Recognition of the fundamental interconnections between people and nature lies at the heart of sustainability. The goals of sustainability encompass a variety of issues that affect us all: human and ecological health, social justice, secure livelihoods and a better world for all generations.

Weber State University is committed to furthering sustainability — in all aspects — through both our own institutional operations and the education of future sustainability leaders.

We work in partnership with individuals, communities and organizations to increase the reach of sustainable practices. We are committed to sustainability education across our curriculum to foster the knowledge and skills our students need to contribute to just, healthy and sustainable communities, both now and in the future.

But how exactly do we accomplish all this? Here are a few highlights of the practical ways we are working toward sustainability at Weber State and in our community.
ACADEMICS by the numbers

Faculty from any department can use the SUS attribute to indicate sustainability is explicitly addressed in their class.

162 classes used the SUS attribute.

3 & 2 FACULTY & STUDENTS were recognized for outstanding sustainability research.

24 guest presenters were featured in the Climate Change and Culture Shift series in fall 2020.

17 DEPARTMENTS offered one or more SUS classes focused on or including sustainability content. That’s nearly one third of the campus total, with each college represented.
WSU signed the Presidents’ Climate Leadership Commitment in 2007 and has a goal to be carbon neutral by the year 2040. That is a decade ahead of our original goal.

From 2007 until now we have reduced:

- Electricity consumption by 37%
- Natural gas consumption by 48%
- Total greenhouse gas emissions by 63%
- Utility costs by $18,558,603
- Water consumption by 8%
- Waste sent to landfills by 62%
PROJECTS

We continue to make sure that our new buildings and developments incorporate sustainability as a main feature. A few of our recent, completed projects include:

- **First solar-covered parking lot** which supplies Lindquist Hall with more than 80% of total energy.
- **4 new dual-port electric vehicle charging stations** on the Ogden campus.
- **2 new electric vehicle charging stations** on the Davis campus.
- **ALL-ELECTRIC & CARBON-NEUTRAL CAPABLE BUILDINGS**
- **Majority of energy sourced from renewable sources**
About 420 participants in the 12th Annual Intermountain Sustainability Summit in March 2021, which was hosted as a fully online event in response to the pandemic.

86 departments participate in the Green Department Certification Program, which incentivizes departments to make campus more sustainable.

4 SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED STUDENT CLUBS:
- Community Garden Club
- Environmental Ambassadors
- Food Recovery Network
- WSU student chapter of Citizens’ Climate Lobby

Work they do:
- Environmental Education
- Tree Plantings
- Xeriscaping | Gardening
- Food Recovery & Donation
- Civic Engagement
COMMUNITY engagement

COLLABORATIVE EVENTS AND PROJECTS

Clear the Air Challenge
Ogden City’s Idle-Free Week
Utah Climate Week
Solve Climate by 2030
Community Renewable Energy Act
Ogden Energy Wise Plan
State of Utah Electric Lawn Mower Exchange
And more!

Over 5,000 LED bulbs distributed to community members

238 Nest E Thermostats provided to households for free or significantly reduced cost

Students designed and built WSU’s first net-zero home in Ogden’s East Central neighborhood
AWARDS

PRINCETON REVIEW
FEATURED COLLEGE
GUIDE TO GREEN COLLEGES
2017-2021

ENERGY PERFORMANCE
1st place
INTERNATIONAL
SOLAR DECAHION
BUILD CHALLENGE
COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY

CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2040

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