging community members in institutional decisions that affect them. In addition, institutions can contribute toward sustainability broadly through inter-campus collaboration, engagement with external networks and organizations, and public policy advocacy.

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## Community Partnerships

### Responsible Party

Tammy Walsh  
Dean of Students  
Student Life

### Criteria

Institution has one or more formal partnership(s) with the local community, including school districts, government agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses and/or other entities, to work together to advance sustainability within the community.

Each partnership conforms to one of the following types:

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| **A. Supportive**   | - *Scope:* Addresses a sustainability topic or a specific aspect of sustainability (e.g. community garden, environmental remediation, community environmental health and education)  
- *Duration:* May be time-limited (short-term projects and events), multi-year, or ongoing  
- *Commitment:* Institutional involvement may include financial and/or staff support or may be limited to resource sharing and/or endorsement  
- *Governance:* Campus and community leaders or representatives are engaged in program/project development |
| **B. Collaborative**| - *Scope:* Addresses one or more sustainability challenge and may simultaneously support social equity and wellbeing, economic prosperity, and ecological health (e.g. a green jobs program in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood)  
- *Duration:* May be time-limited, multi-year, or ongoing  
- *Commitment:* Institution provides faculty/staff, financial, and/or material support  
- *Governance:* Campus and local community members are both engaged in program/project development, from agenda setting and planning to decision-making, implementation and review |
### C. Transformative

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An institution may have multiple partnerships of each type, however no single partnership may be both supportive and collaborative, collaborative and transformative, or supportive and transformative.

Recognizing the diversity of forms that community partnerships may take, it is not required that a partnership meet all of the criteria listed to be considered supportive or collaborative. A partnership must meet all of the criteria listed to be considered transformative, however. For further guidance in identifying community partnerships that meet the criteria for each type, see the Credit Example in the STARS Technical Manual.

This credit recognizes campus-community partnerships that advance sustainability in an explicit and participatory way. Participatory, community-based research and engaged scholarship around issues of sustainability may be included if it involves formal partnership(s). Although community service activities (e.g. academic service learning, co-curricular service learning and volunteer activities, Work-Study community service and paid community service internships) may involve local partnerships and contribute toward sustainability, they are not included in this credit. Community service is covered by EN 12: Community Service.

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**Does the institution have at least one formal sustainability partnership with the local community that meets the criteria as “supportive”?:**

Yes

**A brief description of the institution’s supportive sustainability partnership(s) with the local community:**

Ringling College of Art and Design has partnerships with Orange Blossom Community Garden and Friends of Sarasota County Parks.

Ringling College partnered with Orange Blossom Community Garden during New Student Orientation 2012, and for the 2013 Local Alternative Spring Break Project.

**New Student Orientation 2012**

During NSO 2012, approximately 65 students and one staff member spent the day at the Orange Blossom Community Garden. Participants planted seeds for their fall garden, worked on getting the youth garden ready for the fall, cleaned and prepared garden plots for neighborhood non-profit organizations, moved and organized supplies and materials, laid cardboard and spread mulch between beds for walkways, planted peach trees, and assisted with other general gardening tasks.

Other sites for service projects during New Student Orientation included partnerships with the Friends of the Sarasota County Parks: Alligator Creek and Caspersen Beach. Participants removed invasive plants, such as grape vine, love vine, and Brazilian pepper, removed debris, and contributed to the health of the scrub jay habitat. There were 400 student participants in these projects.
Every year Ringling College of Art and Design provides a community service project over Spring Break that gives students the opportunity to spend their break making a difference. This year, Ringling College partnered up with the Orange Blossom Community Garden, a local community garden led by Master Gardener Gail Harvey, that provides affordable land plots to Sarasota residents and educational opportunities for kids from pre-school to high school.

On day 1, our student-volunteers built a shed for the children’s garden and got started on converting a children’s race car bed frame into a raised garden bed.

On day 2, under the guidance of Mr. Perkins, a local constructor and regular volunteer at Orange Blossom, Ringling student-volunteers worked hard on installing foundation posts for the shelter of the garden’s new wood chipper. Volunteers also tended to the peach trees that Ringling students planted in August of this year during the Orientation Service Project. Gail Harvey, Master Gardener of the Orange Blossom Community Garden, taught volunteers about many different plant species, and even some had their first taste of fresh-picked arugula.

During day 3, volunteers put up the sides on the shelter of the wood chipper—a shelter made completely of recycled materials, primarily wooden pallets from construction sites. It reflects the ideologies of the garden well, where nothing goes to waste. Resourcefulness, hard work and passion keep this garden thriving.

The volunteers also had the chance to learn how to harvest and cut collard greens, which replenish themselves quickly when properly tended. Volunteers spent their last day at Orange Blossom Community Garden tending to plant beds and planting to new apricot trees with Gail Harvey.

Does the institution have at least one formal sustainability partnership with the local community that meets the criteria as “collaborative”?:

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A brief description of the institution's collaborative sustainability partnership(s):

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Does the institution have at least one formal sustainability partnership with the local community that meets the criteria as “transformative”?:

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A brief description of the institution's transformative sustainability partnership(s) with the local community:

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A brief description of the institution’s sustainability partnerships with distant (i.e. non-local) communities:

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The website URL where information about sustainability partnerships is available:
# Inter-Campus Collaboration

**Responsible Party**

Tammy Walsh  
Dean of Students  
Student Life  

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**Criteria**

Institution collaborates with other colleges and universities to support and help build the campus sustainability community.

See the Credit Example in the STARS Technical Manual for guidance on identifying appropriate collaborations.

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**Does the institution collaborate with other colleges and universities to support and help build the campus sustainability community?:**

Yes

**A brief summary of papers, guides, presentations, and other resources the institution has developed to share their sustainability experience with other institutions:**

AICAD Partnership for Academic Leadership on Sustainability– our campus rep, Ryan Hansen, 

r hansen@c.ringling.edu

, would have more information.

**The names of local, state/provincial, regional, national, or international campus sustainability organizations or consortia in which the institution participates and/or is a member:**

Defer to T Walsh, R Hansen, D Jackson et al., involved with this larger program.

**A brief summary of additional ways the institution collaborates with other campuses to advance sustainability:**

The college has worked locally with New College of Florida through their Student Government Associations to initiate initiatives associated with water awareness, water bottle collection and reductions programs.

**The website URL where information about cross-campus collaboration is available:**

http://www.sustainablepals.org/
Continuing Education

Responsible Party

Tracy Wagner
VP of Finance & Administration
Business Affairs

Criteria

Part 1

Institution offers continuing education courses that address sustainability.

Courses that address sustainability include continuing education sustainability courses and continuing education courses that include sustainability. Courses that can be taken for academic credit are not included in this credit. They are covered by the Curriculum subcategory.

Part 2

Institution has at least one sustainability-themed certificate program through its continuing education or extension department.

Degree-granting programs (e.g. programs that confer Baccalaureate, Masters, and Associates degrees) and certificates that are part of academic degree programs are not included in this credit. They are covered in the Curriculum subcategory.

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Does the institution offer continuing education courses that address sustainability?:

Yes

Number of continuing education courses offered that address sustainability:

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Total number of continuing education courses offered:

251

A copy of the list and brief descriptions of the continuing education courses that address sustainability:

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A list and brief descriptions of the continuing education courses that address sustainability:

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Does the institution have at least one sustainability-themed certificate program through its continuing education or extension department?:

No

A brief description of the certificate program:

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Year the certificate program was created:

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The website URL where information about sustainability in continuing education courses is available:

http://www.ringling.edu/fileadmin/content/cssp/pdf/P14CSSP_Catalog_WEB.pdf
Community Service

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Responsible Party

Tammy Walsh
Dean of Students
Student Life

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Criteria

Part 1
Institution engages its student body in community service, as measured by the percentage of students who participate in community service.

Part 2
Institution engages students in community service, as measured by the average hours contributed per full-time student per year.

Institutions may exclude non-credit, continuing education, and/or part-time students from this credit.

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Number of students engaged in community service:
537

Total number of students:
1,368

Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (community service hours)?:
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Total number of student community service hours contributed during a one-year period:
11,349.75

Does the institution include community service achievements on student transcripts?:
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A brief description of the practice of including community service on transcripts, if applicable:
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Does the institution provide incentives for employees to participate in community service (on- or off-campus)?:
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A brief description of the institution’s employee community service initiatives:
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The website URL where information about the institution’s community service initiatives is available:
http://www.ringling.edu/fileadmin/content/volunteerism/Infographic/INFO2_final.pdf
Community Stakeholder Engagement

Criteria

Institution has adopted a framework for community stakeholder engagement in governance, strategy and operations. The framework includes:

1) Policies and procedures that ensure community stakeholder engagement is applied systematically and regularly across the institution’s activities (e.g. planning and development efforts, capital investment projects, and/or other activities and decisions that affect the broader community)

And

2) Established practices to identify and engage relevant community stakeholders, including any vulnerable or underrepresented groups.

Frameworks adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or university system) may count for this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

This credit does not include the engagement of internal campus stakeholders (e.g. students, faculty and staff); internal stakeholder engagement is covered in PA 3: Governance.

This credit was marked as Not Pursuing so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Participation in Public Policy

Criteria

Institution advocates for national, state/provincial, or local public policies that support campus sustainability or that otherwise advance sustainability.

The policy advocacy must be done by the institution, not by students or a student group. This credit acknowledges institutions that advocate for policy changes and legislation to advance sustainability broadly. Advocacy efforts that are made exclusively to advance the institution's interests or projects may not be counted. For example, advocating for government funding for campus sustainability may be counted, whereas lobbying for the institution to receive funds that have already been appropriated may not.

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Does the institution advocate for national, state/provincial, or local public policies that support campus sustainability or that otherwise advance sustainability?:

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A brief description of how the institution engages in public policy advocacy for sustainability, including the issues, legislation, and ordinances for or against which the institution has advocated:

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A brief description of other political positions the institution has taken during the previous three years:

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A brief description of political donations the institution made during the previous three years (if applicable):

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The website URL where information about the institution’s advocacy efforts is available:

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Trademark Licensing

Criteria

Institution is a member of the Fair Labor Association (FLA) and/or the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC).

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Is the institution a member of the Worker Rights Consortium?:
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Is the institution a member of the Fair Labor Association?:
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Has the institution expressed an intention to participate in the WRC’s Designated Suppliers Program?:
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The website URL where information about the institution’s participation in the WRC, FLA, and/or DSP is available:
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Hospital Network

Criteria

Institution’s affiliated hospital or health system is a member of the Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Network, the Healthier Hospitals Initiative and/or Practice Greenhealth.

This credit includes hospitals and health systems that are formally affiliated with a higher education institution (sometimes called “university hospitals”). Other types of health care providers (e.g. insurers through which an institution obtains health care for its employees) are not included.

This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Air & Climate

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are measuring and reducing their greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions. Global climate change is having myriad negative impacts throughout the world, including increased frequency and potency of extreme weather events, sea level rise, species extinction, water shortages, declining agricultural production, and spread of diseases. The impacts are particularly pronounced for low-income communities and countries. In addition, institutions that inventory and take steps to reduce their air pollutant emissions can positively impact the health of the campus community, as well as the health of their local communities and regions.

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Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Criteria

Part 1

Institution has conducted a publicly available greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory that includes, at minimum, Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions and may also include Scope 3 GHG emissions. The inventory may be validated internally by campus personnel who are independent of the GHG accounting and reporting process and/or verified by an independent, external third party.

Part 2

Institution reduced its adjusted net Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions per weighted campus user compared to a baseline.

Part 3

Institution’s annual adjusted net Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions are less than the minimum performance threshold of 0.02 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO2e) per gross square foot (0.002 MtCO2e per gross square metre) of floor area.

Performance for Part 3 of this credit is assessed using EUI-adjusted floor area, a figure that accounts for significant differences in energy use intensity (EUI) between types of building space.

For this credit, the following carbon offsets may be counted:

1. Institution-catalyzed carbon offsets (popularly known as “local offsets”)
2. Carbon sequestration due to land that the institution manages specifically for sequestration (as documented in policies, land management plans or the equivalent)
3. Carbon storage from on-site composting
4. Third-party verified purchased carbon offsets

Purchased Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) that are either Green-e Energy certified or meet Green-e Energy’s technical requirements and are verified as such by a third party may be counted as zero emissions energy for purposes of Scope 2 GHG accounting.

