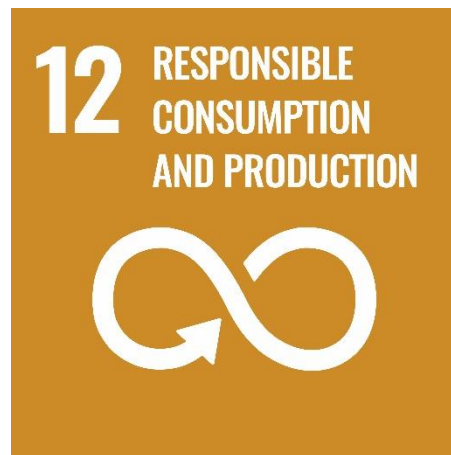


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12.2.5 Does the university have a policy around use minimization of plastic?

Yes, the University of Business and Technology (UBT) takes a holistic approach to minimizing plastic use across its campuses through a combination of policy, infrastructure, vendor partnerships, and behavioral change.

Plastic reduction is integrated into the university's environmental strategy under the Sustainable Waste Management Policy (UC.06.01) and further reinforced through cooperation with on-campus restaurants and cafés, the installation of water dispensers, and the promotion of reusable UBT-branded mugs.

Together, these initiatives eliminate single-use plastics, promote responsible consumption, and foster a culture of reusability that aligns with the Saudi Vision 2030 sustainability objectives and SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production).

1. Policy Framework

Within the Sustainable Waste Management Policy (UC.06.01), there is a dedicated section titled "Preventing Waste" that includes several commitments related to minimizing the use of plastics.


The policy states that UBT shall:

- Set a priority procurement plan for goods and services that have a less negative effect on human health and the environment.
- Promote the purchase of durable and environmentally preferable products, prioritizing these over single-use or disposable items.
- Avoid bottled water where possible and provide free drinking water to all staff, students, and visitors.
- Promote alternatives to single-use plastic bags, such as biodegradable, recycled, paper, or fabric options.
- Encourage the use of UBT-branded mugs for members and visitors instead of disposable paper or plastic cups.

These measures ensure that plastic-use minimization is embedded into UBT's procurement and operational practices.

Figure 12.2.5 A – Excerpt from UBT Sustainable Waste Management Policy (UC.06.01)

Pages from the official approved policy showing clauses on plastic-use minimization, procurement priorities, bottled-water avoidance, and promotion of reusable or biodegradable alternatives.



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Sustainable Waste Management Policy

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1. Purpose

UBT, within the vision 2030 and the Kingdom initiatives towards the Green Saudi project, is working to be transferred into a green university that preaches and applies sustainable development approaches and practices to reduce all types of generated waste.

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- UBT shall Review and Develop legislation to address waste production and management.
- UBT works on building and maintaining a safe, and healthy green campus.
- UBT shall Establish contracts with vendors when necessary to responsibly handle University-generated waste.
- UBT shall Review its operations to determine where waste can be reduced at its sources of generation.
- UBT shall Acquire items that are durable, have minimal packaging, or are readily recyclable when discarded.
- UBT shall Assess purchasing decisions, making every attempt to purchase items only when needed and in amounts that are not excessive.
- UBT shall Ensure employees have access to compliant waste containers, including containers for recycling.
- UBT shall train its designated members in the related training for waste management.
- UBT shall follow its protocols for the storage and the disposal of waste.
- UBT Adopts energy efficiency standards.
- UBT Avoids carbon-intensive industries and similar chemical processes that cause the emission of unhealthy gases.
 - UBT, through the right entities, shall Measure and monitor the amount of landfill and recycled waste.

Preventing Waste.

- UBT shall set a Priority procurement plan of goods and services that have a less negative effect on human health and the environment.
- UBT Promotes the purchase of durable and environmentally preferable products and prioritizing these purchases over procurement of single-use or disposable products.

- UBT avoids bottled water where possible, and provides free drinking water to all staff, students, and visitors.
- UBT promotes alternate for single use plastic bags, for example: biodegradable, recycled , paper or fabric bags.
- UBT promotes the use of its mugs with UBT Logo, for all its members and visitors instead of the paper cup or plastic cup.
- UBT encourages the purchasing of rechargeable batteries.
- UBT shall reuse certain items (furniture, fabric items, scrab papers, inkjet and laser print cartridges, electronic devices, and folders, etc.).
- UBT promotes the minimum use of disposable items.

Sorting, recycling, and disposing Waste.

- UBT members shall Apply the appropriate approach and use the proper channels for separating waste based on its category and placing it in the appropriate containers (bags, Cardboard boxes, etc.).
- UBT members shall Handle specially regulated or hazardous wastes only if trained and certified to do so.
- Confidential waste has to be treated in a separate way where it should be placed in shredding sacks.
- UBT shall contracts with specific recycling entities regarding the recycling and the disposal of Plastic, food, paper, electronic waste, etc.

Research.

- UBT encourages its researchers to work on research topics that serve the Sustainable development Goals of the United Nations and the axes of the economic development axes of the Kingdom with the vision 2030, taking into consideration using eco-green and recycled materials, providing sustainable solutions.

3. Water-Dispenser Initiative

UBT further reduces plastic dependence through the installation of water dispensers across all campuses.

