

Environmental Leadership Commitment

The University of Mississippi strives to be a great, comprehensive, public institution of higher learning. This institutional ethos includes leadership in environmental stewardship and sustainability on our campuses and in the larger communities of which we are a part. The University of Mississippi will bring vision, intellect, and high ethical standards to our pursuit of environmental leadership in teaching and research, institutional operations, and our relationship with the community.

Academics

The University of Mississippi seeks to nurture excellence in academic scholarship and personal character in all that we do. To better prepare our students to face the challenges of our times and to assume leadership roles in the state, nation, and world, we need to equip them with a sophisticated understanding of environmental issues. We are committed to integrating environmental scholarship and research into our curriculum, increasing faculty and student awareness of environmental issues, and enhancing environmental educational offerings and programs of study.

Operations

The University of Mississippi places high importance on being a good steward of our resources. As such, we will comply with applicable environmental laws and go beyond compliance whenever possible to set a new standard for environmental stewardship. We will re-examine our policies and practices using new benchmarks that reflect our commitment to the principles of sustainability and resource conservation. We will incorporate the consideration of the environmental impacts of our operations into our decision-making process. We will engage in pollution prevention and minimization activities, measuring results and communicating our progress.

Community

The University of Mississippi is committed to serving the public, through the application and dissemination of our research and knowledge. We strive to be a responsible environmental citizen in the life of the community. We will look for opportunities to collaborate with the community, the state, and the region because we can achieve more by engaging in partnerships than we can achieve by our individual efforts in the pursuit of environmental progress.