Purchased carbon offsets and RECs that have not been third-party verified do not count.

Institutions that have sold or transferred emissions reductions, e.g. in the form of verified emissions reductions (VERs), may not count those reductions toward this credit.

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Does the institution's GHG emissions inventory include all Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions?:

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Does the institution's GHG emissions inventory include all Scope 3 GHG emissions from any of the following categories?:

| Yes or No |
Business travel | ---
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Commuting | ---
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Purchased goods and services | ---
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Capital goods | ---
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Fuel- and energy-related activities not included in Scope 1 or Scope 2 | ---
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Waste generated in operations | ---

Does the institution's GHG emissions inventory include Scope 3 emissions from other categories?:
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A brief description of the methodology and/or tool used to complete the GHG emissions inventory:
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Has the GHG emissions inventory been validated internally by personnel who are independent of the GHG accounting and reporting process and/or verified by an independent, external third party?:
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A brief description of the internal and/or external verification process:
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A brief description of the institution-catalyzed carbon offsets program:

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A brief description of the carbon sequestration program and reporting protocol used:

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A brief description of the composting and carbon storage program:

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A brief description of the purchased carbon offsets, including third party verifier(s) and contract timeframes:

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A brief description of when and why the GHG emissions baseline was adopted:
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Gross floor area of building space, performance year:
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Floor area of energy intensive building space, performance year:

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Scope 3 GHG emissions, performance year:

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A brief description of the sources included in Scope 3 GHG emissions from "other categories":

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A copy of the most recent GHG emissions inventory:

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The website URL where the GHG emissions inventory is posted:

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A brief description of the institution’s GHG emissions reduction initiatives, including efforts made during the previous three years:

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Outdoor Air Quality

Criteria

Part 1

Institution has adopted policies or guidelines to improve outdoor air quality and minimize air pollutant emissions from mobile sources. Policies and/or guidelines may include, but are not limited to, prohibiting vehicle idling, restrictions on the use of powered lawn care equipment, and other strategies for minimizing mobile emissions.

Policies adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or university system) may count for Part 1 of this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

Part 2

Institution has completed an inventory of significant air emissions from stationary sources on campus. Significant emissions include nitrogen oxides (NO\textsubscript{x}), sulfur oxides (SO\textsubscript{x}), and other standard categories of air emissions identified in environmental permits held by the institution, international conventions, and/or national laws or regulations.

This credit was marked as Not Pursuing so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Buildings

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are taking steps to improve the sustainability performance of their buildings. Buildings are generally the largest user of energy and the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions on campuses. Buildings also use significant amounts of potable water. Institutions can design, build, and maintain buildings in ways that provide a safe and healthy indoor environment for inhabitants while simultaneously mitigating the building’s impact on the outdoor environment.

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# Building Operations and Maintenance

## Criteria

Institution owns and operates buildings that are:

1. Certified under a green building rating system for existing buildings, e.g. LEED® for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance (O&M)

And/or

2. Operated and maintained in accordance with formally adopted sustainable operations and maintenance guidelines and policies that cover all of the following:

- Impacts on the surrounding site
- Energy consumption
- Building-level energy metering
- Usage of environmentally preferable materials
- Indoor environmental quality
- Water consumption
- Building-level water metering

Building space that meets multiple criteria listed above should not be double-counted.

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## Does the institution have any building space certified under the following green building rating systems for existing buildings?:

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A brief description of the green building rating system(s) used and/or a list or sample of certified buildings and ratings:

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Total floor area of eligible building space (operations and maintenance):

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Floor area of building space that is certified at each level under a 4-tier rating system for existing buildings used by an Established Green Building Council:

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Floor area of building space that is certified at any level under other green building rating systems for existing buildings:  
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Floor area of building space that is maintained in accordance with formally adopted sustainable building operations and maintenance guidelines or policies, but not certified:  
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A copy of the sustainable building operations and maintenance guidelines or policies:  
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The date the guidelines or policies were formally adopted:  
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A brief description of the sustainable building operations and maintenance program and/or a list or sample of buildings covered:  
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A brief description of how the institution ensures compliance with sustainable building operation and maintenance guidelines and policies:  
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The website URL where information about the institution’s certified buildings and/or sustainable operations and maintenance guidelines or policies is available:  
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Building Design and Construction

**Responsible Party**

*Tracy Wagner*

VP of Finance & Administration

Business Affairs

**Criteria**

Institution-owned buildings that were constructed or underwent major renovations in the previous five years are:

1) Certified under a green building rating system for new construction and major renovations (e.g. the LEED® for New Construction and Major Renovations, LEED for Commercial Interiors, LEED for Healthcare, and/or LEED for Core and Shell Green Building Rating Systems)

2) Certified Living under the Living Building Challenge (LBC)

And/or

3) Designed and built in accordance with formally adopted green building guidelines and policies that cover all of the following topics:

- Impacts on the surrounding site
- Energy consumption
- Building-level energy metering
- Usage of environmentally preferable materials
- Indoor environmental quality
- Water consumption
- Building-level water metering

Building space that meets multiple criteria listed above should not be double-counted.

**Submission Note:**

* construction completed during the previous three academic calendar years

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**Does the institution have any building space certified under the following green building rating systems for new construction and major renovations?:**

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A brief description of the green building rating system(s) used and/or a list of certified buildings and ratings:

Goldstein North Hall and the Academic Center

Total floor area of eligible building space (design and construction):

158,065 Square Feet

Floor area of building space that is certified at each level under a 4-tier rating system for new construction and major renovations used by an Established Green Building Council:

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Floor area of building space that is certified at each level under a 3-tier rating system for new construction and major renovations used by an Established Green Building Council:

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Floor area of building space certified Living under the Living Building Challenge:

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Floor area of building space that is certified at any level under other green building rating systems for new construction and major renovations:

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Floor area of building space that was designed and constructed in accordance with green building policies or guidelines but NOT certified:

0 Square Feet

A copy of the guidelines or policies:

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The date the guidelines or policies were adopted:

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A brief description of the green building guidelines or policies and/or a list or sample of buildings covered:

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and policies:

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The website URL where information about the institution’s certified buildings and/or green building design and construction guidelines or policies is available:

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Indoor Air Quality

Responsible Party

Tracy Wagner
VP of Finance & Administration
Business Affairs

Criteria

Institution has an indoor air quality (IAQ) management program that includes regular auditing or monitoring, a mechanism for occupants to register complaints, and action plans to implement any corrective measures required in response to audits, monitoring or complaints.

Policies and plans adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or university system) may count for this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

"---" indicates that no data was submitted for this field

Floor area of building space covered by an indoor air quality (IAQ) management program that meets the criteria for this credit:

598,887 Square Feet

Gross floor area of building space:

598,887 Square Feet

A brief description of the institution’s indoor air quality program(s):

Ringling College is committed to providing an environment that is free of recognized hazards related to poor indoor air quality (IAQ) and will investigate IAQ complaints. Preventative actions to sustain good IAQ are paramount and these include preventative maintenance of ventilation equipment, educating students on maintaining their living spaces and informing the campus community on the reporting procedure for IAQ concerns.

Complaints are infrequent, but may be related to mucous membranes and / or respiratory irritations, headaches, or high humidity levels. Poor IAQ may be caused by vapors, dusts, materials infiltrating from outside (such as pollen or engine exhaust), fungal growth (mold) or deficiencies in the ventilation system. This program applies to all buildings managed by Ringling College.

The website URL where information about the institution’s indoor air quality program(s) is available:

http://www.ringling.edu/fileadmin/content/ehs/pdf/IAQ_Program.pdf
Dining Services

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are supporting a sustainable food system. Modern industrial food production often has deleterious environmental and social impacts. Pesticides and fertilizers used in agriculture can contaminate ground and surface water and soil, which can in turn have potentially dangerous impacts on wildlife and human health. The production of animal-derived foods often subjects animals to inhumane treatment and animal products have a higher per-calorie environmental intensity than plant-based foods. Additionally, farm workers are often directly exposed to dangerous pesticides, subjected to harsh working conditions, and paid substandard wages. Furthermore, food is often transported long distance to institutions, producing greenhouse gas emissions and other pollution, as well as undermining the resiliency of local communities.

Institutions can use their purchasing power to require transparency from their distributors and find out where the food comes from, how it was produced, and how far it traveled. Institutions can use their food purchases to support their local economies; encourage safe, environmentally-friendly and humane farming methods; and help eliminate unsafe working conditions and alleviate poverty for farmers. These actions help reduce environmental impacts, preserve regional farmland, improve local food security, and support fair and resilient food systems.

Please note that while dining services can also play an important role in conserving energy and water, reducing waste, and purchasing environmentally preferable materials other than food, STARS measures these impacts across the institution instead of by department; therefore, the benefits of these actions are captured in the Energy, Water, Waste, and Purchasing subcategories, respectively.

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Food and Beverage Purchasing

Responsible Party

Tammy Walsh
Dean of Students
Student Life

Criteria

Part 1

Institution’s dining services purchase food and beverages that meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Local and community-based

And/or

- Third party verified to be ecologically sound, fair and/or humane

Food and beverage purchases that meet both criteria listed above (e.g. local community-based products that are Certified Organic) should not be double-counted.

Local community-based products:

- Are sourced from local community-based producers (directly or through distributors)

- Contain raw ingredients (excluding water) that are third party verified and/or locally harvested and produced (e.g. bread made with Organic flour or local honey) and

- Exclude products from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs), products that have minimal nutritional value (e.g. soda, chewing gum, candies made predominantly from sweeteners), and products from producers that have been convicted of one or more labor law violations within the previous three years

Products that are not local and community-based must be third party verified to count. Recognized third party standards and certifications for food and beverages are outlined in the STARS Technical Manual. Institutions located outside the U.S. and Canada may use additional third party certifications to identify ecologically sound, fair and humane products, provided the certifications are reported in “Notes about this submission”.

Part 1 of this credit includes food and beverage purchases for on-campus dining operations and catering services operated by the institution or the institution’s primary dining services contractor (e.g. Aramark, Bon Appétit Management Company, Chartwells, Sodexo). On-site franchises, convenience stores, vending services, and concessions are excluded from Part 1.

Part 2

Institution’s on-site franchises, convenience stores, vending services, and/or concessions purchase food and beverages that are third party verified and/or locally sourced (i.e. meet the criteria outlined in Part 1).

Submission Note:
Programs that we currently have in place: Certified Humane/Cage-Free Eggs, Sustainable Oceans for Seafood, rBGH Free Yoghurt and Milk, Social and Ecological Certified Coffee, Poultry produced without Human Antibiotics, TG Lee Co-Opted Dairy Products and Locally Sourced Produce.

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Percentage of dining services food and beverage expenditures that are local and community-based and/or third party verified:
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A copy of an inventory, list or sample of sustainable food and beverage purchases:
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Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (food and beverage expenditures for on-site franchises, convenience stores, vending services, or concessions)?:
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Percentage of on-site franchise, convenience store, vending services, and concessions food and beverage purchases that are local and community-based and/or third party verified:
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A copy of an inventory, list or sample of on-site franchise, convenience store, vending machine, and/or concessions food and beverage purchases that are sustainably produced:
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A brief description of the sustainable food and beverage purchasing program:

Programs that we currently have in place: Certified Humane/Cage-Free Eggs, Sustainable Oceans for Seafood, rBGH Free Yoghurt and Milk, Social and Ecological Certified Coffee, Poultry produced without Human Antibiotics, TG Lee Co-Opted Dairy Products and Locally Sourced Produce.

A brief description of the methodology used to track/inventory sustainable food and beverage purchases:
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Total annual food and beverage expenditures:
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Which of the following food service providers are present on campus and included in the total food and beverage expenditure figures?:

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A brief description of other sustainable restaurant and food service standards that the institution’s dining services operations are certified under:
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The website URL where information about the institution's sustainable food and beverage purchasing efforts is
available:
https://mycompass.compass-usa.com/Sustainability/Pages/OurPartners.aspx
Low Impact Dining

Criteria

Part 1

Conventionally produced animal products comprise less than 30 percent of the institution’s total dining services food purchases.

