



GUIDE TO SUSTAINABILITY

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**Office of
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WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

"Sustainability is the recognition that humanity is a part of the natural world, not separate from it, and that healthy social and economic systems depend on the resilience of ecological systems."

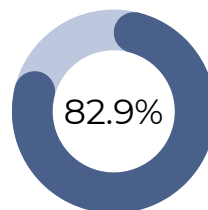
-Definition established by the
Humboldt Advisory Committee on
Sustainability (HACS), 2018



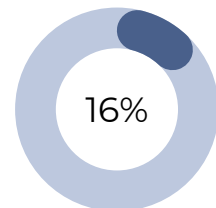
**Cal Poly Humboldt
is a premier
institution for
learning about
interdisciplinary
sustainability.**

Take classes!

More students than ever are looking to integrate sustainability concepts and practices into their learning at Cal Poly Humboldt, regardless of their major. Search for [keyword "sustainability" in the course catalog](#) to find courses and programs that teach sustainability. Join the movement!



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offering
sustainability
classes



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

At Cal Poly Humboldt, sustainability means upholding tenets of justice and liberation as well as stewarding the land and caring for ecological systems. Issues like Indigenous sovereignty, meeting basic needs, inclusive and participatory governance, and fostering restorative cultural connections can often be understood through a sustainability lens.

EVENTS

- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Campus & Community Dialogue On Race
- Indigenous Peoples' Week
- Indigenous Foods Festival
- Social Justice Summit
- CA Big Time & Social Gathering

GROUPS

- Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab & Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute
- Umoja Center for Pan African Excellence
- El Centro Académico Cultural
- Oh SNAP! Student Food Programs
- ITEPP (Indian Teacher and Educational Personnel Program)
- INRSEP (Indian Natural Resources, Science and Engineering Program)
- Social Justice Equity & Inclusion Center
- ADPIC (Asian, Desi, & Pacific Islander Collective)

OVERVIEW

Cal Poly Humboldt is on the cutting edge of research and teaching that bring keywords like **anti-racism**, **intersectionalism**, **settler colonialism**, **white supremacy**, **Traditional Ecological Knowledge**, **Indigenous Science & power/privilege/oppression** to the foreground of work on global sustainability issues.

Join our world-class team of scholars by attending events, joining groups, and exploring programs that elevate discussions on these topics!



ZERO WASTE

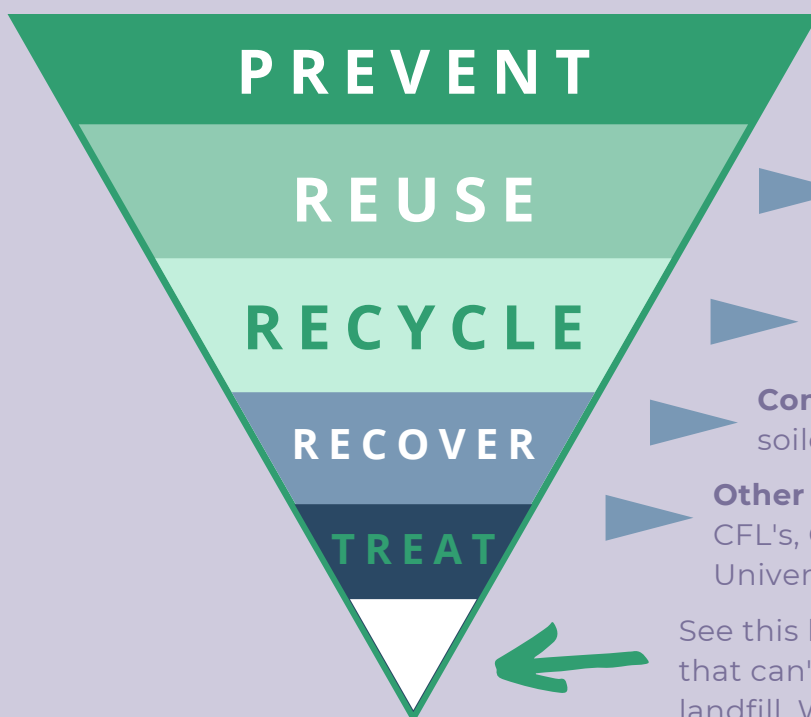
At Cal Poly Humboldt, we are moving toward achieving zero waste.

That means lowering our total campus waste footprint altogether, and working to reach a level of zero material sent to the landfill. We do this by preventing anything that cannot be reused or upcycled from entering campus in the first place, AND by diverting materials when possible to a viable and valuable recycling or composting stream.

We also banned single-use plastic water bottles on campus in 2014 and we use a program called OZZI for reusable to-go containers at Dining. Join the movement to reusable and zero waste!



