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UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities — Progress Report

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 11 by opening its cultural heritage, library, museum and green spaces to the people of Tashkent, by supporting local arts and traditional culture, by providing affordable housing and sustainable ways to travel to its campuses, and by working with local authorities. This report summarizes UzSWLU's progress against SDG 11 in reporting year 2025.

Highlights of 2025

28,780 m²
of forest vegetation kept as permanent green cover, open to the public free of charge

740
seats in nine library study halls open to members of the public

11
free public performances by student theater and music groups

3,333
dormitory places, including a new 48-place dormitory opened in September

Open access to heritage, the library and the museum

The University's Information Resource Center is open to members of the public free of charge. External visitors register on site and use nine open-stack study halls with 740 seats, five electronic libraries with 163 computers and the Web IRBIS64 Plus electronic library, with accessible formats for users with disabilities. The University museum, which presents the history of foreign-language education in Uzbekistan, received school groups from Tashkent city, Tashkent region and Andijan region, members of the Writers' Union of Uzbekistan and international delegations in 2025, without an admission fee. The University also holds regular free public events at the Writers' Alley (Adiblar xiyoboni), one of Tashkent's main literary heritage landscapes.





School pupils at the University museum, March 2025 (left); first-year students at the Information Resource Center, September 2025 (right)

Supporting arts and living heritage

Student theater studios, the "National Musical Instruments" ensemble and dance and vocal groups gave 11 documented free public performances in 2025, on campus, at the Writers' Alley, at School No. 164 and for more than 150 residents of Uchtepa district in need of social support. The KulolMan pottery studio on campus preserves Uzbek pottery through the master–apprentice tradition and held master classes for students, while the "Khan Atlas" festival and the National Values Festival presented traditional fabrics, dress, music and regional customs. In 2025 the University spent 27,707,988 UZS on its library, museum, theater and cultural events.



"Ko'zmunchoq" student theater studio, January 2025 (left); master class at the KulolMan pottery studio, July 2025 (right)

Green and open spaces

UzSWLU keeps 28,780 m² of forest vegetation across its five sites, 15.86% of their total area of 181,447 m², as permanent green cover. Courtyards, avenues and green areas are open to residents free of charge and without University identification. Under the national "Green Space" project the University planted 40 trees on campus in March 2025 and further trees in its "Friendship" garden in November.

Sustainable travel

The University measures commuting emissions in Scope 3 of its 2025 greenhouse gas inventory for a campus population of 24,058 students and staff, and reports transport data to UI GreenMetric, where it scored 1,400 points in the Transportation category in 2025. Free electric shuttle buses link the Main Campus and the Zakovat Street Campus, students and staff can use bicycles and e-scooters on campus free of charge, and on "Car-Free Thursdays" private cars are not admitted to academic zones. Central courtyards and avenues are reserved for pedestrians, with ramps and tactile paving for students and visitors with disabilities.

Affordable housing

In 2025 UzSWLU operated six student dormitories with 3,285 places at fees well below Tashkent rental prices, with priority and fee exemptions for students in protected social categories, and opened a new 48-place dormitory on campus on 3 September. Its Information Center for Student Dormitories and Rental Housing worked with 1,575 rental homes to help students find safe and affordable accommodation, and a working group led by the Rector inspected students' rented homes in November. Visiting and relocating academic staff are accommodated in the University guest house.





Opening of the new 48-place dormitory, September 2025 (left); Information Center for Student Dormitories and Rental Housing, August 2025 (right)

Working with local authorities

The University works with the Uchtepa and Chilanzar district authorities on housing, youth services and environmental work. The hokim of Uchtepa district reviewed the University's housing information center in August 2025, and the University and district jointly organized community events. Following a dialogue with 55 youth leaders of Chilanzar mahallas in August, UzSWLU opened free foreign-language courses for young people of three mahallas. New buildings and renovations follow national energy-efficiency and building codes and the University's own environmental impact assessment and eco-construction policies, and are built within existing University sites without reducing its green cover.

Further information

- • UzSWLU Information Resource Center:
- • Forest vegetation areas on University campuses:
- • Institutional GHG Emissions Inventory 2025:
- • UzSWLU Environmental Impact Assessment Policy:
- • Opening of the new student dormitory:
- • "Khan Atlas" festival:

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS