

George Brown College Sustainability Guidelines

George Brown College recognizes that Colleges have a major role in the education, research and information exchange necessary support society's transition to an equitable and sustainable future.

As such, the College's Green Team has prepared the following guidelines to inform future decision-making:

Institutional Culture of Sustainability

- Initiate, promote and conduct programs that promote sustainability in co-operation with academic and administrative departments and engage and educate the College community in conservation and demand management practices aimed at reducing the College's overall ecological footprint.

Demonstrate Environmental Stewardship

- Work to reduce the College's ecological footprint by establishing institutional policies and promoting practices for resource conservation, recycling, waste reduction and environmentally sound operations.
- Implement the College's Green Plan, including an ongoing process of sustainability measurement, implementation and evaluation, understanding that this is dynamic document which will change over time in response to changing needs.

Green the Curriculum

- Develop "green" curriculum to produce expertise in fields related to sustainable development and support faculty in developing curricula to prepare students with the knowledge and skills needed to tackle the challenges of a sustainable society, [while enabling them to benefit from the economic opportunities that will arise as a result of solutions they develop and implement.]

Inter-Professional Approaches

- Encourage inter-professional approaches to applied research, education, policy formation and information exchange on sustainability issues, including development of opportunities for transforming the College's campi into learning laboratories for demonstration of sustainable technologies.

Maintaining Momentum

- Support the College's Green Team to maintain momentum in promoting sustainability at the College and to inform and support each other's efforts in fulfilling the expectations of this Policy.

Outreach

- Work with local and provincial organizations to promote their efforts towards a sustainable future.