

## Ecology and Sustainability Policy

Université Paris Dauphine - PSL, London recognises its **responsibilities to help protect the environment and encourage a more sustainable environment**, beyond the strict compliance with all relevant environmental regulations and legislations. As a higher education provider, we believe we can play an **active role** in this matter.

### 1. Raising awareness of students and staff about Ecology and a more sustainable world

We commit ourselves to encourage to “**Reduce, Recycle, Reuse**” in all areas of our activities. Examples of that include:

- A **guideline to reuse where possible** all existing layouts and materials in the fit-out of the campus completed in 2018
- Furnishing all staff offices with second-hand furniture
- A ban on all single-use plastic cutlery and glasses, replaced with reusable and washable ones
- Welcome gifts offered to students upon their arrival on campus made of sustainable materials and/or with a reusable purpose (cotton tote bags, water bottles, mug etc.).

Furthermore, ecological and sustainability issues have been incorporated into **our curricula**, for instance:

- In 2020-21, a Bachelor’s in Economics and Management mandatory course has been included in the Year 1 programme structure: ***Ecological challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***. To pass this module, students are required to complete a **group project** that contributes to raise awareness about Ecological issues.
- A Bachelor’s in Economics and Management elective module about ***Sustainable business management*** offered to Year 2 students, in 2019-20.
- **Seminars and conferences** on this topic, in cooperation with the **Islington Sustainable Energy Partnership (ISEP)**, who we are proud to be a member of. Hence, in March 2020, we held a seminar about the Circular Economy at the International Student House. In May 2021, we held an online seminar about sustainable fashion.

**Staff and student engagement** is encouraged:

- **Encourage everyone to walk, cycle or use public transport:**
  - No car park is available onsite.
  - 40 bike racks are available (including 10 for visitors)
  - Our central location enables any commuter to easily access our premises using public transport.
- Ensure the projects and events we produce are as eco-friendly as possible
- Only print when necessary and use double-sided print
- Use scrap paper wherever possible for note taking
- Switch lights off when not in use/necessary
- Turn computers off when not in use

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- Unplug electrical devices when not in use and overnight
- When appropriate, talk face-to-face rather than emailing
- Encourage students and staff to bring in homemade lunches thus reducing packaging from sandwiches, pasta dishes and ready-made meals etc.

We will also launch **extra-curricular projects**, alongside the Student Life Team, to raise student awareness, such as celebrating special days on campus, for instance Forest Day, World environment Day etc.

## 2. Including Ecology in the campus governance

### 2.1 Dauphine London Student Union (DLSU) and Student Societies

As of 2021, one of the eight Student Officers of our Student Union will have the role of **Ecology Officer**.

An ex-officio member of both the **Welfare and Wellbeing Committee** and the **Entertainment, Societies and Clubs Committee**, his/her role will be to contribute to raising awareness about ecological challenges within the student body and faculty and promoting eco-friendly projects. As per the DLSU Constitution, the Ecology Officer is expected to work in close cooperation with all Societies, faculty and staff. They will have access to funding from both the Welfare and Wellbeing Committee and the Entertainment, Societies and Clubs Committee.

Furthermore, we commit ourselves to provide the Society **Dau'Green** with specific support, where feasible. Created in 2019, Dau'Green is one of the biggest Student Societies at Université Paris Dauphine – PSL, London. It aims at providing dialogue and discussions on environmental issues, creating and carrying out projects, and organizing workshops that contribute to the promotion of a more conscious World. In 2020, our administration granted Dau'Green the authorization to grow a **vegetable garden** on our rooftop and agreed to help to maintain the garden outside of the academic terms. We wish to foster such kinds of active cooperation between students, staff, faculty and the local community of Université Paris Dauphine – PSL, London.

### 2.2 Student Life Committee

Our Student Life Committee, which meets at least three times per year, monitors the activities of the Student Union and its Societies, and represents the wider student body in order to influence social, cultural and recreational activities delivered on campus. It discusses all campus extracurricular activities and student life in general, and will ensure ecology and sustainability issues are included in its agenda.

Responsible for reviewing the design of the annual training provided to the Dauphine London Student Union Officers and the our Student Ambassadors, the Student Life Committee will make sure such training programmes include insights about ecology and sustainability. It will also consider with a positive eye any cooperation project with another Higher Education Institution, in the UK, France or beyond.

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### 3. Managing our building, offices and classrooms

#### 3.1 Reducing our carbon footprint

In 2020, we carried out an **Energy Survey** on our building, through our membership to Islington Sustainability Energy Partnership. The survey was positive, highlighting good practice shown with all electrical appliance and natural air ventilation. The survey advised to look into the option of installing a heat pump as the new source of heating as and when the boilers are due for renewal, which we will do at the appropriate time. Since then, we have continued to monitor and evaluate regularly our energy consumption. We regularly invite all students and staff to eliminate unintentional waste and investigate the possibility of using water saving taps throughout.

Furthermore, we systematically **encourage repair and maintenance** vs. full replacement. As far as possible, we will source all purchases from local suppliers (in particular for fresh products / catering events).

#### 3.2 Sustainable waste management

All floors are equipped with both general waste and recycling bins. These are clearly labelled to avoid cross contamination. We recycle the following:

- paper and card/cardboard, food and drink cartons
- glass bottles and jars
- cans and tins
- plastic pots, tubs and trays
- plastic bags
- ink cartridges (a specific bin is available in the Administrative Office).

We attempt to minimise the use of hazardous materials, and we do our best to ensure office equipment including computers, printers and mobile phones, are recycled at end of life.

The following measures have also been implemented:

- A ban, from September 2019, on the use of single use plastic drink bottles by offering all students and staff re-usable drinking bottles and filtered water.
- A ban on plastic straws, plastic cutlery by providing bamboo and/or metal alternatives
- A ban on plastic plates by encouraging the use of ceramic plates and bowls.

#### 3.3 Stationery and printing

All printing is kept to a minimum to reduce unnecessary use of paper. All stationery is, where possible, **sourced sustainably**, either recycled or at the very least FSC. We systematically give preference to sustainably sourced products where appropriate (e.g. organic, Fairtrade, FSC, PEFC). Where possible, **refillable pens** are used. All staff are reminded of our sustainability practice and asked for **feedback** on products and methods to ensure that we are meeting our goals.

**This policy will be reviewed at least annually and its implementation regularly monitored by the Student Life Committee.**

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