



URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY'S POLICY ON USE MINIMISATION OF DISPOSABLE ITEMS IN SUPPORT OF SDG 12: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Urdaneta City University (UCU) reaffirms its commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility through the implementation of its **Policy on Use Minimisation of Disposable Items**, created in 2023 and reviewed in 2024. This policy supports the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production)** by promoting the efficient use of resources and the reduction of waste generated from disposable products.

The policy establishes guidelines to **reduce the use of single-use and disposable materials** such as plastic utensils, paper cups, sachets, and packaging across all university departments, offices, cafeterias, and events. It aims to transition the university toward sustainable consumption patterns by encouraging the use of **durable, reusable, and eco-friendly alternatives**.

Under this policy, UCU has implemented the following measures:

- **Restriction on single-use products:** Departments and vendors operating within the university premises are required to minimize or eliminate the use of disposable items whenever possible.
- **Promotion of reusables:** Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles, food containers, and utensils.
- **Sustainable procurement:** The Procurement Office ensures that purchased goods and supplies comply with environmental standards and that suppliers follow sustainable production and packaging practices.
- **Waste reduction programs:** Regular waste audits and recycling initiatives are conducted to track progress and reinforce compliance.
- **Awareness and advocacy:** Educational campaigns, seminars, and sustainability drives are organized to instill responsible consumption habits across the university community.

The **Office of Environmental Management**, in coordination with the **General Services and Procurement Offices**, oversees the implementation and monitoring of this policy. Data on waste reduction and consumption trends are regularly reviewed to evaluate policy effectiveness and identify areas for improvement.

Through this initiative, **Urdaneta City University** not only minimizes its environmental footprint but also cultivates a culture of sustainability and shared responsibility. The policy embodies UCU's proactive stance in reducing dependence on disposable products while fostering innovation and accountability in resource management.

By aligning with **SDG 12**, UCU ensures that its operations, policies, and community practices contribute to responsible consumption and production creating a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future for all.

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Use Minimisation and Disposable Items Reduction Policy
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1. Policy Statement

Urdaneta City University (UCU) recognizes its responsibility to reduce environmental impact by promoting sustainable consumption and production within all areas of its operations. The University has established this **Use Minimisation and Disposable Items Reduction Policy** to eliminate unnecessary waste, minimize the use of disposable materials, and promote the use of reusable, recyclable, and eco-friendly alternatives.

This initiative supports **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12: Responsible Consumption and Production**, reinforcing the University's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable campus management.

2. Objectives

- To reduce and, where possible, eliminate the use of disposable and single-use materials across the university.
- To encourage and promote sustainable alternatives, including reusable and biodegradable products.
- To establish responsible consumption practices among students, faculty, staff, and suppliers.
- To ensure outsourced services and supply chains align with the university's minimisation goals.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all academic and administrative departments, student organizations, university facilities, and third-party service providers operating within the campus.

4. Policy Guidelines

1. Minimisation of Disposable Items

- The university prohibits or limits the use of disposable and single-use items such as plastic cups, plates, straws, and utensils.
- All university events and activities are encouraged to adopt reusable or biodegradable materials.

2. Sustainable Procurement Practices

- The Procurement Office shall prioritize suppliers that provide reusable, recyclable, or compostable products.
- Purchases involving disposable items must be justified and approved based on operational necessity.

1. Promotion of Reusables

- Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use refillable bottles, reusable containers, and eco-bags within campus premises.
- Canteens and concessionaires shall offer incentives or discounts for those who bring their own reusable items.

4. Waste Management and Recycling

- Proper waste segregation shall be enforced to ensure that recyclable items are properly recovered and processed.
- The university shall collaborate with accredited recyclers and waste management partners for the collection of reusable and recyclable materials.

5. Awareness and Education

- UCU shall conduct regular information campaigns, seminars, and workshops on waste reduction and sustainable consumption.
- Posters and visual reminders shall be displayed around campus to encourage responsible use and proper disposal.

6. Outsourced Services and Supply Chain Compliance

- All contractors, vendors, and concessionaires must adhere to the university's policies on disposable item reduction.
- Contracts shall include clauses requiring compliance with sustainability and waste minimisation standards.

5. Responsibilities

- The **Environmental and Sustainability Office** shall monitor the implementation and progress of this policy.
- The **Procurement Office** shall ensure that all purchases and supplier contracts reflect sustainable standards.
- The **Facilities and Maintenance Office** shall oversee the waste segregation and disposal system.
- All members of the university community shall participate in initiatives that promote waste minimisation and sustainability.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Regular audits shall be conducted to measure the reduction in disposable item usage across all departments and services.
- Results and progress shall be published annually in the **University Sustainability Report**.
- Feedback and data collected will be used to enhance future sustainability initiatives.

7. Policy Review

This policy was **created in 2023** and **reviewed in 2024** to ensure continued relevance, compliance with environmental laws, and alignment with the university's sustainability objectives.

8. Alignment with SDG 12

This policy supports **SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production** by promoting sustainable practices, reducing disposable waste, and fostering a responsible and eco-conscious university community.

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