Conventionally produced animal products include all food products that contain animal derived (i.e. meat, fish, egg, dairy) ingredients that have not been verified to be sustainably produced. Sustainably produced animal products have been either:

- Third party verified to be ecologically sound and/or humane (see OP 6: Food and Beverage Purchasing)

  Or

- Verified by the institution to be both ecologically sound and humane (e.g. “Pasture Raised”, “Grass Fed” or “Humanely Raised”) through a relationship with a local producer

Part 2

Institution:

- Offers diverse, complete-protein vegan options at all meals in at least one dining facility on campus

  And

- Provides labels and/or signage that distinguishes between vegan, vegetarian (not vegan), and other items

This credit includes on-campus dining operations and catering services operated by the institution or the institution’s primary dining services contractor. On-site franchises, convenience stores, vending machines, and concessions should be excluded to the extent feasible.

This credit was marked as Not Pursuing so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Energy

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are reducing their energy consumption through conservation and efficiency, and switching to cleaner and renewable sources of energy such as solar, wind, geothermal, and low-impact hydropower. For most institutions, energy consumption is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, which cause global climate change. Global climate change is having myriad negative impacts throughout the world, including increased frequency and potency of extreme weather events, sea level rise, species extinction, water shortages, declining agricultural production, ocean acidification, and spread of diseases. The impacts are particularly pronounced for vulnerable and poor communities and countries. In addition to causing global climate change, energy generation from fossil fuels, especially coal, produces air pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, mercury, dioxins, arsenic, cadmium and lead. These pollutants contribute to acid rain as well as health problems such as heart and respiratory diseases and cancer. Coal mining and oil and gas drilling can also damage environmentally and/or culturally significant ecosystems. Nuclear power creates highly toxic and long-lasting radioactive waste. Large-scale hydropower projects flood habitats and disrupt fish migration and can involve the relocation of entire communities.

Implementing conservation measures and switching to renewable sources of energy can help institutions save money and protect them from utility rate volatility. Renewable energy may be generated locally and allow campuses to support local economic development. Furthermore, institutions can help shape markets by creating demand for cleaner, renewable sources of energy.

Credit

Building Energy Consumption
Clean and Renewable Energy
Building Energy Consumption

Criteria

Part 1

Institution has reduced its total building energy consumption per gross square foot/metre of floor area compared to a baseline.

Part 2

Institution’s annual building energy consumption is less than the minimum performance threshold of 28 Btu per gross square foot (2.6 Btu per gross square metre) of floor area per degree day.

Performance for Part 2 of this credit is assessed using EUI-adjusted floor area, a figure that accounts for significant differences in energy use intensity (EUI) between types of building space.

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Building energy consumption::

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### Healthcare space

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### Other energy intensive space

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A brief description of when and why the building energy consumption baseline was adopted:

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A brief description of any building temperature standards employed by the institution:

We have implemented occupancy-based technology temperature controls in three buildings and have the capacity to expand. Buildings currently using the Niagara/Trends Building Automation System include Bayou Studios, Christ-Janer Center, and the Student Health Services. All set-back temperatures are scheduled according to building demand use schedules. The percentage of interior building space with temperature control equals 100% for these buildings, excluding non-conditioned, open courtyards.

A brief description of any light emitting diode (LED) lighting employed by the institution:

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LED lighting is used in Selby Gallery and serves as a model for expanding interior LED lighting applications. An expansion of exterior campus lighting was completed using exterior LED lighting mounted on single-family homes used for student housing. LED lighting for a number of exterior plazas, parking lots, and pedestrian pathways has been implemented to improve exterior lighting and assist in lighting areas under camera surveillance.

A brief description of any occupancy and/or vacancy sensors employed by the institution:

The Academic Center utilizes occupancy sensors and photosensors to adjust electric light usage and level of brightness based on occupancy and amount of available daylight throughout the building. Occupancy sensors are utilized throughout campus new construction and incorporated into renovations. Occupancy sensors are also used throughout the majority of public restroom spaces on campus.

A brief description of any passive solar heating employed by the institution:

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A brief description of any ground-source heat pumps employed by the institution:

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A brief description of any cogeneration technologies employed by the institution:

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A brief description of any building recommissioning or retrofit program employed by the institution:

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A brief description of any energy metering and management systems employed by the institution:

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A brief description of the institution's program to replace energy-consuming appliances, equipment and systems with high efficiency alternatives:

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A brief description of any energy-efficient landscape design initiatives employed by the institution:

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A brief description of any vending machine sensors, lightless machines, or LED-lit machines employed by the institution:
A brief description of other energy conservation and efficiency initiatives employed by the institution:

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The website URL where information about the institution’s energy conservation and efficiency initiatives is available:

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Clean and Renewable Energy

Criteria

Institution supports the development and use of clean and renewable energy sources, using any one or combination of the following options.

Option 1: Generating electricity from clean and renewable energy sources on campus and retaining or retiring the rights to the environmental attributes of such electricity. (In other words, if the institution has sold Renewable Energy Credits for the clean and renewable energy it generated, it may not claim such energy here.) The on-site renewable energy generating devices may be owned and/or maintained by another party as long as the institution has contractual rights to the associated environmental attributes.

Option 2: Using renewable sources for non-electric, on-site energy generation, such as biomass for heating.

Option 3: Catalyzing the development of off-site clean and renewable energy sources (e.g. an off-campus wind farm that was designed and built to supply electricity to the institution) and retaining the environmental attributes of that energy.

Option 4: Purchasing the environmental attributes of electricity in the form of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) or other similar renewable energy products that are either Green-e Energy certified or meet Green-e Energy’s technical requirements and are verified as such by a third party, or purchasing renewable electricity through the institution’s electric utility through a certified green power purchasing option.

Since this credit is intended to recognize institutions that are actively supporting the development and use of clean and renewable energy, neither the electric grid mix for the region in which the institution is located nor the grid mix reported by the electric utility that serves the institution count for this credit.

The following renewable systems are eligible for this credit:

- Concentrated solar thermal
- Geothermal systems that generate electricity
- Low-impact hydroelectric power
- Solar photovoltaic
- Wave and tidal power
- Wind

Biofuels from the following sources are eligible:

- Agricultural crops
- Agricultural waste
- Animal waste
- Landfill gas
- Untreated wood waste
- Other organic waste

Technologies that reduce the amount of energy used but do not generate renewable energy do not count for this credit. For example, daylighting, passive solar design, and ground-source heat pumps are not counted in this credit. The benefits of such strategies, as well as improved efficiencies achieved through using cogeneration technologies, are captured by *OP 1: Greenhouse Gas Emissions* and *OP 8: Building Energy Consumption*.

Transportation fuels, which are covered by *OP 1: Greenhouse Gas Emissions* and *OP 18: Campus Fleet*, are not included in this credit.

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### Clean and renewable energy from the following sources:

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**Total energy consumption, performance year:**

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**A brief description of on-site renewable electricity generating devices:**

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**A brief description of on-site renewable non-electric energy devices:**
A brief description of off-site, institution-catalyzed, renewable electricity generating devices:

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A brief description of the RECs and/or similar renewable energy products:

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The website URL where information about the institution's renewable energy sources is available:

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Grounds

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that plan and maintain their grounds with sustainability in mind. Beautiful and welcoming campus grounds can be planned, planted, and maintained in any region while minimizing the use of toxic chemicals, protecting wildlife habitat, and conserving water and resources.

**Credit**

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Landscape Management

Responsible Party

Tracy Wagner
VP of Finance & Administration
Business Affairs

Criteria

Institution’s grounds include areas that are managed at one or more of the following levels:

1) Managed in accordance with an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan

2) Managed in accordance with a sustainable landscape management program

And/or

3) Organic, certified and/or protected

The level at which an area of grounds is managed may be determined as outlined in the table below:

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### 2) Sustainable Landscape Management Program

The program includes formally adopted guidelines, policies and/or practices that cover all of the following:
- Integrated pest management (see above)
- Plant stewardship - protecting and using existing vegetation (e.g. through the use of a tree care plan), using native and ecologically appropriate plants, and controlling and managing invasive species
- Soil stewardship - organic soils management practices that restore and/or maintain a natural nutrient cycle and limit the use of inorganic fertilizers and chemicals
- Use of environmentally preferable materials - utilizing reused, recycled and local and sustainably produced landscape materials
- Hydrology and water use - restoring and/or maintaining the integrity of the natural hydrology by promoting water infiltration, minimizing or eliminating the use of potable water for irrigation, and protecting/restoring riparian, wetland, and shoreline habitats and lost streams
- Materials management and waste minimization - composting and/or mulching waste from groundskeeping, including grass trimmings
- Snow and ice management (if applicable) - implementing technologies or strategies to reduce the environmental impacts of snow and ice removal

### 3) Organic, Certified and/or Protected

Protected areas and land that is:
- Maintained in accordance with an organic land care standard or sustainable landscape management program that has eliminated the use of inorganic fertilizers and chemical pesticides, fungicides and herbicides in favor of ecologically preferable materials
- Certified Organic
- Certified under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Forest Management standard
- Certified under the Sustainable Sites Initiative™ (SITES™) and/or
- Managed specifically for carbon sequestration (as documented in policies, land management plans or the equivalent)

Land that meets multiple criteria should not be double-counted. An area of grounds that does not meet the standards specified for a particular management level should be reported at the next appropriate level for which it does meet the standards. For example, a landscape management program that includes an IPM plan and meets some, but not all, of the other standards listed for a sustainable landscape management plan should be reported at level 1 (IPM Plan).

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### A copy of the IPM plan:

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### The IPM plan:

Ringling College's approach in designing an effective IPM program begins at the design phase itself and we utilize the following criteria in planning for healthy landscapes:

- **a.** The Initial Design/Maintenance Interface
- **b.** Cultural Component - plant selection and planting design
- **c.** The Biological Component - natural enemies and other beneficials
- **d.** The Genetic Component - plant or turf grass selections - chemical controls - use of least toxic and selective alternatives

Our goals are to maintain the final landscaped product with long-term, effective cost measures in place while promoting environmentally sound practices including:

- **a.** Identify and monitor known pests and diseases using phenology checklists, landscape reports from Institute of Food Agricultural Sciences - University of Florida (IFAS) and visual inspection.
- **b.** Identify beneficial insects reptiles and amphibians and encourage habitat through planting or native and host plant species in addition to timely plant cleanup.
c. Physical removal of pests through manual and mechanical means to maintain an acceptable threshold of damage.

d. Removal of plants that cannot be maintained at acceptable levels and replanting with a more disease resistant type.

e. Use of insecticidal soaps and other sanctioned plant health additions while utilizing strategies that include the use of Neem oil and proper watering schedules that avoid over-watering.

All fertilization applications are done within strict compliance of Florida laws. If pesticides are deemed necessary, the use of the least toxic chemical is preferable and spot treatments are recommended over the traditional wide spectrum application.

A brief summary of the institution’s approach to sustainable landscape management:

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A brief description of how the institution protects and uses existing vegetation, uses native and ecologically appropriate plants, and controls and manages invasive species:

The College engaged Biohabitats to perform a green infrastructure assessment. As part of this assessment, native plant species were identified and cataloged, assisting with plant selection decisions as projects are developed. Native plant species are integrated into stormwater retention areas, utilized as street trees, and integrated into planting beds throughout the campus.

A brief description of the institution’s landscape materials management and waste minimization policies and practices:

Grass clippings and most fallen leaves are mulched and allowed to remain on the grounds to compost naturally. Large landscaping materials are taken offsite where they are chipped or composted and returned to campus for ground cover.

A brief description of the institution’s organic soils management practices:

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A brief description of the institution’s use of environmentally preferable materials in landscaping and grounds management:

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A brief description of how the institution restores and/or maintains the integrity of the natural hydrology of the campus:

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A brief description of how the institution reduces the environmental impacts of snow and ice removal (if applicable):

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A brief description of any certified and/or protected areas:
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Is the institution recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Campus USA program (if applicable)?:
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The website URL where information about the institution’s sustainable landscape management programs and practices is available:
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Biodiversity

Criteria

The institution conducts one or both of the following:

• An assessment to identify endangered and vulnerable species (including migratory species) with habitats on institution-owned or -managed land

And/or

• An assessment to identify environmentally sensitive areas on institution-owned or -managed land

The institution has plans or programs in place to protect or positively affect the species, habitats and/or environmentally sensitive areas identified.

