

Environmental Policy Statement (May 2025, V.11)

The University of the Arts London comprises six internationally recognised colleges: Camberwell College of Arts, Central Saint Martins, Chelsea College of Arts, London College of Communication, London College of Fashion, and Wimbledon College of Arts.

The University's mission is to lead in learning, creativity, and innovation within the creative arts. With a diverse community of over 18,000 students from more than 100 countries, it offers a comprehensive portfolio of academic programmes, ranging from further education to undergraduate, postgraduate, and research degrees.

The University is committed to fostering talent, creativity, and academic excellence within an inclusive and supportive organisational culture. It empowers staff and students to develop, refine, and commercially apply their ideas and skills. Through its work, the University bridges higher education and professional practice, making a significant contribution to the creative industries.

Recognising that the University's estate and operations can have a direct and indirect negative impact on the local and global environment, the university has made various commitments to mitigate, and where possible, reverse this impact. By embedding environmental sustainability holistically across all university activity areas, the University of Arts London is committed to:

- Preventing Pollution
- Complying with environmental legislation and energy requirements
- Striving for continual improvement of the environmental management system
- Reducing its impact on the climate by becoming Net Zero by 2030
- Striving for continual improvement of energy performance
- Supporting energy-efficient purchasing and design practices
- Ensuring the availability of information and resources to meet energy objectives
- Protecting and enhancing Biodiversity
- Reducing the impact of its waste and resources utilisation
- Building a sustainable UAL community through the curriculum, student experience, training and engagement.
- Contributing to a sustainable future in the creative industries through skills development, research, innovation, and partnerships.

The University of Arts London environmental approach and commitments are detailed further in the Climate Action Plan which is available on the university website. Area-specific targets actions plans are set within management plans which are managed according to our Environmental Management System (EMS).

Responsibilities

The overall responsibility for implementation of this policy lies with the University's Executive Board.

The Net Zero Committee shall assume responsibility for ensuring compliance with the University's Environmental Policy within their area of control and will report to the Executive Board.

The Pro Vice Chancellor and President, Heads of Colleges and Directors are responsible for ensuring compliance with University Environmental Policy within their areas of control.

The University will actively monitor the performance of all activities in the implementation of the aims and objectives of this policy in the activities under their control.

Whilst the University accepts the main responsibility for implementation of this policy, individuals have a very important role in co-operating with those responsible for safeguarding the environment.

Individuals are required to abide by rules and requirements made under the authority of this policy.

This policy will be reviewed annually at a senior level; it is reviewed by Net Zero Committee and reported to the Executive Board.

Version Control

Version	Update	Sign off	Year
V1	Original	Nigel Carrington, Vice-Chancellor	2011/12
V2	More detail added to each environmental aspect. Inclusion of implementing an Environmental Management System (the LiFE system).	Nigel Carrington, Vice-Chancellor	2013/14
V3	Updated to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> References to the new Sustainability Advisory Panel References to the Modern Slavery Act Replace the EMS to and ISO EMS Updates with 2020 targets 	Nigel Carrington, Vice-Chancellor	2016/17
V4	Reviewed. No updates made.	Nigel Carrington, Vice-Chancellor	2017/18
V5	Reviewed. No updates made.	Nigel Carrington, Vice-Chancellor	2018/19
V6	Minor updates to delete old references.	Nigel Carrington, Vice-Chancellor	2019/20
V7	Minor updates to delete old references.	Nigel Carrington, Vice-Chancellor	2020/21
V8	Minor updates and the addition of a message from the Vice-Chancellor.	James Purnell, Vice-Chancellor	2021/22
V9	Minor updates to bring the policy up to date.	James Purnell, Vice-Chancellor	2021/22
V10	Minor updates to bring the policy up to date.	James Purnell, Vice-Chancellor	2022/23
V11	Reviewed to include top level commitments only – detailed aims and objectives are set out in the Climate Action Plan.	Karen Stanton, Vice-Chancellor	25 / 26