GET MORE INFO & DOWNLOAD WASTE SORTING GUIDES BY FOLLOWING QR CODE TO [OUR WEBPAGE](#)



FOLLOW THE ZERO WASTE HIERARCHY

ROSE: Visit the Reusable Office Supply Exchange (ROSE) to drop off or get free office supplies. Contact WRRAP for info wrrap@humboldt.edu

Recycle: Sort paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass, and plastics #1-5 into recycling bins

Compost: Sort all food scraps and food soiled paper into compost bins

Other required recycling: Collect batteries, CFL's, CDs, electronics and return them to Universal waste bins on campus

See this little piece? This represents any material that can't be prevented or diverted from the landfill. We're looking to eliminate this part altogether!



SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

We are also working hard to eliminate single-occupant vehicle commutes in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Check out our many sustainable transportation programs, that make it quick and easy to get around the area without a car: use our low cost bike share program, get your bike repaired for free through the Bicycle Learning Center (and access tools), take the bus by swiping your student ID card, find a carpool partner with RideShare, grab a Zipcar when you need it (so you can leave your car back home), walk, and more!

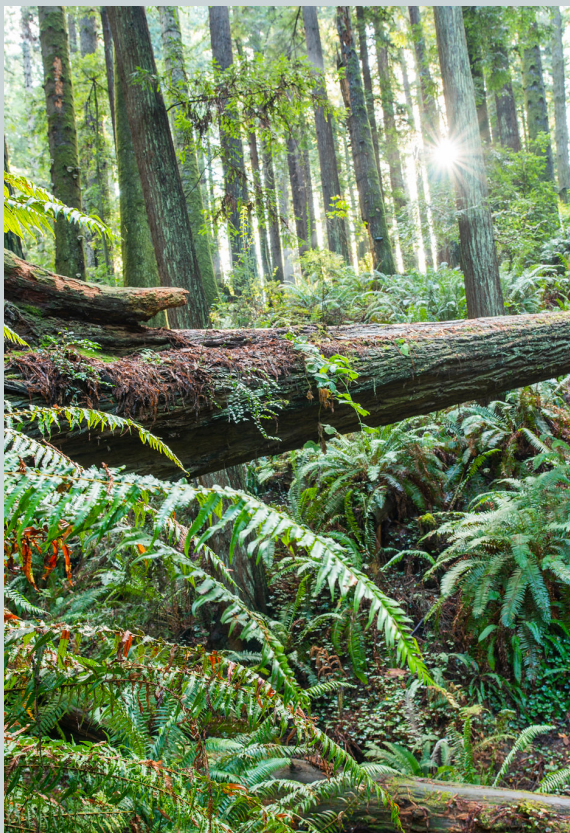


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ENERGY & WATER

Campus is charged with reducing energy and water use by the state and CSU system. There are a multitude of ways campus users can participate in conserving these precious resources:

Turn off lights when daylight is available or when leaving a room. Put computers and A/V equipment into sleep mode or turn off entirely when not in use. Close doors & windows when heating and cooling systems are on. Wash clothes in cold water. Limit shower times to five minutes or less. Turn off the tap when lathering hands. Report water leaks to Facilities Management.



LANDSCAPE

The campus makes a concerted effort to minimize the application of inorganic additives to the degree possible by prioritizing organic fertilizers and pest treatment.

Furthermore, campus acts as a living laboratory for classes and individuals to learn and explore the natural world around them. Plant taxonomy classes, ecology classes, ethnobotany classes and classes in many other areas of study regularly access the University's diverse and noteworthy collection of plant species from all over the world. Read more about grounds & landscape at: tinyurl.com/calpolyhumboldtlandscapemgmt

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

**Explore a campus club
focused on sustainability
through the Office of
Student Life or join one
of the groups/positions
listed below!**

- wrrap.humboldt.edu
- greencampus.humboldt.edu
- ccat.humboldt.edu
- heif.humboldt.edu
- housing.humboldt.edu/resident-resources/sustainable-living
- associatedstudents.humboldt.edu/student-government/board-of-directors
- sjei.humboldt.edu



SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

Bicycle Learning Center

Students can bring their bikes to the Bicycle Learning Center to access no-cost bicycle maintenance help, including parts, tools, and instruction from fellow students. The BLC educates and advocates for the safe use of bicycles as an affordable, healthful and sustainable form of transportation and recreation and strives to empower a community of bicyclists to feel confident cycling.

R.O.S.E. HOUSE

R.O.S.E. is an on-campus source for free office and school supplies available to the campus community. It is run by students of the Waste Reduction Resources Awareness Program and is located in Nelson Hall West room 216. During the Fall 2019 semester, students saved over \$11,000 by getting materials from ROSE and diverted approximately 1,528 pounds of waste from the landfill.

EcoReps

EcoReps are student residents committed to environmental engagement, education and action at Cal Poly Humboldt. The topics they address through events, activities, and training include:

- Environmental Justice
- Event & activity planning
- Outreach best practices
- Transportation
- Energy & Water
- Waste

About the Office of Sustainability

Purpose Statement

We seek to integrate sustainability into the built, natural, and learning environments, and to advance a community that actively pursues environmental and social justice for the common good.



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Newsletter	tinyurl.com/humboldtsustainabilitynews
Data Dashboard	hacs.humboldt.edu/