Assessments conducted and programs adopted by other entities (e.g. government, university system, NGO) may count for this credit as long as the assessments and programs apply to and are followed by the institution.

This credit was marked as Not Pursuing so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Purchasing

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are using their purchasing power to help build a sustainable economy. Collectively, colleges and universities spend many billions of dollars on goods and services annually. Each purchasing decision represents an opportunity for institutions to choose environmentally and socially preferable products and services and support companies with strong commitments to sustainability.

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Electronics Purchasing

Responsible Party

Tracy Wagner
VP of Finance & Administration
Business Affairs

Criteria

Part 1

Institution has an institution-wide stated preference to purchase computers and/or other electronic products that are EPEAT registered or meet similar multi-criteria sustainability standards for electronic products. This can take the form of purchasing policies, guidelines, or directives.

Policies and directives adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or university system) may count for this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

Part 2

Institution purchases EPEAT registered products for desktop and notebook/laptop computers, displays, thin clients, televisions and imaging equipment.

This credit does not include servers, mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones, or specialized equipment for which no EPEAT certified products are available.

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Does the institution have an institution-wide stated preference to purchase computers and/or other electronic products that are EPEAT registered or meet similar multi-criteria sustainability standards for electronic products?:

Yes

A copy of the electronics purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines:

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The electronics purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines:

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A brief description of steps the institution has taken to ensure that the purchasing policy, directives, or guidelines are followed:
Under the supervision of the Institutional Technology Department, Ringling College of Art and Design purchases its computer hardware from manufactures such as Apple, Dell, Hewlett Packard, Toshiba and Xerox, companies that have a long-standing commitment to the environment and their offering of EPEAT Silver- and Gold-rated computers.

** Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (expenditures on EPEAT registered electronics)?: No

**Expenditures on EPEAT registered desktop and laptop computers, displays, thin clients, televisions, and imaging equipment:**

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**Total expenditures on desktop and laptop computers, displays, thin clients, televisions, and imaging equipment:** ---

**The website URL where information about the institution's electronics purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines is available:**

http://www.ringling.edu/campus-student-life/campus-services/institutional-technology/#c9986
Cleaning Products Purchasing

Responsible Party

Tracy Wagner
VP of Finance & Administration
Business Affairs

Criteria

Part 1

Institution has an institution-wide stated preference to purchase cleaning and janitorial products that are Green Seal™ or UL Environment (EcoLogo)™ certified and/or meet similar multi-criteria sustainability standards for cleaning and janitorial products. This can take the form of purchasing policies, guidelines, or directives.

Policies and directives adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or the university system) may count for this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

Part 2

Institution’s main cleaning or housekeeping department(s) and/or contractor(s) purchase Green Seal or UL Environment (EcoLogo) certified cleaning and janitorial products.

Cleaning and janitorial products include, at minimum:

- Cleaning/degreasing agents
- General-purpose, bathroom, glass, and carpet cleaners
- Biologically-active cleaning products (enzymatic and microbial products)
- Floor-care products, e.g. floor finish and floor finish strippers
- Hand cleaners
- Sanitary paper products, e.g. toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper towels, napkins, and placemats
- Plastic film products (e.g. garbage bags/liners)
- Laundry care products including powder, liquid or pre-measured dosage laundry detergents, stain removers and dryer sheets
- Specialty surface cleaning products and odor removers, including but not limited to: boat cleaning products; deck and outdoor furniture cleaning products; graffiti removers; metal cleaning products; motor vehicle (automotive/tire/wheel) cleaning products; motor vehicle windshield washing fluid; optical lens cleaning products; oven cleaning products; upholstery cleaning products; and other cleaning products sold for specific specialty uses

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Does the institution have an institution-wide stated preference to purchase third party certified cleaning and janitorial products?:

Yes
A copy of the green cleaning product purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines:

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The green cleaning product purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines:

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A brief description of steps the institution has taken to ensure that the purchasing policy, directives, or guidelines are followed:

The housekeeping division of Facilities Operations is committed to maintaining a high standard of cleanliness by utilizing green cleaning products and practices. We accomplish this level of commitment by incorporating Green Seal or EcoLogo certified cleaning products as well as certified equipment that meets CRI Green Label standards. We are resolute in our efforts to deliver high performance cleaning while providing more useful and productive interior settings. Our goals are to reduce the burdens placed upon natural resources while providing environmentally friendly cleaning methods to the faculty, staff and student body of the Ringling College of Art and Design community.

Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (expenditures on cleaning and janitorial products)?:

No

Expenditures on Green Seal and/or UL Environment (EcoLogo) certified cleaning and janitorial products:

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Total expenditures on cleaning and janitorial products:

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Has the institution's main cleaning or housekeeping department(s) and/or contractor(s) adopted a Green Seal or ISSA certified low-impact, ecological (“green”) cleaning program?:

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A brief description of the institution’s low-impact, ecological cleaning program:

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A copy of the sections of the cleaning contract(s) that reference certified green products:

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The sections of the cleaning contract(s) that reference certified green products:

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The website URL where information about the institution’s green cleaning initiatives is available:
Office Paper Purchasing

Criteria

Part 1

Institution has an institution-wide stated preference to purchase office paper that has recycled content, is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and/or is certified to meet similar multi-criteria sustainability standards for paper. This can take the form of purchasing policies, guidelines, or directives.

Policies and directives adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or the university system) may count for this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

Part 2

Institution purchases office paper with post-consumer recycled, agricultural residue, and/or FSC certified content.

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Does the institution have an institution-wide stated preference to purchase office paper that has recycled content and/or is certified to meet multi-criteria sustainability standards for paper?:

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A copy of the paper purchasing policy, directive or guidelines:

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The paper purchasing policy, directive or guidelines:

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A brief description of steps the institution has taken to ensure that the purchasing policy, directives, or guidelines are followed:

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Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (expenditures on office paper)?:

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Expenditures on office paper with the following levels of post-consumer recycled, agricultural residue, and/or FSC certified content:

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**Total expenditures on office paper:**

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**The website URL where information about the paper purchasing policy, directive, or guidelines is available:**

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Inclusive and Local Purchasing

Criteria

Part 1

Institution has an institution-wide stated intent to support disadvantaged businesses, social enterprises, and/or local community-based businesses.

Support could take the form of giving preference during RFP processes, conducting targeted outreach to these businesses about opportunities to work with the institution, and/or other efforts to increase purchases made from such businesses.

Part 2

Institution makes purchases from companies that include disadvantaged businesses, social enterprises and/or local community-based businesses.

Purchases that meet multiple criteria listed above should not be double counted. Food and beverage purchases, which are covered by OP 6: Food and Beverage Purchasing and OP 7: Low Impact Dining, are not included in this credit.

This credit was marked as Not Pursuing so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Life Cycle Cost Analysis

Criteria

Institution employs Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) as a matter of policy and practice when evaluating energy- and water-using products and systems. Practices may include structuring RFPs so that vendors compete on the basis of lowest total cost of ownership (TCO) in addition to (or instead of) purchase price.

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Guidelines for Business Partners

Criteria

Institution has and acts on policies, guidelines and/or agreements that set expectations about the social and environmental responsibility of its business partners. The policies, guidelines and/or agreements require new and/or existing vendors and contractors and/or franchisees to adhere to:

1) Minimum environmental standards and practices defined by the institution, for example as outlined by the institution’s sustainability policies

And/or

2) Minimum standards and practices governing employee wages, benefits, working conditions and rights that are consistent with fundamental International Labor Organization (ILO) conventions.

All enterprises with employees on-site as part of regular campus operations (e.g. contractors and franchisees) and other standing and/or formal business relationships (e.g. regular vendors and contracted services) are included.

Businesses that produce and/or sell licensed articles bearing the institution’s tradmarked logo (“licensees”) are not included. They are covered in EN 15: Trademark Licensing.

The credit acknowledges institutional engagement in selecting its business partners and guiding them toward sustainability. Policies, guidelines or practices of the businesses themselves do not count for this credit in the absence of institutional selection criteria and/or guidance. Requiring compliance with existing legislation does not count on its own, but may be included as part of broader requirements that meet the criteria outlined above.

Policies adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or university system) may count for this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

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Transportation

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are moving toward sustainable transportation systems. Transportation is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants that contribute to health problems such as heart and respiratory diseases and cancer. Due to disproportionate exposure, these health impacts are frequently more pronounced in low-income communities next to major transportation corridors. In addition, the extraction, production, and global distribution of fuels for transportation can damage environmentally and/or culturally significant ecosystems and may financially benefit hostile and/or oppressive governments.

At the same time, campuses can reap benefits from modeling sustainable transportation systems. Bicycling and walking provide human health benefits and mitigate the need for large areas of paved surface, which can help campuses to better manage storm water. Institutions may realize cost savings and help support local economies by reducing their dependency on petroleum-based fuels for transportation.

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Campus Fleet

Responsible Party

Tracy Wagner
VP of Finance & Administration
Business Affairs

Criteria

Institution supports alternative fuel and power technology by including in its motorized vehicle fleet vehicles that are:

A. Gasoline-electric hybrid
B. Diesel-electric hybrid
C. Plug-in hybrid
D. 100 percent electric
E. Fueled with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)
F. Hydrogen fueled
G. Fueled with B20 or higher biofuel for more than 4 months of the year

And/or

H. Fueled with locally produced, low-level (e.g. B5) biofuel for more than 4 months of the year (e.g. fuel contains cooking oil recovered and recycled on campus or in the local community)

For this credit, the institution’s motorized fleet includes all cars, carts, trucks, tractors, buses and similar vehicles used for transporting people and/or goods, including both leased vehicles and vehicles that are institution-owned and operated. Heavy construction equipment (e.g. excavators and pavers), maintenance equipment (e.g. lawn-mowers and leaf blowers), and demonstration/test vehicles used for educational purposes are not included in this credit.

Vehicles that meet multiple criteria (e.g. hybrid vehicles fueled with biofuel) should not be double-counted.

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Total number of vehicles in the institution’s fleet:
42

Number of vehicles in the institution's fleet that are:

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A brief description of the institution’s efforts to support alternative fuel and power technology in its motorized fleet:

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The website URL where information about the institution's support for alternative fuel and power technology is available:

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Student Commute Modal Split

Criteria

Institution's students commute to and from campus using more sustainable commuting options such as walking, bicycling, vanpooling or carpooling, taking public transportation, riding motorcycles or scooters, riding a campus shuttle, or a combination of these options.

Students who live on campus should be included in the calculation based on how they get to and from their classes.

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Total percentage of students that use more sustainable commuting options:
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The percentage of students that use each of the following modes as their primary means of transportation to get to and from campus:

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A brief description of the method(s) used to gather data about student commuting:
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The website URL where information about sustainable transportation for students is available:
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Employee Commute Modal Split

Criteria

Institution’s employees (faculty, staff, and administrators) get to and from campus using more sustainable commuting options such as walking, bicycling, vanpooling or carpooling, taking public transportation, riding motorcycles or scooters, riding a campus shuttle, telecommuting, or a combination of these options.

Employees who live on campus should be included in the calculation based on how they get to and from their workplace.

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Total percentage of the institution’s employees that use more sustainable commuting options:

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The percentage of the institution’s employees that use each of the following modes as their primary means of transportation to and from campus:

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<td>Telecommute for 50 percent or more of their regular work hours</td>
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A brief description of the method(s) used to gather data about employee commuting:

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The website URL where information about sustainable transportation for employees is available:

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Support for Sustainable Transportation

Criteria

Part 1

The institution demonstrates its support for active (i.e. non-motorized) transportation on campus in one or more of the following ways:

Option A: Institution:

- Provides secure bicycle storage (not including office space), shower facilities, and lockers for bicycle commuters. The storage, shower facilities and lockers are co-located in at least one building/location that is accessible to all commuters.
- Provides short-term bicycle parking (e.g. racks) within 50 ft (15 m) of all occupied, non-residential buildings and makes long-term bicycle storage available within 330 ft (100 m) of all residence halls (if applicable).
- Has a “complete streets” or bicycle accommodation policy (or adheres to a local community policy) and/or has a continuous network of dedicated bicycle and pedestrian paths and lanes that connects all occupied buildings and at least one inter-modal transportation node (i.e. transit stop or station)

And/or

- Has a bicycle-sharing program or participates in a local bicycle-sharing program

Option B: Institution is certified as a Bicycle Friendly University (at any level) by the League of American Bicyclists (U.S.) or under a similar third party certification for non-motorized transportation.