These refill stations lessen reliance on single-use plastic bottles by encouraging students, faculty, and staff to refill personal reusable containers.

The initiative not only prevents plastic waste but also promotes a practical culture of sustainability in everyday campus life.

Figure 12.2.5 B – Campus Water Dispensers

Photograph of refillable water dispensers installed in high-traffic areas, illustrating UBT's proactive efforts to eliminate single-use plastic bottles.



4. Reusable-Mug Initiative

UBT also champions reusability through its UBT-branded reusable-mug program, distributing durable mugs to staff and students and encouraging vendors to accept them instead of disposable cups.

This initiative, coupled with sustainability awareness events, reinforces long-term behavioral change and visibly reduces disposable-cup waste on campus.

Figure 12.2.5 C – UBT Reusable-Mug Initiative

Image of UBT-branded mugs used by students and staff, symbolizing the university's commitment to eliminating single-use plastics in daily operations.



4. Vendor Practices and Plastic Elimination

In addition to internal implementation, UBT collaborates closely with on-campus restaurants and cafés to reduce plastic use in packaging and service operations.

Under the Operations Department’s Food Court Policies and Procedures, all vendors—including ZED—must ensure food is sealed and packed responsibly, minimize waste, and dispose of garbage only in designated locations.

These rules prohibit energy-drink sales, encourage healthy menus, and require vendors to follow environmentally sound practices aligned with UBT’s sustainability policies.

ZED, located in the UBT cafeteria, exemplifies these standards by eliminating single-use plastic bags and adopting reusable fabric bags and sustainable packaging.

This partnership demonstrates how UBT’s sustainability commitments extend beyond internal operations to the external supply chain and campus community.

Figure 12.2.5 D – Sustainable Vendor Practice at ZED

Photograph of ZED employee using reusable fabric bags instead of single-use plastic, showcasing vendor alignment with UBT’s plastic-reduction policy.



Figure 12.2.5 E – UBT Food Court Policies and Procedures

Excerpt from the official vendor manual requiring all food-service providers to minimize waste, use sustainable packaging, and follow safe garbage-disposal practices consistent with UBT’s environmental standards.



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Policy

Service providers must provide the following:

Portfolios should include prior experience in providing services in educational institutions with no prior shutdown.

Promote a wide variety of healthy and clean food and beverages to its clientele. Selling energy drinks is prohibited.

Menus will be approved by operation department.

Served food must be decently sealed and packed, with time efficient service, and minimizing all waste when possible.

Providers should be able to provide catering services when required.

Providers' forms must be up to date, civil defense, municipality certified, commercial registration and VAT certificate and renting contract as well as employee contracts.

Due to covid-19 precautions rented space must be clean as per to the regulations of the municipality of rural affairs and housing

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Operation of Service provider at UBT COR

- Service provider employee will be registered by filling a registration form to gain an access to campus during the assigned working hours.
- Regular disposal of garbage in designated locations.
- Staff and restaurant should adhere to all labor laws.
- The University is responsible for informing the restaurant to reduce food and beverage quantities during events
- Garbage is to be disposed of before 8 am or after 5 pm only.
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- Expiration date adherence.
- Provide receipts to clients.

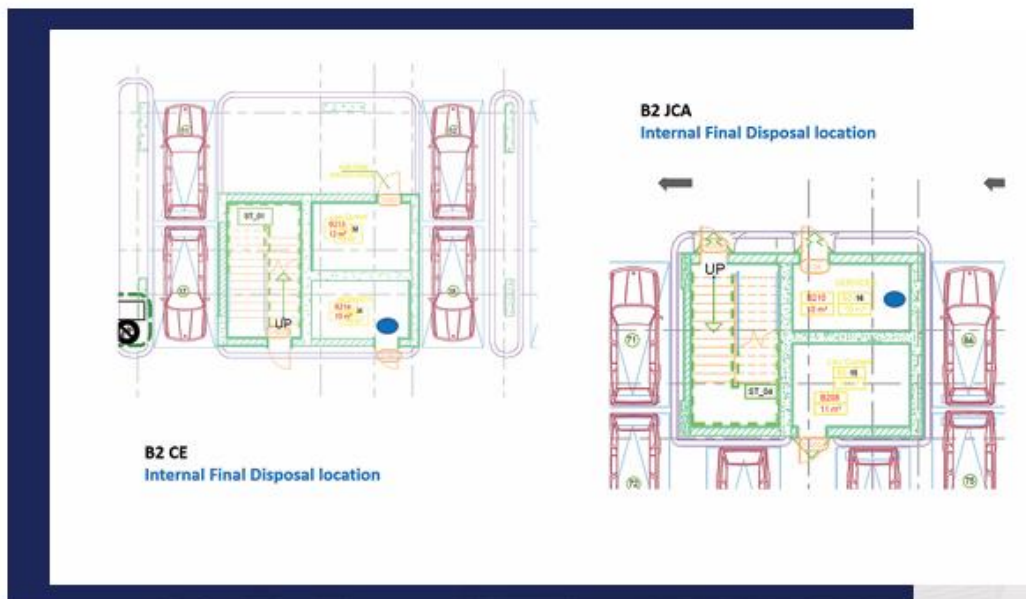
Staff should be added to UBT attendance system

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