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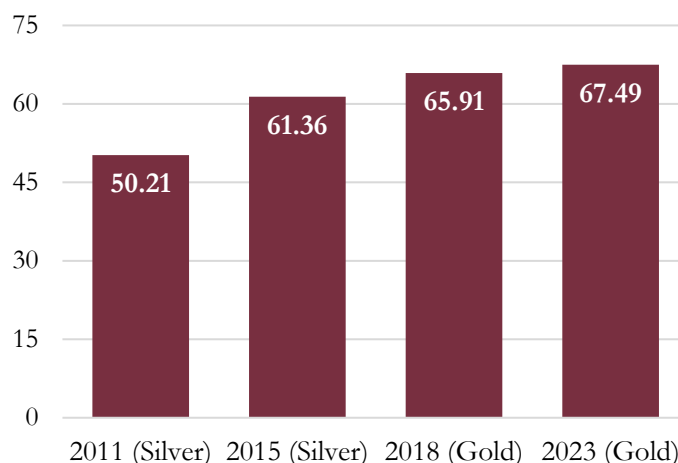
FSU Sustainable Campus aims to promote a culture of sustainable living in an open forum and to advance the practice of resource conservation at FSU and within the campus community, which in doing so enhances the university's positive impact upon the local and global environment. The program seeks to have FSU serve as a living model of sustainability, providing learning experiences that students, faculty, and staff may develop, apply, and practice at FSU and other communities.

Sustainability Highlights

The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS) is a transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance. STARS is designed to:

- Provide a framework for understanding sustainability in all sectors of higher education
- Enable meaningful comparisons over time and across institutions using a common set of measurements developed from the international campus sustainability community
- Create incentives for continual improvement toward sustainability
- Facilitate information sharing about higher education sustainability practices and performance

FSU STARS Rating and Scores



Sustainability Across Campus

Since 2018, FSU has been purchasing solar power from the City of Tallahassee solar farm. The current amount of 40M KWH purchased annually accounts for approximately 26% of main campus energy consumption. FSU implemented an all-electric bus fleet consisting of 19 buses in 2020, becoming one of the first schools in the country to do so. In 2025, FSU renewed its Bicycle Friendly University status, receiving a Silver certification. FSU Facilities published a Utilities Power BI Dashboard in 2025 to provide visualizations of historical data and trends for campus utilities, including energy and water.

Sustainability in Academics

FSU offers 1,450 sustainability-related courses in 67 departments, across all colleges. Sustainability Fellows work in collaboration with campus and community partners to actively engage in research, propose strategies, and identify opportunities for sustainability issues. Since Spring 2020, there have been 137 Fellows working on 125 projects, with 39 partnering organizations.

Sustainable Campus Programs

Eco-Reps is an environmental advocacy cohort-style program founded in 2010. Students can join to engage with the campus community and educate all about the importance of the environment and sustainability.

Food Recovery Network's (FRN) mission is to eliminate food waste on campus and in the Tallahassee community. Since 2014, when the FSU chapter was formed, FRN has recovered over 190,000 pounds of consumable excess food from various locations around campus; the equivalent of 158,000 meals.

Garnet and Gold Goes Green (G4) is a gameday recycling program started in 2005. Student volunteers act as friendly faces while collecting recycling from fans and tailgaters to keep Doak Campbell Stadium and the Donald Tucker Civic Center clean and promote eco-friendly behavior. Since 2005, G4 has collected over 200 tons of recyclable material.

reCycle Bike is a bicycle rental program, started in 2010, offering affordable transportation and educational events for students. The complete rental package includes a refurbished bicycle, lock, helmet, basic repairs, and safety training. There are 73 bikes in the fleet.

Seminole Organic Garden is a shared space amongst organizations and individuals across campus, and it serves as a peaceful outlet for those who want to take a break from their schedule. There are 35 garden beds, including 2 ADA beds. Surplus produce is shared with the Food for Thought Pantry on campus.

Chuck It For Charity is an annual partnership between Sustainable Campus and University Housing to collect all the “stuff” that is left behind during student move-out after the Spring semester. The material is weighed, sorted, and redistributed to Tallahassee community agencies in support of their work and the people they help. Since 2009, 211 tons of items have been collected and donated.

Online Resource: FSU Sustainable Campus' website can be accessed at: sustainablecampus.fsu.edu