

# AL-AZHAR DENTAL COLLEGE

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## **Green Campus Policy**

Al Azhar Dental College is committed to promoting environmental sustainability and creating a greener campus. The Green Campus Policy aims to integrate sustainable practices and foster a culture of environmental responsibility among students, faculty, and staff. This policy sets forth guidelines and initiatives to minimize the college's ecological footprint, conserve resources, and raise awareness about environmental issues. Additionally, the Nature Club and Birdsclub international of Al Azhar Dental College will actively contribute to the implementation of this policy.

# **Objectives:**

# Green Spaces and Biodiversity:

- a. Develop and maintain green spaces on campus, including gardens, parks, tree plantations and rain groves.
- b. Promote native and drought-resistant plant species to conserve water and support local biodiversity.
- c. Foster the integration of bird-friendly measures into the campus landscape.
- d. Collaborate with the Nature Club and Birdsclub to organize bird-watching activities and conservation initiatives.

# **Environmental Education and Awareness:**

- a. Integrate environmental sustainability into the curriculum across various disciplines.
- b. Organize workshops, seminars, and guest lectures on environmental topics.
- c. Establish student clubs or organizations, such as the Nature club and Birdsclub, focused on environmental awareness and sustainability.

#### **Sustainable Transportation:**

- a. Encourage students and staff to utilize sustainable modes of transportation, such as carpooling, biking, public transportation & e-vehicles.
- b. Collaborate with transportation authorities to improve public transportation connectivity to the campus.

## **Energy Conservation:**

- a. Implement energy-efficient practices and technologies to reduce electricity consumption on campus like solar lamps.
- b. Encourage the use of natural lighting strategies in buildings.
- c. Raise awareness among students, faculty, and staff about the importance of energy conservation.

#### Water Conservation:

- a. Promote responsible water usage and minimize water wastage across the campus.
- b. Install water-saving fixtures, such as low-flow faucets in toilets, suction flusher.
- c. Utilize rainwater harvesting systems.

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d. Educate the college community about water conservation practices.

## Waste Management:

- a. Implement a comprehensive waste management system that includes waste segregation, recycling, and composting.
- b. Provide sufficient recycling bins throughout the campus for proper disposal of recyclable materials
- c. Encourage the reduction of single-use plastics and the use of eco-friendly alternatives.
- d. Organize awareness campaigns and educational programs to promote responsible waste management practices.

#### Implementation:

- Develop an action plan with specific strategies, responsibilities, and timelines for each objective outlined in the policy.
- Allocate necessary resources and budget to support the implementation of sustainable practices, infrastructure, and activities.
- Regularly monitor and evaluate the progress of the Green Campus Policy, making adjustments as needed.
- Provide regular updates and communication to the college community, including the Nature Club and Birdsclub international, about the initiatives, achievements, and opportunities for involvement.

# **Review and Evaluation:**

The Green Campus Policy will be reviewed periodically to assess its effectiveness, identify areas of improvement, and align with emerging sustainability practices. Feedback from students, faculty, staff, the Nature Club and Birdsclub will be considered to ensure the policy's continuous improvement and relevance.

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