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TO 311
GREEN
COLLEGES



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- 311 school profiles cover Green highlights on the nation's most eco-friendly campuses, featuring everything from solar panel study rooms to fair-trade fashion.
- Get each school's vital stats on sustainability, including Green majors, Green job placement, getting around Green on campus, and more.
- Includes special features on outstanding examples of living and learning Green on campus.

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

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GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Fort Lewis College has been on its “Pathway to Sustainability” since at least 1991, when it first opened the doors of its Environmental Center. Today the EC works to strengthen students’ commitments to a socially and ecologically responsible world by connecting them with opportunities to create change on campus and in the community. One such opportunity is an organic demonstration garden managed by the EC, which teaches students local food production practices. A farmer’s market held every Thursday afternoon showcases many of the campus’ sustainable agriculture projects. FLC was a charter signatory of the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, and the campus has made a commitment to green building. Three LEED-certified buildings are currently under construction. FLC’s Student Life Center, built before the LEED certification system existed, was designed utilizing state-of-the-art green building principles. The college has a long history of recycling on campus, and in 2007, an Earth Tub composter was introduced to the campus, helping the college achieve a respectable 19 percent waste diversion rate. Fort Lewis College describes itself as a “green thinking” campus. This means that it believes information on green careers, and green impact upon work is an important piece of information to provide to its students. The college’s Environmental Studies program, Sociology program, and Environmental Biology program provide direct opportunities for students to work on sustainability research projects.

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GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Framingham State University takes the notion of an interdisciplinary approach to sustainability seriously. In 2007, a group of three English and Sociology department faculty convened a studio art class, a Biology laboratory, and a Sociology class for a week-long global warming teach-in. More than 1,200 students participated in a viewing of *An Inconvenient Truth* and a series of discussions and assignments on related topics. With this event, FSU became the first college in the nation to use such a model to address climate change, and inspired scores of students to become more active in efforts to make FSU “go green.” A signatory of ACUPCC, FSU has developed a Climate Action Plan that includes completing capital improvements across campus, including a re-lighting project in the gymnasium to reduce electricity needs by 50 percent. Renovations to Crocker Hall in 2007 incorporated green features, and new buildings on campus are required to be built to LEED Silver standards. The college has developed a Green for Green fund to help offset the cost of future green renovations. FSU has expanded its recycling program in residence halls and classrooms, and the facilities department has initiated a study that will look at the power plant, the fuel the campus uses, the way FSU waters the ground, and how grass on campus is grown, to assess opportunities for improvements.

Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	1
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	Yes
With participation from faculty, students, facilities, finance, campus safety, student life, student government	
New construction must be LEED-certified	
or comparable third-party rating system	Yes
Waste diversion rate (%)	19
Environmental studies degree available	Yes
Environmental literacy requirement	No
Public GHG inventory plan	Yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	4
School employs a sustainability officer	No
School provides guidance on green jobs	Yes
% school grounds maintained organically	40

Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,571
# of applicants	2,722
Average HS GPA	3.13
% of applicants accepted	68
Range SAT Critical Reading	470–575
Range SAT Math	460–570
Range SAT Writing	450–570

Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$3,102
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$16,072
Required fees	\$1,544
Room and board	\$7,444
% of students receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	41

Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	20
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking	
School has formal sustainability committee	Yes
Waste diversion rate (%)	12
Environmental studies degree available	No
Environmental literacy requirement	No
Public GHG inventory plan	Yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	12
School employs a sustainability officer	No
School provides guidance on green jobs	Yes
% school cleaning products that are green-certified	75
% school grounds maintained organically	10

Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	3,485
# of applicants	3,384
% of applicants accepted	63
Average HS GPA	3.18
Range SAT Critical Reading	460–560
Range SAT Math	480–560
Range SAT Writing	470–560

Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$970
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$7,050
Required fees	\$5,570
Room and board	\$8,148
% of students receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	41