Part 2

Institution has implemented one or more of the following strategies to encourage more sustainable modes of transportation and reduce the impact of student and employee commuting. The institution:

- Offers free or reduced price transit passes and/or operates a free campus shuttle for commuters. The transit passes may be offered by the institution itself, through the larger university system of which the institution is a part, or through a regional program provided by a government agency.
- Offers a guaranteed return trip (GRT) program to regular users of alternative modes of transportation
- Participates in a car/vanpool or ride sharing program and/or offers reduced parking fees or preferential parking for car/vanpoolers
- Participates in a car sharing program, such as a commercial car-sharing program, one administered by the institution, or one administered by a regional organization
- Has one or more Level 2 or Level 3 electric vehicle recharging stations that are accessible to student and employee commuters
- Offers a telecommuting program for employees, either as a matter of policy or as standard practice
- Offers a condensed work week option for employees, either as a matter of policy or as standard practice
- Has incentives or programs to encourage employees to live close to campus
- Other strategies

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Waste

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are moving toward zero waste by reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting. These actions mitigate the need to extract virgin materials, such as trees and metals. It generally takes less energy and water to make a product with recycled material than with virgin resources. Reducing waste generation also reduces the flow of waste to incinerators and landfills which produce greenhouse gas emissions, can contaminate air and groundwater supplies, and tend to have disproportionate negative impacts on low-income communities. Waste reduction and diversion also save institutions costly landfill and hauling service fees. In addition, waste reduction campaigns can engage the entire campus community in contributing to a tangible sustainability goal.

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Waste Minimization

Criteria

**Part 1**

Institution has implemented source reduction strategies to reduce the total amount of waste generated (materials diverted + materials disposed) per weighted campus user compared to a baseline.

**Part 2**

Institution’s total annual waste generation (materials diverted and disposed) is less than the minimum performance threshold of 0.45 tons (0.41 tonnes) per weighted campus user.

This credit includes on-campus dining services operated by the institution or the institution’s primary on-site contractor.

Total waste generation includes all materials that the institution discards, intends to discard or is required to discard (e.g. materials recycled, composted, donated, re-sold and disposed of as trash) except construction, demolition, electronic, hazardous, special (e.g. coal ash), universal and non-regulated chemical waste, which are covered in OP 24: Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion and OP 25: Hazardous Waste Management.

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Start and end dates of the performance year and baseline year (or three-year periods):

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A brief description of when and why the waste generation baseline was adopted:

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A brief description of any (non-food) waste audits employed by the institution:

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A brief description of any institutional procurement policies designed to prevent waste:

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A brief description of any surplus department or formal office supplies exchange program that facilitates reuse of materials:

Ringling College’s Facilities Operations warehouses surplus furnishings in storage for future reuse.

A brief description of the institution's efforts to make materials available online by default rather than printing them:

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A brief description of any limits on paper and ink consumption employed by the institution:
To limit printing, each student and faculty member is allocated an initial print limit for printing in academic computer laboratories each semester. Institutional Technology employs a print monitoring system to track usage. This program promotes resource sustainability and discourages consumable resource waste.

**A brief description of any programs employed by the institution to reduce residence hall move-in/move-out waste:**

Approximately 65% of the student body resides on campus in eight residential complexes. Each spring before students move out of their dorms, Residence Life hosts a Community Yard Sale. This year’s event took place on April 20, 2013 in the Roskamp Exhibition Hall. Graduating students are given the opportunity to sell their belongings to undergrads transforming trash into treasures. Any unsold items were collected and donated to the Goodwill. In addition, Ringling College partnered with Goodwill Industries to collect usable items during student move-out week. The Facilities Department positioned 4 containers (PODS) near residential buildings to facilitate collection. Students were encouraged to donate rather than discard their usable items. This donation drive not only reduced the volume of waste that ended up in the local landfill (7,420 lbs.), but provided resources to fund local jobs and services for local people.

**A brief description of any other (non-food) waste minimization strategies employed by the institution:**

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**A brief description of any food waste audits employed by the institution:**

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**A brief description of any programs and/or practices to track and reduce pre-consumer food waste in the form of kitchen food waste, prep waste and spoilage:**

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**A brief description of programs and/or practices to track and reduce post-consumer food waste:**

We have been Trayless since Fall 2010, which in turn saves water, electricity, and reduces food waste.

**A brief description of the institution's provision of reusable and/or third party certified compostable to-go containers for to-go food and beverage items (in conjunction with a composting program):**

This is our most recently implemented program starting this semester, Fall 2013.

**A brief description of the institution's provision of reusable service ware for “dine in” meals and reusable and/or third party certified compostable service ware for to-go meals (in conjunction with a composting program):**

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**A brief description of any discounts offered to customers who use reusable containers (e.g. mugs) instead of disposable or compostable containers in to-go food service operations:**
Our Outtakes store offers a $0.25 discount on all drip coffee refills if you bring in your own mug.

A brief description of other dining services waste minimization programs and initiatives:

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The website URL where information about the institution’s waste minimization initiatives is available:

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Waste Diversion

Criteria

Institution diverts materials from the landfill or incinerator by recycling, composting, reusing, donating, or re-selling.

This credit includes on-campus dining services operated by the institution or the institution’s primary on-site contractor.

This credit does not include construction, demolition, electronic, hazardous, special (e.g. coal ash), universal and non-regulated chemical waste, which are covered in OP 24: Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion and OP 25: Hazardous Waste Management.

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Materials diverted from the solid waste landfill or incinerator:
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Materials disposed in a solid waste landfill or incinerator:
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A brief description of programs, policies, infrastructure investments, outreach efforts, and/or other factors that contributed to the diversion rate, including efforts made during the previous three years:
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A brief description of any food donation programs employed by the institution:

We have partnered with our local Salvation Army for the last six years with leftover food, and have made financial donations to the All Faiths Food Bank.

A brief description of any pre-consumer food waste composting program employed by the institution:

We have recently partnered with a local Bayou Oaks Community Garden to provide pre consumer composting materials for their compost bins.

A brief description of any post-consumer food waste composting program employed by the institution:

We will look into this as an area of Opportunity.

Does the institution include the following materials in its waste diversion efforts?:

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Other materials that the institution includes in its waste diversion efforts:

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Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion

Criteria

Institution diverts non-hazardous construction and demolition waste from the landfill and/or incinerator.

Soil and organic debris from excavating or clearing the site do not count for this credit.

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Construction and demolition materials recycled, donated, or otherwise recovered:
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Construction and demolition materials landfilled or incinerated:
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A brief description of programs, policies, infrastructure investments, outreach efforts, and/or other factors that contributed to the diversion rate for construction and demolition waste:
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Hazardous Waste Management

Responsible Party

Tracy Wagner
VP of Finance & Administration
Business Affairs

Criteria

Part 1

Institution has strategies in place to safely dispose of all hazardous, special (e.g. coal ash), universal, and non-regulated chemical waste and seeks to minimize the presence of these materials on campus.

Part 2

Institution has a program in place to recycle, reuse, and/or refurbish electronic waste generated by the institution and/or its students. Institution takes measures to ensure that the electronic waste is recycled responsibly, for example by using a recycler certified under the e-Stewards and/or R2 standards.

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Does the institution have strategies in place to safely dispose of all hazardous, special (e.g. coal ash), universal, and non-regulated chemical waste and seek to minimize the presence of these materials on campus?:

Yes

A brief description of steps taken to reduce hazardous, special (e.g. coal ash), universal, and non-regulated chemical waste:

The College uses the following techniques to reduce different waste types on campus:

- Purchase non-hazardous materials when possible to prevent a hazardous waste being generated.
- Only purchase materials that can be used before their expiration date.
- Use hazardous materials for the purpose for which it is intended.
- Reuse solvents multiple times.
- Donate materials when appropriate, to prevent a waste being generated.
- Only accept donations that can be foreseen to be useful.

A brief description of how the institution safely disposes of hazardous, universal, and non-regulated chemical waste:

The College is a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator. Hazardous wastes are collected as required by a chemical waste vendor. Universal wastes accumulate in one location and are picked up as needed throughout the year.
A brief description of any significant hazardous material release incidents during the previous three years, including volume, impact and response/remediation:

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A brief description of any inventory system employed by the institution to facilitate the reuse or redistribution of laboratory chemicals:

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Does the institution have or participate in a program to responsibly recycle, reuse, and/or refurbish all electronic waste generated by the institution?:
Yes

Does the institution have or participate in a program to responsibly recycle, reuse, and/or refurbish electronic waste generated by students?:
Yes

A brief description of the electronic waste recycling program(s):

a.) Ringling's first priority is to reuse equipment whenever possible. As an example, a new lab with non-compute intensive needs was created using iMacs that had been taken out of service.
b.) Secondly, IT personnel refurbish or upgrade technology gears by adding more memory and larger capacity hard drives, or upgrading processors, etc.
c.) The third step for obsolete, viable electronics is to donate them to schools, libraries, and charitable organizations.
d.) Step four is to sell obsolete gears to a certified re-saler who will process and sell them, keeping them out of the e-waste stream.
e.) Step five is to return the gears to the original manufacturer provided they offer a recycling service. 25 states have mandated that manufacturers offer e-waste recycling. The majority use the Producer Responsibility approach where the manufacturer must offer and pay for the recycling. Several companies have been doing this voluntarily for quite some time including Apple, HP, and Dell.
f.) The final step is to dispose of the gears through our registered recycler Intech AR who de-manufactures the electronics, salvaging viable individual components and recycling the remainder.

A brief description of steps taken to ensure that e-waste is recycled responsibly, workers’ basic safety is protected, and environmental standards are met:

Ringling College's Institutional Technology Department uses a secured recycle receptacle for all institutional generated e-waste. When electronics are at end-of-life, they are disposed of through a surplus electronics collector registered with the Environmental Protection Agency, number: EPA FLR000187005. As stated in their mission statement and URL, The mission at Intech AR is to provide residence, businesses, schools, and governments a safe, secure, convenient, and reliable means of electronics disposal that meets all local, state, and federal regulations while providing exceptional service to accommodate the needs of customers. Intech AR is licensed, insured, and registered with the EPA.

www.intechar.com
Given that the College does not de-manufacture electronics, personnel is not exposed to any hazardous materials so worker safety would be limited to proper lifting of the equipment as outlined in the College's Environmental Health and Safety guidelines.

The website URL where information about the institution’s hazardous and electronic-waste recycling programs is available:
http://www.ringling.edu/index.php?id=479
Water

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are conserving water, making efforts to protect water quality and treating water as a resource rather than a waste product. Pumping, delivering, and treating water is a major driver of energy consumption, so institutions can help reduce energy use and the greenhouse gas emissions associated with energy generation by conserving water. Likewise, conservation, water recycling and reuse, and effective rainwater management practices are important in maintaining and protecting finite groundwater supplies. Water conservation and effective rainwater and wastewater management also reduce the need for effluent discharge into local surface water supplies, which helps improve the health of local water ecosystems.

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Water Use

Responsible Party

Tracy Wagner
VP of Finance & Administration
Business Affairs

Criteria

Part 1
Institution has reduced its potable water use per weighted campus user compared to a baseline.

Part 2
Institution has reduced its potable water use per gross square foot/metre of floor area compared to a baseline.

Part 3
Institution has reduced its total water use (potable + non-potable) per acre/hectare of vegetated grounds compared to a baseline.

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Level of water risk for the institution’s main campus:
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Total water use::

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**Area of vegetated grounds:**

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**Start and end dates of the performance year and baseline year (or three-year periods):**

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**A brief description of when and why the water use baseline was adopted:**

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**Water recycled/reused on campus, performance year:**

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Recycled/reused water withdrawn from off-campus sources, performance year:
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A brief description of any water recovery and reuse systems employed by the institution:

The non-potable water that is used on our campus is supplied by the local municipality. It is primarily used to irrigate landscaped medium strips and other site specific areas that require irrigation on our campus. Ringling also captures rainwater run-off from roof-tops and parking lots. This non-potable water is stored in a 25,000 gallon underground cistern and is utilized to flush toilets within our Academic Building.

