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UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production — Progress Report

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 12 by buying ethically and sustainably, by reducing, separating and recycling its waste, by minimizing plastics and disposable items, and by reporting openly on its progress. This report summarizes UzSWLU's progress against SDG 12 in reporting year 2025.

Highlights of 2025

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food waste from campus canteens handed over for processing in 2025

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University policies on sourcing, waste, plastics and hazardous materials

1st
in Uzbekistan for Waste in UI GreenMetric 2025

300
students and local young people in monthly waste campaigns in Guzar mahalla

A complete set of policies

In January 2025 the University approved its Sustainable Purchase and Procurement Policy, which sets ethical sourcing requirements for food, goods, services and works, including fair labor, environmental criteria, local food and a sustainability clause in contracts, and its Waste Management Policy, which requires the annual measurement of waste generated, recycled and sent to landfill and the minimization of disposable items. In the same month it revised its Plastic Waste Reduction Policy, Hazardous Waste Disposal and Management Policy and Sustainable Food Policy. Together these policies apply to outsourced services such as catering, cleaning and waste removal, and to suppliers of equipment, stationery and construction works.

Less waste, more recycling

Separate bins for paper, plastic and mixed waste are placed across the campus. Food waste from campus canteens is collected separately, and 19.25 tonnes were handed over for processing in 2025. Mixed waste is removed under contract by the Tashkent city waste management company Maxsus Trans, and hazardous waste such as lamps, batteries and electronic equipment is handed over only to licensed organizations, with records of every handover. About 98% of indoor lighting now uses LED technology, which reduces the number of mercury-containing lamps that must be disposed of. In UI GreenMetric 2025 UzSWLU ranked first in Uzbekistan in the Waste category.





Separate waste bins on campus (left) and a practical session on solid waste management (right), April 2025

Plastics and disposable items

Single-use plastic tableware and packaging are being phased out at all campus food outlets and are not used at University events, and disposable items are not bought for offices or meetings where a reusable alternative exists. Drinking water stations in buildings and residences help students and staff use reusable bottles.

Education and community action

The Department of Ecology and Green Resources teaches students how to manage solid waste. Under the national Concept for Raising the Ecological Culture of the Population until 2030, UzSWLU students held regular campaigns in Guzar mahalla in 2025, cleaning public areas and explaining waste separation and recycling to residents; 300 students and local young people took part. The EKONUR eco-volunteers' Eco Marathon and the University's annual campus clean-up days also involve students and staff in caring for the campus.





UzSWLU students during an environmental campaign in Guzar mahalla, 2025

Reporting

UzSWLU publishes a sustainability report each year with a chapter on each of the 17 SDGs. The UzSWLU Sustainability Report 2025 brings together the University's progress reports for 2025.

Further information

- • UzSWLU Plastic Waste Reduction Policy:

- • UzSWLU Sustainable Food Policy:
- • UI GreenMetric 2025 certificate:
- • Environmental campaign in Guzar mahalla:

