

Policy for Sustainable Development

POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

University of Gävle (HiG) strives for a sustainable living environment (ecological, social and economic) for everyone in all its activities. These are to be conducted in such a way that their positive impact on the present environment is increase and negative reduced continuously.

This is done when

- the management stimulates continuous work for sustainable development with focus on continuous improvement.
- Sustainable development content is integrated into relevant courses and research projects
- HiG enhances the sustainable development competence of its faculty, staff and students regarding
- Legislation and other requirements form the minimum level of compliance
- HiG *considers* the sustainable development activities of its suppliers in procurement
- The use of energy and material is made more efficient and pollution prevented
- HiG's work for sustainable development is transparent and open for all

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Objectives for Sustainable Development 2011-16

1. The competence of faculty, staff and students regarding sustainable development shall increase
2. The integration of sustainability aspects in
 - education and research where relevant
 - procurement and purchasing
 - collaboration with the surrounding societyshall increase
3. Use of material and energy shall be reduced

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What do we mean by Sustainable Development?

Swedish Higher Education Act 1 chapter 5 §1

“Universities shall in their activities work for sustainable development, which means that present and future generations are assured to have a healthy and good environmental, economical and social welfare and justice”

(SFS 1992:1434. valid from January 1, 2006) (Translation by the author)

Swedish Environmental Code 1§, 1ch

Sustainable development ensures a healthy environmental impact on both the current and future generations. This is based on the understanding that nature is worthy of protection in its own right, and that man's right to exploit nature carries with it a responsibility.