

ABOUT THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Institutions of higher education play a pivotal role in transforming the lives of individuals and enhancing their communities.

The Office of Sustainability aims to enhance quality of life by developing more sustainable communities that focus on the natural, built, economic, cultural, and social environments.

Our mission is fueled by a passion for positive change and a profound respect for our planet.

Through collaboration, innovation, and education, we are working to weave sustainability into the fabric of our institution and the lives of all who are a part of it.



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**ENDURE AND THRIVE
IN HARMONY**

OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

SUSTAINABILITY ON CAMPUS



CURRICULUM

UTA offers sustainability courses in a variety of disciplines, increasing the number of offerings every semester. These classes prepare students from all academic backgrounds to analyze the connections between social, economic, cultural, and environmental phenomena and address global concerns about the future.



RESEARCH

The Center for Renewable Energy Science and Technology (CREST) assembles focused multidisciplinary research teams that pursue common themes within an energy framework. It provides a centralized facility with state-of-the-art instrumentation to enable cutting-edge energy research.



In 2022, UTA achieved a silver ranking according to the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS).



EMISSIONS

UTA conducted a greenhouse gas emission inventory in 2022, which resulted in two key takeaways:

- The University's overall emissions are decreasing, driven by a decrease in emissions from electricity.
- UTA has the lowest total emissions of its peers and continues to lead when those numbers are normalized to account for differences between campuses.



SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

UTA offers an ebike-share program, public electric vehicle charging stations, a free campus shuttle bus, and two ride-sharing programs. The charging stations are easily located in the Chargepoint app, and UTA provides live tracking of the shuttle bus through an app as well.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The organic Community Garden at UTA, built in collaboration with the City of Arlington, is a public green space. Community members can adopt one of the half-acre garden plots and donate at least half of their produce to Mission Arlington, a food bank program.



SUSTAINABLE DINING

UTA places a priority on responsible sourcing for all food and beverage products, purchasing almost exclusively from local vendors chosen for their ethical and sustainability standards.



WASTE MANAGEMENT

UTA has an award-winning composting program that processes 32 tons of food waste each year. This compost is used on the campus grounds and in the community garden. The University also maintains 22 recycling locations across the campus.

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

REGIONAL CENTER OF EXPERTISE (RCE) NORTH TEXAS

RCE North Texas facilitates sustainable development learning in local and regional communities through a network of 75 multidisciplinary stakeholders. This group works to enable healthier communities, shared value, and sustainable development through education, collaboration, and capacity building.

We envision a healthy, equitable, and resilient North Texas.

NORTH TEXAS FOOD POLICY ALLIANCE (NTFPA)

To address food insecurity on campus and in the greater North Texas region, UTA launched NTFPA. Collectively, NTFPA's 42 partnering organizations represent the 16 counties in North Texas, bringing their place-based experience and deep knowledge to work towards a more sustainable and equitable food system.

We envision a North Texas with a sustainable and equitable food system that will end hunger and ensure health and well-being for all.