

Mission Statement for Sustainability at the University of Basel

Our Understanding

For the University of Basel, sustainability means shaping the actions of every individual, and the community as a whole, such that a decent basis for life is ensured for all people now and in the future – in particular with a view to challenges such as climate change, limited resources, poverty and worldwide migration.

Our Mission Statement

The University of Basel orients itself on principles of sustainability for the long term. It supports the development of society through the promotion of sustainability related topics in education and research, and the transfer of this knowledge to the general public. The University of Basel commits itself to respectful management of its resources and strives towards exemplary operation with regard to the ecological and social environment.

Our Principles

The University of Basel educates

The University provides its students with the opportunity to attend courses on topics of sustainability, and fosters their competency in identifying and assessing problems relating to sustainable development within different contexts.

The University of Basel researches

The University promotes disciplinary and interdisciplinary research on topics relating to sustainable development, thereby making an active contribution to contemporary questions ranging from energy production and ecological diversity through to economic and social aspects.

The University of Basel in dialogue

The University carries its educational and research knowledge into the community through presentations, events and publications, thereby supporting public discussion on topics of sustainability.

The University of Basel setting an example

The University promotes the development of a culture of sustainability in its entities, and involves its staff and students in the discussion and implementation of these principles. It strengthens individual initiative and engagement amongst students and staff in this process and supports projects that contribute to a more sustainable university.

The University of Basel caring for its environment

- ✓ All members of the university strive for conservative use of energy, water and other resources.
- ✓ They avoid or reduce emissions and waste that is damaging to environment and health as much as possible, and ensure that any waste still produced is recycled or disposed of in an environmentally sound manner.
- ✓ Purchases and acquisitions are carried out under consideration of aspects of socioeconomic and ecological compatibility (through production, distribution, use and disposal), to ensure negative impacts on the environment and society are minimised as much as possible.