

SDG #13: CLIMATE ACTION

13.3. Environmental Education Measures

13.3.1. Educational Programs or Campaigns on Climate Change

Ajman University is committed to serving the internal and external community student body within the UAE region and beyond. Several school sessions are organized throughout the year to give students an understanding of Environmental Health, Safety, and Sustainability concepts.

Weekly and monthly sessions are organized either at the University premises or schools to provide thorough knowledge on the topic and to make the student body aware of 21st-century skills. As knowledge-sharing, the learning resources are shared on the sustainability page, and students can freely access them for future learning or knowledge enhancement.

Empowering the Community for a Sustainable Future: Climate Change Training Courses

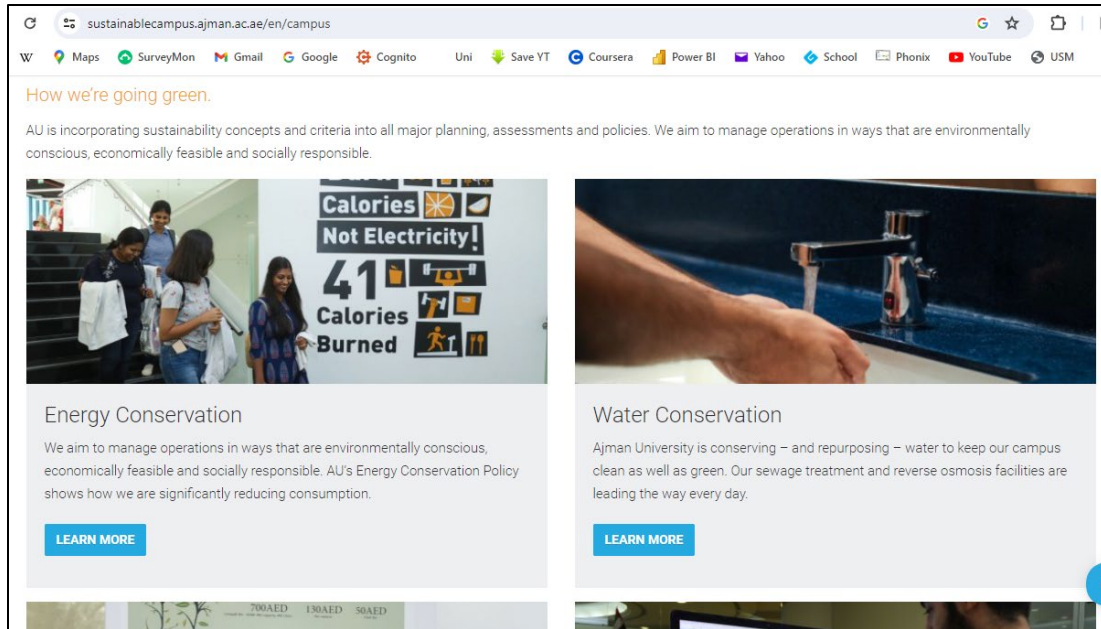
In a world facing the escalating threat of climate change, Ajman University stands as a beacon of knowledge and action, offering comprehensive resources for training courses to equip individuals and communities with the skills and understanding necessary to address this pressing global challenge. Our diverse range of programs caters to a broad audience, from students and educators to professionals and concerned citizens, empowering each participant to become an agent of positive change.

The Office of Sustainability (previously known as the Office of Environmental Health and Safety) offers training courses in collaboration with Coursera, the United Nations Climate Change Learning Partnership, and the UN Institute for Training and Research. The courses cover Climate Change, Sustainable Finance, Green and Circular Economy, Gender Equality and Human Rights in Climate Action, Renewable Energy, Preventing E-waste, Food Waste Prevention, Human Health and Climate Change, UN Sustainable Development Goals, and much more. The list of offered training programs and courses can be found under "**Training Courses**" at the below webpage:

<https://ehs.ajman.ac.ae/en/pages/au-climate-action-learning-program>

The Summary of Campaigns that run throughout the year is available on the university webpage under the section "**Campaign**":

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Access to Learning Resources for FREE

Other than conducting and running the training programs and campaigns on scheduled dates, students can access the study material anytime from the University webpage. These lectures are available for free to any students throughout the year. The community can openly access these campaigns at:

- Under "Training Programs" at the Office of Environmental Health and Safety page:
<https://ehs.ajman.ac.ae/en/pages/au-climate-action-learning-program>
- Under "Student Development Sessions and Events" at the Office of Sustainability page:
<https://sustainablecampus.ajman.ac.ae/en/community/student-development-sessions-and-events>

Campaigns and Events on Climate Change at Ajman University:

Ajman University Conducts Sustainability Workshop for Youth During Winter Fest 2022

Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) delivered two interactive and fun workshops for the Junior and Senior student groups at the AU Winter Fest 2022, targeting the Climate challenges, climate change risks, impacts, mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction, and early warning. AU strongly believes that climate action and sustainability awareness start at a very young age. The sessions aligned with AU's philosophy to ingrain the importance of Sustainability among youth and make them future responsible citizens.

