

# MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE

## Sumy State University

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### ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OF SUMY STATE UNIVERSITY

Sumy State University (SumDU) is a multidisciplinary higher education institution of the classical type. The basic postulate of the vision and mission of SumDU is service to society, research, educational and socio-cultural activities.

Aware of the role of higher education institutions in the formation of national and regional policies, considering the goals of sustainable development, the university declares the priority of considering the environmental aspects in its activities and **undertakes the following obligations.**

#### **In general organizational and administrative and economic activities**

- Introduce, maintain and continuously improve the environmental management system as part of the overall management system of the university.
- Ensure that environmental aspects are considered in the activities of all structural subdivisions of SumDU.
- Reduce the burden on the environment from the use of energy resources, water, raw materials and materials due to the activities of the university, in particular:
  - increase the efficiency of electricity and heat;
  - increase the use of renewable energy sources;
  - increase the efficiency of water use, including by increasing the volume of reuse of water;
  - reduce the use of paper, plastic, disposable items;
  - reduce waste generation (including hazardous waste) and introduce effective methods of waste management;
  - to develop and implement measures aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions caused by the activities of the university.
- Strive to reduce environmental impacts from vehicles by:
  - development and implementation of measures to minimize the environmental impact of the university's own vehicles;
  - optimization of the planning of the educational process taking into account the needs for relocation of staff and students;
  - support for the use of environmentally friendly transport, including:

- providing conditions for the use of bicycles;
- development and implementation of measures to support the use of electric vehicles;
- development and implementation of other solutions aimed at reducing the environmental impact of vehicles.
- Consider environmental aspects and apply the principles of ecological (sustainable) construction in the arrangement of the university campus.
- Avoid using, where it is possible, of environmentally harmful substances, materials and processes;
- Consider, as far as possible, environmental aspects in the procurement of products, services, as well as interaction with contractors, in particular by:
  - giving preference, as far as possible, to those products which cause less harm to the environment and human health;
  - establishing, where it is appropriate, of additional environmental requirements for suppliers of goods, services, and contractors.
- Cooperate on environmental issues with authorities, scientific, educational and other institutions and stakeholders at the local, regional, national and international levels.

### **In educational activities**

- To train specialists with higher education, postgraduate and doctoral students in the field of ecology, environmental protection and sustainable nature management.
- To increase students' understanding of the environmental aspects of their future professional activities, in particular by:
  - inclusion of relevant environmental issues, including those devoted to climate change in the curricula (relevant risks, combating climate change, adaptation to climate change);
  - inclusion of majors of additional elective courses of environmental direction in the curricula.
- Include environmental issues in the training programs of university staff.
- Provide training services to outsiders on specific issues in the field of ecology, environmental protection and sustainable use of nature.

### **In scientific activity**

- Develop existing and initiate new areas of research and development of environmental orientation, in particular, those that are interdisciplinary and focused on the needs of society.
- Do not allow research and development, the processes, or the use of results of which, can lead to negative environmental consequences.

- Cooperate with public authorities and local governments in providing consulting and research services, research and development, program development, etc. in the field of ecology, environmental protection and sustainable use of nature.

### **In extracurricular activities**

- Raise environmental education and awareness of staff, students and the general public, in particular by:
  - carrying out of actions for popularization of knowledge of an ecological orientation, and also results of own researches and developments of an ecological orientation;
  - carrying out of targeted activities and supporting volunteer initiatives in the field of environmental orientation, in particular those involving university staff and students.
- Consider environmental aspects when organizing extracurricular activities.

Sumy State University undertakes to plan and implement the planned activities aimed at implementing the declared provisions and constantly improve environmental performance.

The ecological policy of SumDU should be brought to the knowledge of all employees of the university and considered by them in their current activities.

SumDU Environmental Policy is a public document that should be available for stakeholders.

Environmental policy may be revised as necessary. Appropriate adjustments may be made when revising environmental policy.

Approved by the Academic Council of SumDU Protocol №05 dated 12.12.2019.

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