A brief description of any water metering and management systems employed by the institution:

Water metering is accomplished at the building level throughout campus utilizing water meters supplied, maintained and measured by City of Sarasota Utilities. Usage on water bills is reviewed by accounts payable when received and any anomalies are reported to Facilities Operations for immediate attention.

A brief description of any building retrofit practices employed by the institution, e.g. to install high efficiency plumbing fixtures and fittings:
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A brief description of any policies or programs employed by the institution to replace appliances, equipment and systems with water-efficient alternatives:
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A brief description of any water-efficient landscape design practices employed by the institution (e.g. xeriscaping):

Wherever possible, the grounds department selects plants that minimize the water usage required to support life. There are landscaped areas that are 100% non-irrigated as well as areas that receive no regular irrigation with drought tolerant grasses and plantings. Examples include the Sculpture Studios and housing on both Greensboro Lane and Riverside Drive.

A brief description of any weather-informed irrigation technologies employed by the institution:

Ringling College of Art and Design employs programmable wireless rain sensors that place irrigation cycles on-hold when moisture levels exceed programmed tolerances. All sensors have the capacity to display signal strength, rain and programmed temperature set points. Weather data is updated every 45 seconds to ensure reliable communications between the sensor and the irrigation controller. These sensors exceed local municipality irrigation compliance requirements while advancing the College's reputation for professional water management.

A brief description of other water conservation and efficiency strategies employed by the institution:
The website URL where information about the institution’s water conservation and efficiency initiatives is available:
Rainwater Management

Responsible Party

Tracy Wagner
VP of Finance & Administration
Business Affairs

Criteria

Part 1

Institution uses Low Impact Development (LID) practices as a matter of policy or standard practice to reduce rainwater/stormwater runoff volume and improve outgoing water quality for new construction, major renovation, and other projects that increase paved surface area on campus or otherwise significantly change the campus grounds.

The policy, plan, and/or strategies cover the entire campus. While the specific strategies or practices adopted may vary depending on project type and location, this credit is reserved for institutions that mitigate rainwater runoff impacts consistently during new construction. Implementing a strategy or strategies for only one new development project is not sufficient for Part 1 of this credit.

Part 2

Institution has adopted a rainwater/stormwater management policy, plan, and/or strategies that mitigate the rainwater runoff impacts of ongoing campus operations and treat rainwater as a resource rather than as a waste product.

The policy, plan, and/or strategies address both the quantity and quality (or contamination level) of rainwater runoff through the use of green infrastructure. Though specific practices adopted may vary across the campus, the policy, plan, and/or strategies cover the entire institution. Implementing strategies for only one building or area of campus is not sufficient for Part 2 of this credit.

Policies adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. state government or the university system) may count for both parts of this credit as long as the policies apply to and are followed by the institution.

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Does the institution use Low Impact Development (LID) practices as a matter of policy or standard practice to reduce rainwater/stormwater runoff volume and improve outgoing water quality for new construction, major renovation, and other projects?:

Yes

A brief description of the institution’s Low Impact Development (LID) practices:

All new construction, major renovations and other project that increase hard surfaces have to have an approved (Southwest Florida Water Management District) storm water management plan. The policy, plan, and/or strategies address both the quantity and quality (or contamination level) of storm water runoff.
Has the institution adopted a rainwater/stormwater management policy, plan, or strategies that mitigate the rainwater runoff impacts of ongoing campus operations through the use of green infrastructure? : Yes

A brief description of the institution’s rainwater/stormwater management policy, plan, and/or strategies for ongoing campus operations:

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A brief description of any rainwater harvesting employed by the institution:

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Rainwater harvested directly and stored/used by the institution, performance year:

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A brief description of any rainwater filtering systems employed by the institution to treat water prior to release:

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A brief description of any living or vegetated roofs on campus:

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A brief description of any porous (i.e. permeable) paving employed by the institution:

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A brief description of any downspout disconnection employed by the institution:

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A brief description of any rain gardens on campus:

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A brief description of any stormwater retention and/or detention ponds employed by the institution:

Ringling College's retention systems are designed to allow water to seep through soil into the shallow groundwater aquifer and are constructed in such a manner as to allow storm water to percolate into the ground without discharging directly into natural surface water bodies.
A brief description of any bioswales on campus (vegetated, compost or stone):

Ringling utilizes a mixture of no-mow grasses and fescues for the campus vegated swales.

A brief description of any other rainwater management technologies or strategies employed by the institution:

Underground stormwater treatment vaults are employed on a site to reduce the quantity of stormwater runoff leaving the campus by temporarily storing the runoff that exceeds a site’s allowable discharge rate and releasing it slowly over time.

The website URL where information about the institution’s rainwater management initiatives, plan or policy is available:

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Wastewater Management

Criteria

Institution’s wastewater is handled naturally on campus or in the local community. Natural wastewater systems include, but are not limited to, constructed treatment wetlands and Living Machines. To count, wastewater must be treated to secondary or tertiary standards prior to release to water bodies.

This credit recognizes natural handling of the water discharged by the institution. On-site recycling/reuse of greywater and/or blackwater is recognized in OP 26: Water Use.

This credit was marked as Not Pursuing so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Coordination, Planning & Governance

This subcategory seeks to recognize colleges and universities that are institutionalizing sustainability by dedicating resources to sustainability coordination, developing plans to move toward sustainability, and engaging students, staff and faculty in governance. Staff and other resources help an institution organize, implement, and publicize sustainability initiatives. These resources provide the infrastructure that fosters sustainability within an institution. Sustainability planning affords an institution the opportunity to clarify its vision of a sustainable future, establish priorities and help guide budgeting and decision making. Strategic planning and internal stakeholder engagement in governance are important steps in making sustainability a campus priority and may help advocates implement changes to achieve sustainability goals.

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Sustainability Coordination

Responsible Party

Tracy Wagner
VP of Finance & Administration
Business Affairs

Criteria

Institution has at least one sustainability committee, office, and/or officer tasked by the administration or board of trustees to advise on and implement policies and programs related to sustainability on campus. The committee, office, and/or officer focus on sustainability broadly (i.e. not just one sustainability issue, such as climate change) and cover the entire institution.

An institution that has multiple committees, offices and/or staff with responsibility for subsets of the institution (e.g. schools or departments) may earn points for this credit if it has a mechanism for broad sustainability coordination for the entire campus (e.g. a coordinating committee or the equivalent). A committee, office, and/or officer that focuses on just one department or school within the institution does not count for this credit in the absence of institution-wide coordination.

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Does the institution have at least one sustainability committee, office, and/or officer that focuses on sustainability broadly and covers the entire institution?:
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A brief description of the activities and substantive accomplishments of the committee(s), office(s), and/or officer(s) during the previous three years:
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Does the institution have at least one sustainability committee?:
Yes

The charter or mission statement of the committee(s) or a brief description of each committee's purview and activities:

The Sustainability Committee is charged with reviewing current and proposed sustainability practices, providing oversight in the implementation of such practices, raising awareness of sustainability practices and devising the appropriate communication of such practices. Working collaboratively, the Committee will entertain proposals from various campus constituencies. The Committee functions in an advisory capacity to the President.

Members of each committee, including affiliations and role (e.g. staff, student, or faculty):
The Committee is composed of the Assistance Vice President and Director of Facilities; The Director of Environmental Health and Safety; the Associate Dean for Residence Life; the Assistant Director of Facilities Operations; the Field Service Manager; the Food Service Director; a minimum of two, regular, full-time (not Visiting) faculty members; two students; a staff member nominated by the VP for Human & Organizational Development; a staff member from Institutional Technology; and a staff member from Human Resources.

The website URL where information about the sustainability committee(s) is available:
http://www.ringling.edu/index.php?id=485

Does the institution have at least one sustainability office that includes more than 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) employee?:
No

A brief description of each sustainability office:
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Full-time equivalent (FTE) of people employed in the sustainability office(s):
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The website URL where information about the sustainability office(s) is available:
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Does the institution have at least one sustainability officer?:
No

Name and title of each sustainability officer:
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A brief description of each sustainability officer position:
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The website URL where information about the sustainability officer(s) is available:
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Sustainability Planning

Responsible Party

Tracy Wagner
VP of Finance & Administration
Business Affairs

Criteria

Institution has current and formal plans to advance sustainability. The plan(s) cover one or more of the following areas:

- Curriculum
- Research (or other scholarship appropriate for the institution)
- Campus Engagement
- Public Engagement
- Air & Climate
- Buildings
- Dining Services/Food
- Energy
- Grounds
- Purchasing
- Transportation
- Waste
- Water
- Diversity & Affordability
- Health, Wellbeing & Work
- Investment
- Other

The plan(s) may include measurable objectives with corresponding strategies and timeframes to achieve the objectives.

The criteria may be met by any combination of formally adopted plans, for example:

- Strategic plan or equivalent guiding document
- Campus master plan or physical campus plan
- Sustainability plan
- Climate action plan
- Human resources strategic plan
- Diversity plan

For institutions that are a part of a larger system, plans developed at the system level are eligible for this credit.
Does the institution have current and formal plans to advance sustainability in the following areas? Do the plans include measurable objectives?:

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The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Curriculum plan(s):

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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Curriculum plan(s):

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A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Research (or other scholarship):

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The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Research plan(s):

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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Research plan(s):

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A brief description of the plan(s) to advance Campus Engagement around sustainability:

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The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Campus Engagement plan:

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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Campus Engagement plan(s):

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A brief description of the plan(s) to advance Public Engagement around sustainability:

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The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Public Engagement plan(s):
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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Public Engagement plan(s):
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A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Air and Climate:
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The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Air and Climate plan(s):
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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Air and Climate plan(s):
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A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Buildings:
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The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Buildings plan(s):
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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Buildings plan(s):
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A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Dining Services/Food:
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The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Dining Services/Food plan(s):
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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Dining Services/Food plan(s):
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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Energy plan(s):

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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Water plan(s):

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A brief description of the plan(s) to advance Diversity and Affordability:

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The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Diversity and Affordability plan(s):

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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Diversity and Affordability plan(s):
A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Health, Wellbeing and Work:

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The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Health, Wellbeing and Work plan(s):

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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Health, Wellbeing and Work plan(s):

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A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in Investment:

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The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the Investment plan(s):

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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the Investment plan(s):

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A brief description of the plan(s) to advance sustainability in other areas:

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The measurable objectives, strategies and timeframes included in the other plan(s):

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Accountable parties, offices or departments for the other plan(s):

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The institution’s definition of sustainability:

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Does the institution’s strategic plan or equivalent guiding document include sustainability at a high level?:
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A brief description of how the institution’s strategic plan or equivalent guiding document addresses sustainability:
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The website URL where information about the institution’s sustainability planning is available:
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Governance

Criteria

Part 1

Institution’s students participate in governance in one or more of the following ways:

A. All enrolled students, regardless of type or status, have an avenue to participate in one or more governance bodies (through direct participation or the election of representatives)

B. There is at least one student representative on the institution’s governing body. To count, student representatives must be elected by their peers or appointed by a representative student body or organization.

And/or

C. Students have a formal role in decision-making in regard to one or more of the following:
   - Establishing organizational mission, vision, and/or goals
   - Establishing new policies, programs, or initiatives
   - Strategic and long-term planning
   - Existing or prospective physical resources
   - Budgeting, staffing and financial planning
   - Communications processes and transparency practices
   - Prioritization of programs and projects

Part 2

Institution’s staff participate in governance in one or more of the following ways:

A. All staff members, regardless of type or status, have an avenue to participate in one or more governance bodies (through direct participation or the election of representatives)

B. There is at least one non-supervisory staff representative on the institution’s governing body. To count, staff representatives must be elected by their peers or appointed by a representative staff body or organization.

