



Sustainable Offices Badges summary

One of the best ways for UCalgary staff, faculty and students to contribute to sustainability on campus is by working through the **Sustainable Offices Program**. The badges are designed to be completed over a period of three months by doing tasks and creating initiatives to foster long-term sustainable behavior and habits. Individually, the badges have specific themes, but when all are completed, it creates a holistic environment of sustainability. As well, many of the badges were created using the **United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals** as a guide. Below are the five categories of badges.

The Meetings Badge



The Meetings Badge is a guide for how to hold the most sustainable meetings possible. Tasks in the badge include eliminating single use plastic bottles and cutlery, providing food from sustainable, local, or organic sources, and either hosting virtual meetings, or traveling to off-campus meetings in a carpool. This badge also provides information for how to make meetings more accessible for those who have troubles with their hearing, sight, or physical accessibility. The action items in this badge help us to meet our campus goal of becoming zero-waste, reduce our carbon emissions and advocating for social responsibility.

The Waste Badge



The Waste Badge is a guide to help offices reduce waste volume, and how to properly utilize the UCalgary four-stream waste stations. Tasks include only using compostable or reusable dishware, printing double sided and on third-party certified paper, and properly disposing of batteries. This badge is important as it helps to divert waste that would otherwise end up in the landfill to more sustainable sources, and contributes to UCalgary's goal of becoming zero waste.



The Energy & Emissions Badge



The Energy and Emissions badge is a guide to reduce the amount of emissions UCalgary offices produce. Tasks include eliminating unnecessary personal devices such as space heaters, ensuring all appliances are operating as efficiently as possible, and striving to reduce the number of single occupant cars traveling to campus. By reducing the amount of greenhouse gases the university produces we can help meet UCalgary's goal of being a carbon neutral campus by 2050, as seen in the [Climate Action Plan](#).

The Purchasing Badge



The Purchasing Badge is a guide to purchase items in a more sustainable fashion, and provides recommendations for better choices of common office products. Tasks include holding an office-supplies clean out, placing online shopping orders less frequently, and buying third-party certified supplies. These actions help to eliminate the amount of waste we produce as a campus and better utilize the resources we already have available in our communities.



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The Health, Wellbeing & Community Badge



Lastly, The Health, Wellbeing and Community Badge is a guide to promote social sustainability. This badge has tasks such as reviewing the **nine-dimensions of wellness** that contribute to a better workplace and creating initiatives that meet an offices individual needs. This badge is in place to improve the campus community for all and make the workplace meet occupant health and wellbeing needs.