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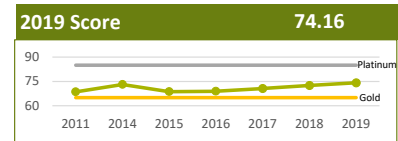


STARS Annual Report

The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS) is a transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance. It is administered by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education™ (AASHE)

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The Campus Sustainability Office (CSO) compiles information from departments across campus annually to complete the STARS Report. The score is based on the number of points received across five categories: Academics, Engagement, Operations, and Planning & Administration, and Innovation & Leadership. PSU has maintained a Gold rating since the institution began reporting in 2011 and is within the top 40 of over 400 reporting institutions. This summary includes improvement opportunities to assist our efforts to eventually become a STARS Platinum institution. For more information on improvement opportunities please contact Amanda Wolf at wolf@pdx.edu
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Key Average of reporting institutions



Category	Improvement Opportunity	Achieved	Points Possible	STARS Average Score
Academics				
Curriculum	Improve identification of existing sustainability courses • Increase sustainability course offerings / learning outcomes • Create sustainability learning assessment	27.75	40	24.09
Research	Create an open access policy	18	18	12.23
Engagement				
Campus Engagement	Conduct sustainability culture assessment • Expand employee educator programs	17.84	21	14.39
Public Engagement	Become a member of Fair Labor Association (FLA) and/or Worker Rights Consortium (WRC)	16.55	20	12.75
Operations				
Air & Climate	Increase carbon emissions reductions • Internal (student/faculty) or third-party verification of greenhouse gas emissions	6.47	11	5.40
Buildings	Increase LEED O+M certifications • Establish campus IAQ management plan	4.57	8	2.46
Energy	Reduce energy consumption • Increase clean and renewable energy sources	3.8	10	3.93
Food & Dining	Increase % of third party verified and locally sourced food	3.43	8	2.27
Grounds	Establish 100% organic program • Assess endangered / vulnerable species or environmentally sensitive areas	2	3	1.48
Purchasing	Increase 100% recycled paper purchasing • Develop criteria for garments/linens	4.77	6	3.41
Transportation	Increase vehicles using alternative fuels in campus fleet	5.24	7	3.57
Waste	Increase waste diversion rate	5.47	10	4.48
Water	Create a more comprehensive storm water management plan	5	6	2.51
Planning & Administration				
Coordination & Planning	Create staff senate/advisory board • Elect student,staff,faculty representatives to Board of Trustees • Establish policy for engaging external stakeholders in plans	6.5	8	5.42
Diversity & Affordability	Increase student participation in cultural competence training • Create staff recruiting program • Increase % of access/affordability low-income students	8.78	10	6.92
Investment & Finance	Establish Committee on Investor Responsibility • Make more sustainable investments • Establish investment disclosure	1.76	7	1.15
Wellbeing & Work	Establish commitment to living wage • Increase living wage contract employees • Assess employee satisfaction • Decrease workplace injuries	2.38	7	3.32
Innovation & Leadership				
Exemplary Practice & Innovation	N/A	4	4	2.75