And/or

C. Non-supervisory staff have a formal role in decision-making in regard to one or more of the areas outlined in Part 1.

Part 3

Institution’s faculty participate in governance in one or more of the following ways:

A. All faculty members, regardless of type or status, have an avenue to participate in one or more governance bodies (through direct participation or the election of representatives)

B. There is at least one teaching or research faculty representative on the institution’s governing body. To count, faculty representatives must be elected by their peers or appointed by a representative faculty body or organization.
And/or

C. Faculty have a formal role in decision-making in regard to one or more of the areas outlined in Part 1.

Participatory or shared governance bodies, structures and/or mechanisms may be managed by the institution (e.g. committees, councils, senates), by stakeholder groups (e.g. student, faculty and staff committees/organizations), or jointly (e.g. union/management structures).

Structures or mechanisms adopted by entities of which the institution is part (e.g. government or university system) may count for this credit as long as they apply and are adhered to by the institution.

This credit was marked as Not Pursuing so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Diversity & Affordability

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that are working to advance diversity and affordability on campus. In order to build a sustainable society, diverse groups will need to be able to come together and work collaboratively to address sustainability challenges. Members of racial and ethnic minority groups and immigrant, indigenous and low-income communities tend to suffer disproportionate exposure to environmental problems. This environmental injustice happens as a result of unequal and segregated or isolated communities. To achieve environmental and social justice, society must work to address discrimination and promote equality. The historical legacy and persistence of discrimination based on racial, gender, religious, and other differences makes a proactive approach to promoting a culture of inclusiveness an important component of creating an equitable society. Higher education opens doors to opportunities that can help create a more equitable world, and those doors must be open through affordable programs accessible to all regardless of race, gender, religion, socio-economic status and other differences. In addition, a diverse student body, faculty, and staff provide rich resources for learning and collaboration.

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Diversity and Equity Coordination

Criteria

Part 1

Institution has a diversity and equity committee, office and/or officer tasked by the administration or governing body to advise on and implement policies, programs, and trainings related to diversity and equity on campus. The committee, office and/or officer focuses on student and/or employee diversity and equity.

Part 2

Institution makes cultural competence trainings and activities available to all members of one or more of the following groups:

- Students
- Staff
- Faculty
- Administrators

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Does the institution have a diversity and equity committee, office, and/or officer tasked by the administration or governing body to advise on and implement policies, programs, and trainings related to diversity and equity on campus?:

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Does the committee, office and/or officer focus on one or both of the following?:

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A brief description of the diversity and equity committee, office and/or officer, including purview and activities:

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The full-time equivalent of people employed in the diversity and equity office:

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The website URL where information about the diversity and equity committee, office and/or officer is available:

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Does the institution make cultural competence trainings and activities available to all members of the following groups?:

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A brief description of the cultural competence trainings and activities:

Ringling College of Art and Design has purchased a subscription to Lynda.com to that all employees have access to an online training website, which provide a selection of educational and training opportunities including cultural competence training. Topics include "Cultivating Social Awareness," Appreciating Diversity," "Communicating Across Cultures," and "Practicing Sustainability."

The website URL where information about the cultural competence trainings is available:
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Assessing Diversity and Equity

Responsible Party

Christine DeGeorge
VP Human & Organizational Dev.
Human Resources

Criteria

Institution assesses diversity and equity on campus and uses the results to guide policy, programs, and initiatives. The assessment(s) address one or more of the following areas:

1. **Campus climate**, e.g. through a survey or series of surveys to gather information about the attitudes, perceptions and experiences of campus stakeholders and underrepresented groups

2. **Student diversity and educational equity**, e.g. through analysis of institutional data on diversity and equity by program and level, comparisons between graduation and retention rates for diverse groups, and comparisons of student diversity to the diversity of the communities being served by the institution

3. **Employee diversity and employment equity**, e.g. through analysis of institutional data on diversity and equity by job level and classification, and comparisons between broad workforce diversity, faculty diversity, management diversity and the diversity of the communities being served by the institution

4. **Governance and public engagement**, e.g. by assessing access to and participation in governance on the part of underrepresented groups and women, the centrality of diversity and equity in planning and mission statements, and diversity and equity in public engagement efforts

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**Has the institution assessed diversity and equity in terms of campus climate?:**

No

**A brief description of the campus climate assessment(s) :**

Ringling College’s institutional climate assessment was conducted in 2002.

**Has the institution assessed student diversity and educational equity?:**

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**A brief description of the student diversity and educational equity assessment(s):**

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**Has the institution assessed employee diversity and employment equity?:**
A brief description of the employee diversity and employment equity assessment(s):

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Has the institution assessed diversity and equity in terms of governance and public engagement?:

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A brief description of the governance and public engagement assessment(s):

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The website URL where information about the assessment(s) is available:

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Support for Underrepresented Groups

Criteria

Part 1

Institution has mentoring, counseling, peer support, academic support, or other programs in place to support underrepresented groups on campus.

This credit excludes programs to help build a diverse faculty throughout higher education, which are covered in PA 7: Support for Future Faculty Diversity.

Part 2

Institution has a discrimination response policy, program and/or team (or the equivalent) to respond to and support those who have experienced or witnessed a bias incident, act of discrimination or hate crime.

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Does the institution have mentoring, counseling, peer support, academic support, or other programs to support underrepresented groups on campus?:
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A brief description of the programs sponsored by the institution to support underrepresented groups:
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The website URL where more information about the support programs for underrepresented groups is available:
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Does the institution have a discrimination response policy and/or team (or the equivalent) to respond to and support those who have experienced or witnessed a bias incident, act of discrimination or hate crime?:
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A brief description of the institution’s discrimination response policy, program and/or team:
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The website URL where more information about the institution’s discrimination response policy, program and/or team is available:
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Does the institution offer housing options to accommodate the special needs of transgender and transitioning students?:

Yes

Does the institution produce a publicly accessible inventory of gender neutral bathrooms on campus?:

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Support for Future Faculty Diversity

Criteria

Institution administers and/or participates in a program or programs to help build a diverse faculty throughout higher education.

Such programs could take any of the following forms:

- Teaching fellowships or other programs to support terminal degree students from underrepresented groups in gaining teaching experience. (The terminal degree students may be enrolled at another institution.)
- Mentoring, financial, and/or other support programs to prepare and encourage undergraduate or other non-terminal degree students from underrepresented groups to pursue further education and careers as faculty members.
- Mentoring, financial, and/or other support programs for doctoral and post-doctoral students from underrepresented groups.

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Does the institution administer and/or participate in a program or programs to help build a diverse faculty that meet the criteria for this credit?:

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A brief description of the institution’s programs that help increase the diversity of higher education faculty:

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The website URL where more information about the faculty diversity program(s) is available:

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**Criteria**

**Part 1**

Institution has policies and programs in place to make it accessible and affordable to low-income students and/or to support non-traditional students. Such policies and programs may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Policies and programs to minimize the cost of attendance for low-income students
- Programs to equip the institution’s faculty and staff to better serve students from low-income backgrounds
- Programs to prepare students from low-income backgrounds for higher education (e.g. U.S. federal TRIO programs)
- Scholarships provided specifically for low-income students
- Programs to guide parents of low-income students through the higher education experience
- Targeted outreach to recruit students from low-income backgrounds
- Scholarships provided specifically for part-time students
- An on-site child care facility, a partnership with a local facility, and/or subsidies or financial support to help meet the child care needs of students

**Part 2**

Institution is accessible and affordable to low-income students as demonstrated by one or more of the following indicators:

A. The percentage of entering students that are low-income

B. The graduation/success rate for low-income students

C. The percentage of student financial need met, on average

D. The percentage of students graduating with no interest-bearing student loan debt

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Does the institution have policies and programs in place to make it accessible and affordable to low-income students?:

Yes

A brief description of any policies and programs to minimize the cost of attendance for low-income students:

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A brief description of any programs to equip the institution’s faculty and staff to better serve students from low-income backgrounds:

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A brief description of any programs to prepare students from low-income backgrounds for higher education:

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A brief description of the institution's scholarships for low-income students:

The Ringling College of Art and Design partners with the Davis Foundation in providing full scholarships to low-income students meeting the Davis Foundation's eligibility requirements.

A brief description of any programs to guide parents of low-income students through the higher education experience:

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A brief description of any targeted outreach to recruit students from low-income backgrounds:

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A brief description of other admissions policies or programs to make the institution accessible and affordable to low-income students:

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A brief description of other financial aid policies or programs to make the institution accessible and affordable to low-income students:

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A brief description of other policies and programs to make the institution accessible and affordable to low-income students not covered above:

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Does the institution have policies and programs in place to support non-traditional students?:

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A brief description of any scholarships provided specifically for part-time students:
A brief description of any onsite child care facilities, partnerships with local facilities, and/or subsidies or financial support to help meet the child care needs of students:

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A brief description of other policies and programs to support non-traditional students:

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Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (accessibility and affordability indicators)?:

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Indicators that the institution is accessible and affordable to low-income students:

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The percentage of students that participate in or directly benefit from the institution’s policies and programs to support low-income and non-traditional students:

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The website URL where information about the institution's affordability and access programs is available:

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Health, Wellbeing & Work

This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that have incorporated sustainability into their human resources programs and policies. An institution’s people define its character and capacity to perform; and so, an institution’s achievements can only be as strong as its community. An institution can bolster the strength of its community by making fair and responsible investments in its human capital. Such investments include offering benefits, wages, and other assistance that serve to respectfully and ethically compensate workers and acting to protect and positively affect the health, safety and wellbeing of the campus community. Investment in human resources is integral to the achievement of a healthy and sustainable balance between human capital, natural capital, and financial capital.

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Employee Compensation

Responsible Party

Christine DeGeorge
VP Human & Organizational Dev.
Human Resources

Criteria

Part 1

Institution’s employees and/or the employees of its on-site contractors are covered by sustainable compensation standards, guidelines, or policies and/or collective bargaining agreements.

A sustainable compensation (or “living wage”) standard, guideline or policy is one that addresses wages and benefits in terms of the ability of employees to meet basic needs. For example, a sustainable compensation policy may index hourly wages to a poverty guideline or to local cost-of-living indicators. A labor market survey, salary survey or similar assessment may be used in conjunction with a basic needs/cost-of-living approach, but is not sufficient on its own to count as a sustainable compensation policy.

Part 2

Institution’s employees and/or the employees of its on-site contractors receive sustainable compensation.

To earn points for Part 2 of this credit, an institution must assess employee compensation against one or more of the following:

1. A sustainable compensation standard developed or adopted by a committee with multi-stakeholder representation (i.e. its membership includes faculty, staff, and students and may include Human Resources administrators or other parties). The standard need not be formally adopted by the institution.
2. A sustainable compensation standard that is in use in the institution’s locality. The standard may be formal (e.g. a “living wage” ordinance covering public employees) or informal (e.g. a standard adopted by a local, regional or national campaign).
3. An appropriate poverty guideline, threshold or low-income cut-off for a family of four.

For institutions that elect to assess compensation against a poverty guideline, threshold or low-income cut-off, sustainable compensation is defined as wages equivalent to 120 percent of the poverty guideline for a family of four. An institution may offset up to 20 percent of the wage criteria with employer-paid benefits that address basic needs (e.g. healthcare and retirement contributions).

Both parts of this credit are based on the total number of employees working on campus as part of regular and ongoing campus operations, which includes:

- Staff and faculty, i.e. all regular full-time, regular part-time and temporary (or non-regular) employees, including adjunct faculty and graduate student employees (e.g. teaching and research assistants). Institutions may choose to include or omit undergraduate student workers.

- Employees of contractors that work on-site as part of regular and ongoing campus operations. Such contractors may include, but are not limited to, providers of dining/catering, cleaning/janitorial, maintenance, groundskeeping, transportation, and retail services.

