

Istanbul Topkapı University Sustainability Education Policy

Istanbul Topkapı University commits to integrating sustainability principles into its education and teaching processes, thereby fostering awareness among its students and staff regarding global environmental, social and economic issues. Our Sustainability Education Policy aims to equip our students with knowledge, skills and values in line with sustainable development goals, enabling them to play an active role in society as conscious individuals. As part of this policy, our university promotes educational approaches that are environmentally conscious and mindful of social justice and economic balance.

Core Values

The Sustainability Education Policy of Istanbul Topkapı University is based on the following fundamental values:

1. **Environmental Awareness:** Our primary objective is to provide students and staff with information and awareness on becoming environmentally conscious individuals. Awareness is raised regarding the conservation of natural resources and environmental sustainability policies.
2. **Social Responsibility:** Sustainability education is delivered to students and employees in a manner that promotes social justice, equality and social responsibility. Students are encouraged to participate in projects that benefit society.
3. **Economic Sustainability:** The aim is to educate individuals who are knowledgeable about the efficient use of economic resources and business models that contribute to sustainable development.
4. **Leadership in Sustainability:** Our university aims to equip students with leadership qualities in the field of sustainability, enabling them to develop the competencies necessary to guide society. These leadership skills are designed to create an impact on local and global sustainability issues.
5. **Lifelong Learning:** Sustainability education is supported not only in the classroom environment but also through activities and programmes that encourage lifelong learning. Students and employees continuously monitor developments related to sustainability.

Sustainability Education Policy Strategies

Istanbul Topkapı University implements the following strategies to put its sustainability education policy into practice:

1. **Sustainability in the Curriculum:** By integrating sustainability issues into all of our university's programmes, we ensure that students in every field learn about this important topic. Course content is structured to cover the principles of environmental, social and economic sustainability.
2. **Cross-Disciplinary Education:** Sustainability education is delivered through an interdisciplinary approach. Courses are taught and projects are carried out from

sustainability perspectives in various fields such as engineering, business, and social sciences.

3. **Sustainability Projects and Practices:** Students are encouraged to develop sustainability projects both on and off campus. Our university provides mentoring and resource support for these projects, offering students opportunities to develop sustainable solutions.
4. **Sustainability Awareness Building Activities:** Our university organises seminars, workshops, conferences and awareness campaigns to raise awareness of sustainability issues among students and staff. These events involve collaborations with local and global experts.
5. **Social Contribution and Collaborations:** Students play an active role in sustainability initiatives by participating in joint projects with public institutions, civil society organisations and the private sector. The university develops these partnerships to provide students with opportunities to make a real-world impact.
6. **Sustainability Reporting and Feedback:** Our university regularly evaluates and reports on the effectiveness of its sustainability education programmes. The curriculum and educational content are continuously improved based on feedback.
7. **Campus Sustainability Initiatives:** Sustainability principles are implemented across the campus. Students actively participate in these processes and gain practical experience in sustainability.

Objectives

The objectives of Istanbul Topkapı University's Sustainability Education Policy are as follows:

1. **Promoting Sustainability Education:** Ensuring that sustainability training is included in all departments, thereby fostering individuals with a strong awareness of sustainability.
2. **Increasing On-Campus Projects:** Increasing participation in sustainability projects on campus to encourage students to engage in practical learning processes.
3. **Increasing Participation in Awareness Activities:** To increase the participation rate in sustainability events by 50% and raise awareness across the entire campus.
4. **Contributing to Sustainable Development Goals:** The university aims to add value to society through projects and collaborations that contribute to national and international sustainability goals.
5. **Cultivating Sustainability Leaders:** To train individuals who can guide society and lead in the field of sustainability, ensuring that our graduates are effective on a global scale in the area of sustainable development.

Istanbul Topkapı University, through its sustainability education policy, aims to ensure that its students and staff become conscious and responsible individuals in terms of environmental, social and economic sustainability. Our university is committed to implementing and continuously improving this policy.