

Environmental Policy of the University of Akureyri

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The University of Akureyri accepts as its duty to take into account environmental objectives and sustained development and to observe, according to the best of knowledge, local and international agreements that concern protection of the environment. For all operations of the University of Akureyri, the guiding lights are 27 main rules of the United Nations concerning the environment and development¹ that were approved at Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

Thus the University of Akureyri will take into consideration the environment and nature in all decision making involving teaching/education, research, management and operations and its objective is to set an example for other individuals and institutions of society.

1. The University of Akureyri emphasizes that environmental education is to be interwoven with all subjects taught at the University and protection of the environment will thus become a part of the professional knowledge of every student who graduates from the school. The University of Akureyri also emphasizes that all employees are to receive information about the school environmental policy and they are to observe the ecological protection in progress at each time.
2. The University of Akureyri offers courses of study in environmental subjects and it emphasizes research aimed at resolving environmental problems of every kind. Scientists and students are encouraged to be active in compiling data and developing new methods to protect nature and at the same time to provide the public and the authorities with information.
3. In all its operations, the University of Akureyri will endeavour to demonstrate ecological protection at work and cause as little damage as possible to the environment and continuously strive to achieve better results in environmental protection in daily operations of the school.
4. The environmental policy of the University of Akureyri needs to reach administrators, all employees and student associations and it is also to become an integral part of everyday life for everyone, students and personnel. The plan on objectives and the implementation of the environmental policy of the University of Akureyri requires revision annually.

¹ Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, A/CONF.151/26 (Vol.I), 1992