The workshops focused on essential sustainability practices such as energy and water conservation, zero-waste practices, carbon footprint, ways consumers can contribute to sustainable and responsible living, and composting food waste.

The 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals were also highlighted and explained during the workshop. Each student was allowed to express how they could contribute to these goals by making small behavioral changes in their daily routines and lifestyle. The workshops ended on a hopeful note that our youth are the key to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future.

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-conducts-sustainability-workshop-for-youth-during-winter-fest-2022>



Ajman University Joins "For Our Emirates We Plant" and Contributes to Planting 3,023 Local Seedlings of Al Samer Trees

The Office of Sustainability at Ajman University participated in the annual "For Our Emirates, We Plant" event organized by the Emirates Environmental Group. Around 1,200 volunteers from various government and private institutions nationwide participated in this special afforestation event and planted 3,023 local seedlings of Al Samer trees. Ajman University's volunteers actively contributed to this initiative, reinforcing the University's commitment to support the UAE's strategic vision for climate neutrality and its efforts to achieve this strategy by expanding its community engagement in environmental activities.

In addition to tree-planting initiatives, the University emphasizes its support for other sustainable programs and initiatives. It strives to enhance environmental awareness and Sustainability among its members and promote a culture of responsibility and environmental consciousness. Through continuous

participation in such events, the University aims to be integral to the UAE's journey towards a greener and more sustainable future.

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-joins-for-our-emirates-we-plant-and-contributes-to-planting-3023-local-seedlings-of-al-samer-trees>



Ajman University Commits to Reverse Biodiversity Decline Through Worldwide Nature-Positive Alliances

AU is proud to announce that it joined the Nature Positive Universities Alliance, launched at the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in Montreal, Canada. Led by the University of Oxford and the UN Environment Program (UNEP), the Nature Positive Universities Alliance is a global network of universities that have made an official pledge to work towards a worldwide Nature Positive goal to halt, prevent, and reverse nature loss through addressing their impacts and restoring ecosystems harmed by their activities. This push is part of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, a movement to avert climate catastrophe and mass extinction.

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-commits-to-reverse-biodiversity-decline-through-worldwide-nature-positive-alliances>



Ajman University Participates in the 'Clean UAE' Campaign in its 21st Edition.

The Office of Sustainability and Community Engagement at AU participated in the "Clean UAE" campaign in its 21st Edition, organized by the Emirates Environmental Group. The campaign was held on World Volunteering Day under the patronage of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment. The initiative aims to enhance and restore the environmental systems in the UAE. Ajman University's faculty, staff, and students from various colleges and disciplines participated in this notable ecological initiative in the Emirate of Ajman.

The University's participation in this campaign aligns with its Climate and Sustainability Strategy for 2022-2023 and is part of its programs and activities related to the Carbon Offset Initiative.

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-participates-in-the-clean-uae-campaign-in-its-21st-edition>



Ajman University Students Participate in the United Nations Youth Café

On the occasion of United Nations (UN) Day on October 24, the UN Resident Coordinator Office in the UAE (UN RCO) extended an invitation to students at Ajman University (AU) to participate in the UN Youth Café consultations at the International Humanitarian City (IHC), Dubai. This is the first of a series of consultations that the UN will conduct with UAE youth. The session aimed to gather participants' experiences, understand their priorities and allow their voices to guide the UN's strategic objectives in the UAE.

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/ajman-university-students-participate-in-the-united-nations-youth-cafe>



Ajman University Organizes "Make it Green" Campaign on Campus

On the occasion of World Cleanup Day and World Environmental Health Day, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, in cooperation with the Office of Community Engagement at Ajman University (AU), brought together more than 80 students, staff, and faculty members to volunteer in the University's campus-wide cleanup of litter on campus.

This initiative comes in line with UAE's Green Agenda and United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the theme "Strengthening Environmental Health Systems for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".

The activity aims to promote the long-term goal of a zero-waste campus, spread awareness of the importance of environmental health, and offer an easy way to volunteer and engage in community activities.

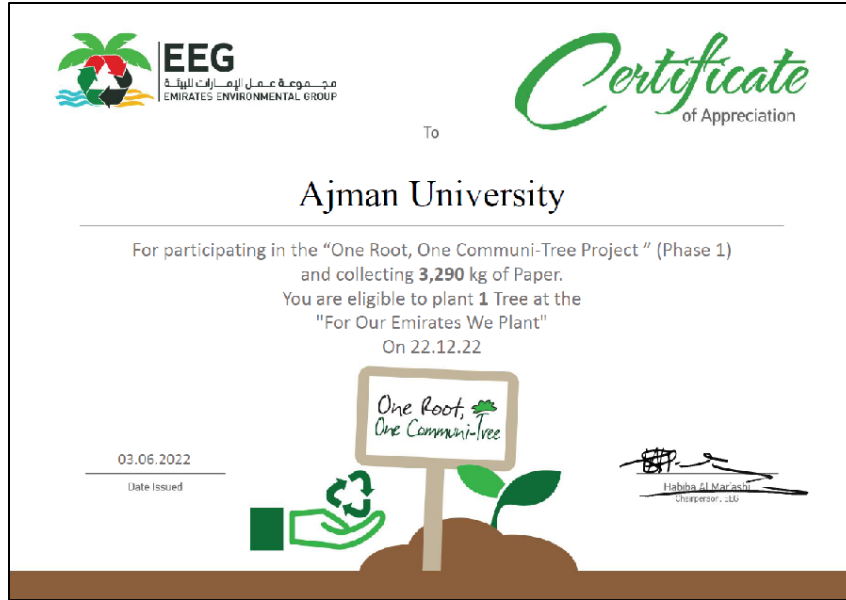
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Ajman University Takes a Step Towards Carbon Neutrality by Contributing to Emirates Environmental Group's Recycling Program

As part of the University's ongoing efforts to support a carbon-neutral campus by 2030, minimize the University's environmental impact, create awareness of climate change, and offset its carbon footprint, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, in collaboration with the AU community members notably Office of Facilities, Office of Finance and the Library, the University was able to collect 3,290 kg of paper and is now eligible to plant one tree at the "For Our Emirates We Plant" Event.

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AU Anti-Smoking Campaign

Ajman University launched the "AU Anti-Smoking Campaign" in alignment with World No Tobacco Day. This campaign's primary aim was to create awareness about the harmful effects of smoking on the human body the damage that smoking does to the climate and your surroundings, and to introduce innovative methods to support smoking cessation.

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/au-anti-smoking-campaign>

An exciting session featuring:

- Lessons on how to quit smoking through exercise.
- Using the Smokerlyzer to know the Carbon Monoxide levels in your body.
- Announcing the Anti-Smoking poster competition winner.
- Amazing prizes await participants.

Green Campus Initiative by Ajman University Students Holds Promise for a Sustainable Future

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety at Ajman University launched the Green Campus Initiative in parallel with the first-ever MENA Climate Week hosted by the United Arab Emirates. The MENA Climate Week was a historic week-long event involving stakeholder engagement for climate action and paved the road towards COP27 and COP28.

Coinciding with this momentous event, Ajman University's Green Campus Initiative highlights AU's commitment to nurturing a safe and healthy working environment for AU Community members.

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AU Workshop Introduces Students to Environment-Friendly Art

In cooperation with the Sustainability Club, the Fine Arts Center and Office of Student Life organized a workshop entitled 'Environmentally Friendly Art' on January 24, 2022—the workshop aimed to discuss and implement artistic ideas and projects serving the environment. Among them is recycling waste materials to produce creative works of art.

During the workshop, an old lighting unit was recycled to produce a home chandelier using crystal beads and plastic threads innovatively.

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Community Cleanup Day

In February 2022, Ajman University took an environmentally conscious initiative by organizing a "Community Cleanup Day." The event focused on desert cleaning, particularly vital during the winter when the desert is a preferred destination for many—in collaboration with Ajman Municipality, the University's volunteers joined hands to preserve the natural beauty and cleanliness of the desert. University volunteers participated enthusiastically in this initiative to combat desert pollution, educating themselves and raising awareness about responsible waste management.

<https://www.ajman.ac.ae/en/news/2022/community-clean-up-day>



Ajman University's Sustainability and Climate Change Workshop Reveals Interesting Insights

Ajman University's Office of Community Engagement & Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS), in collaboration with INJAZ UAE, hosted an informative webinar on Sustainability. The initiative reflects Ajman University's commitment to being a part of the global action to address climate change challenges to secure a sustainable future for the upcoming generations. Following this goal, Ajman University strives to contribute to UAE's Net Zero 2050 strategic initiative of the Paris Agreement.

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