



Sustainability Statement



The University of Graz is committed to promoting **social, economic, and ecological sustainability** in all areas of its work. All members of the university, including staff and students, are encouraged to integrate **sustainable practices** into their **daily academic and professional activities**, actively contribute to waste reduction, conserve resources, and foster environmentally friendly behaviors.

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Paperless Work: Whenever possible, all materials should be provided electronically. Please avoid unnecessary printing of documents and use digital tools for group work to further reduce paper consumption.



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Skills for the Future: Take advantage of the many opportunities offered by the University of Graz and its partner organizations to equip yourself with sustainability-related skills and knowledge that may be relevant to your future profession. These include the Basic Module on Sustainable Development, public lectures, panel discussions, online learning materials and MOOCs.



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Critical Thinking: In discussions with your peers and in your written assessments, consider and analyze social and environmental impacts and interconnections.

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Eco-Friendly Transportation: Use public transportation, bicycles, or walk to class to reduce your CO₂ emissions.



Energy Efficiency: Turn off electronic devices that are not in use and opt for energy-efficient appliances and lighting. Consider using alternative IT applications, such as the Ecosia browser. Keep in mind that the use of artificial intelligence, such as generative AI tools, is highly resource-intensive!



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Virtual or Hybrid Meetings: Conduct course-related meetings virtually or in a hybrid format to avoid unnecessary travel and reduce emissions.



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Conscious Consumption: Please bring reusable water bottles and containers for snacks and meals, and avoid single-use products and fast food.



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Sustainable Purchasing: When purchasing materials and products for course projects, choose items from sustainable sources. Before buying books, scripts, or devices, check whether second-hand options are available.



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Recycling: Please sort waste according to local recycling regulations. Ensure that paper, plastic, glass, and metal are disposed of separately.



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Volunteering: Join one of the many student organizations dedicated to sustainability issues.

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