Construction and demolition crews and other temporary contracted employees may be excluded.
Number of employees:  
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Number of staff and faculty covered by sustainable compensation standards, guidelines, or policies; and/or collective bargaining agreements:  
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Does the institution have employees of contractors working on-site as part of regular and ongoing campus operations?:  
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Number of employees of contractors working on campus:  
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Number of employees of contractors covered by sustainable compensation standards, guidelines, or policies and/or collective bargaining agreements:  
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A brief description of the sustainable compensation standards, guidelines, or policies; and/or collective bargaining agreements covering staff, faculty and/or employees of contractors:  
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Does the institution wish to pursue Part 2 of this credit (assessing employee compensation)?:  
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Number of staff and faculty that receive sustainable compensation:  
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Number of employees of contractors that receive sustainable compensation:  
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A brief description of the standard(s) against which compensation was assessed:  
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A brief description of the compensation (wages and benefits) provided to the institution’s lowest paid regular,
full-time employees:
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A brief description of the compensation (wages and benefits) provided to the institution’s lowest paid regular, part-time employees:
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A brief description of the compensation (wages and benefits) provided to the institution’s lowest paid temporary (non-regular) staff:
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A brief description of the compensation (wages and benefits) provided to the institution’s lowest paid temporary (non-regular, adjunct or contingent) faculty:
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A brief description of the compensation (wages and benefits) provided to the institution’s lowest paid student employees (graduate and/or undergraduate, as applicable):
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The local legal minimum hourly wage for regular employees:
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Does the institution have an on-site child care facility, partner with a local facility, and/or provide subsidies or financial support to help meet the child care needs of faculty and staff?:
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Does the institution offer a socially responsible investment option for retirement plans?:
Yes

The website URL where information about the institution’s sustainable compensation policies and practices is available:
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Assessing Employee Satisfaction

Responsible Party

Christine DeGeorge
VP Human & Organizational Dev.
Human Resources

Criteria

Institution conducts a survey or other evaluation that allows for anonymous feedback to measure employee satisfaction and engagement. The survey or equivalent may be conducted institution-wide or may be done by individual departments or divisions. The evaluation addresses (but is not limited to) the following areas:

- Job satisfaction
- Learning and advancement opportunities
- Work culture and work/life balance

The institution has a mechanism in place to address issues raised by the evaluation.

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Has the institution conducted an employee satisfaction and engagement survey or other evaluation that meets the criteria for this credit?:
Yes

The percentage of employees (staff and faculty) assessed, directly or by representative sample:
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A brief description of the institution’s methodology for evaluating employee satisfaction and engagement:

Ringling College will conduct an Employee Satisfaction Survey for faculty and staff in 2014 to align with our accreditation schedule.

A brief description of the mechanism(s) by which the institution addresses issues raised by the evaluation (including examples from the previous three years):
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The year the employee satisfaction and engagement evaluation was last administered:
2014

The website URL where information about the institution’s employee satisfaction and engagement assessment is
Wellness Program

Responsible Party

Christine DeGeorge
VP Human & Organizational Dev.
Human Resources

Criteria

Institution has a wellness and/or employee assistance program that makes available counseling, referral, and wellbeing services to all members of any of the following groups:

- Students
- Staff
- Faculty

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Does the institution make counseling, referral, and wellbeing services available to all members of the following groups?:

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A brief description of the institution’s wellness and/or employee assistance program(s):

Ringling College offers its employees an Employee Assistance Program which provides professional counseling, with referrals, in the areas of work/life balance, financial and legal advice. Our employees have access to a state of the art fitness center and various health and wellness onsite programs.

The website URL where information about the institution's wellness program(s) is available:
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Workplace Health and Safety

Criteria

Part 1

Institution has reduced its total number of reportable workplace injuries and occupational disease cases per full-time equivalent (FTE) employee compared to a baseline.

Part 2

Institution has fewer than 5 reportable workplace injuries and occupational disease cases annually per 100 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees.

This credit includes employees of contractors working on-site for whom the institution is liable for workplace safety, for example workers for whom the institution is mandated to report injuries and disease cases by a health and safety authority such as the U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) or the Canadian Center for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS). Injuries and disease cases include OSHA/CCOHS-reportable fatal and non-fatal injuries (or the equivalent) arising out of or in the course of work and cases of diseases arising from a work-related injury or the work situation or activity (e.g. exposure to harmful chemicals, stress, ergonomic issues).

See Sampling and Data Standards, below, for further guidance on reporting injuries and disease cases.

This credit was marked as Not Pursuing so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
This subcategory seeks to recognize institutions that make investment decisions that promote sustainability. Most institutions invest some of their assets in order to generate income. Together, colleges and universities invest hundreds of billions of dollars. Schools with transparent and democratic investment processes promote accountability and engagement by the campus and community. Furthermore, institutions can support sustainability by investing in companies and funds that, in addition to providing a strong rate of return, are committed to social and environmental responsibility. Investing in these industries also supports the development of sustainable products and services. Finally, campuses can engage with the businesses in which they are invested in order to promote sustainable practices.

Throughout this subcategory, the term “sustainable investment” is inclusive of socially responsible, environmentally responsible, ethical, impact, and mission-related investment.

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Committee on Investor Responsibility

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Institution has a formally established and active committee on investor responsibility (CIR) or similar body that makes recommendations to fund decision-makers on socially and environmentally responsible investment opportunities across asset classes, including proxy voting. The body has multi-stakeholder representation, which means its membership includes faculty, staff, and students and may include alumni, trustees, and/or other parties.

Institutions for which investments are handled by the university system and/or a separate foundation of the institution should report on the investment policies and activities of those entities.

A general committee that oversees the institution’s investments does not count for this credit unless social and environmental responsibility is an explicit part of its mission and/or agenda.

This credit applies to institutions with endowments of US $1 million or larger. Institutions with endowments totaling less than US $1 million may choose to omit this credit.

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Does the institution have a formally established and active committee on investor responsibility (CIR) or similar body that has multi-stakeholder representation and otherwise meets the criteria for this credit?:

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The charter or mission statement of the CIR or other body which reflects social and environmental concerns or a brief description of how the CIR is tasked to address social and environmental concerns:

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Members of the CIR, including affiliations and role (e.g. student, faculty, alumni):

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Examples of CIR actions during the previous three years:

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The website URL where information about the CIR is available:

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Sustainable Investment

Criteria

There are two possible approaches to this credit; institutions may pursue one or both. Institutions for which investments are handled by the university system, a separate foundation of the institution and/or a management company contracted by the institution should report on the combined activities of those entities.

Option 1: Positive Sustainability Investment

Institution invests in one or more of the following:

- **Sustainable industries** (e.g. renewable energy or sustainable forestry). This may include any investment directly in an entire industry sector as well as holdings of companies whose entire business is sustainable (e.g. a manufacturer of wind turbines).

- **Businesses selected for exemplary sustainability performance** (e.g. using criteria specified in a sustainable investment policy). This includes investments made, at least in part, because of a company’s social or environmental performance. Existing stock in a company that happens to have socially or environmentally responsible practices should not be included unless the investment decision was based, at least in part, on the company’s sustainability performance.

- **Sustainability investment funds** (e.g. a renewable energy or impact investment fund). This may include any fund with a mission of investing in a sustainable sector or industry (or multiple sectors), as well as any fund that is focused on purchasing bonds with sustainable goals.

- **Community development financial institutions** (CDFI) or the equivalent (including funds that invest primarily in CDFIs or the equivalent).

- **Socially responsible mutual funds with positive screens** (or the equivalent). Investment in a socially responsible fund with only negative screens (i.e. one that excludes egregious offenders or certain industries, such as tobacco or weapons manufacturing) does not count for Option 1.

- **Green revolving loan funds** that are funded from the endowment

Option 2: Investor Engagement

Institution has policies and/or practices that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Has a publicly available sustainable investment policy (e.g. to consider the social and/or environmental impacts of investment decisions in addition to financial considerations)

- Uses its sustainable investment policy to select and guide investment managers

- Has engaged in proxy voting to promote sustainability, either by its CIR or other committee or through the use of guidelines, during the previous three years

- Has filed or co-filed one or more shareholder resolutions that address sustainability or submitted one or more letters about social or environmental responsibility to a company in which it holds investments, during the previous three years

- Has a publicly available investment policy with negative screens, for example to prohibit investment in an industry (e.g. tobacco or weapons manufacturing) or participate in a divestment effort (e.g. targeting fossil fuel production or human rights violations)

- Engages in policy advocacy by participating in investor networks (e.g. Principles for Responsible Investment, Investor Network on Climate Risk, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility) and/or engages in inter-organizational collaborations to share best practices

This credit was marked as **Not Pursuing** so Reporting Fields will not be displayed.
Institution makes a snapshot of its investment holdings available to the public, including the amount invested in each fund and/or company and proxy voting records. The snapshot of holdings is updated at least once per year.

Institutions for which investments are handled by the university system, a separate foundation of the institution and/or a management company contracted by the institution should report on the combined activities of those entities.

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Does the institution make a snapshot of its investment holdings available to the public?:
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The percentage of the total investment pool included in the snapshot of investment holdings:
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A copy of the investment holdings snapshot:
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The website URL where the holdings snapshot is publicly available:
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Innovation

These credits recognize institutions that are seeking innovative solutions to sustainability challenges and demonstrating sustainability leadership in ways that are not otherwise captured by STARS.

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Innovation 1

Criteria

1. Innovation credits are reserved for new, extraordinary, unique, ground-breaking, or uncommon outcomes, policies, and practices that greatly exceed the highest criterion of an existing STARS credit or are not covered by an existing STARS credit.

2. In general, innovation credits should have roughly similar impacts or be on the same scale as other STARS credits.

3. Outcomes, policies, and practices that are innovative for the institution’s region or institution type are eligible for innovation credits.

4. The innovative practice, policy, program, or outcome must have occurred within the three years prior to the anticipated date of submission.

5. The innovative practice or program has to be something that the institution has already done; planned activities do not count.

6. The innovative practice or program should originate from an area within the defined institutional boundary.

7. An institution can only claim a particular activity as an innovation credit once. When re-submitting for a STARS rating, an innovation credit that the institution submitted previously cannot be re-submitted. An institution that has made significant advancements to a project or program that was previously submitted as an innovation may resubmit based on those advancements if the project or program is still considered innovative.

8. Practices, policies, and programs that were once considered innovative but are now widely adopted (e.g. being the first institution to enact a policy 20 years ago that is now common) may not be claimed as innovation credits.

9. Multiple activities or practices whose sum is innovative can be considered for an innovation credit as long as those activities or practices are related. For example, three innovative waste reduction programs in research laboratories could be listed together under a single innovation credit for Greening Laboratories. Listing a series of unrelated accomplishments or events under a single innovation credit is not accepted.

10. While the practices that led to receiving an award may be appropriate for an innovation credit, winning awards and/or high sustainability rankings in other assessments is not, in and of itself, grounds for an innovation credit. When the innovation is part of a partnership, the summary provided must clearly describe the institution’s role in the innovation.

To help ensure that the policy, practice, program, or outcome that the institution is claiming for an innovation credit is truly innovative, institutions must submit a letter of affirmation from an individual with relevant expertise in the associated content area. The letter should affirm how the innovation meets the criteria outlined above.

For example, if an institution claims an innovation credit for water use reduction, the institution might solicit a letter from a hydrologist or a water expert from another campus or organization to verify that the strategy is innovative. An innovation may be affirmed internally by campus personnel who are independent of the policy, practice, program, or outcome. Please note that it is not required that the individual be employed in the higher education sector to submit a letter of verification.

The letter should be specific to a single innovation credit. If an institution is claiming three innovation credits, it would solicit and submit three separate letters, with each letter speaking to the specific innovation credit it addresses.

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Innovation 2

Criteria

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Innovation 3

Criteria

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2. In general, innovation credits should have roughly similar impacts or be on the same scale as other STARS credits.

3. Outcomes, policies, and practices that are innovative for the institution’s region or institution type are eligible for innovation credits.

4. The innovative practice, policy, program, or outcome must have occurred within the three years prior to the anticipated date of submission.

5. The innovative practice or program has to be something that the institution has already done; planned activities do not count.

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8. Practices, policies, and programs that were once considered innovative but are now widely adopted (e.g. being the first institution to enact a policy 20 years ago that is now common) may not be claimed as innovation credits.

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Criteria

1. Innovation credits are reserved for new, extraordinary, unique, ground-breaking, or uncommon outcomes, policies, and practices that greatly exceed the highest criterion of an existing STARS credit or are not covered by an existing STARS credit.
2. In general, innovation credits should have roughly similar impacts or be on the same scale as other STARS credits.
3. Outcomes, policies, and practices that are innovative for the institution’s region or institution type are eligible for innovation credits.
4. The innovative practice, policy, program, or outcome must have occurred within the three years prior to the anticipated date of submission.
5. The innovative practice or program has to be something that the institution has already done; planned activities do not count.
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