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| Policy Name: | Sustainably Farmed Food on Campus Policy |
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| Code: | BAU_042 | Published date: | 2023 |
| Reviewed Date: | 2025 | Confidentiality status: | Public |
| Accreditation: | Quality Assurance and Continual Improvement Council (QACIC) | | |

Responsibilities:

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| Implementation: | All BAU's Academic Colleges, Administrative Units, Scientific Centers. |
| Revision and improvement: | Development and Quality Assurance Center |

Policy (Arabic):

تلتزم جامعة البلقاء التطبيقية بتعزيز الزراعة المستدامة وأنظمة الغذاء المسؤولة كجزء من أجندتها الأوسع للاستدامة. ويتمشى هذا الالتزام مع أهداف الأمم المتحدة للتنمية المستدامة: الهدف 2: القضاء التام على الجوع، الهدف 12: الاستهلاك والإنتاج المسؤولان، والهدف 15: الحياة في البر، من خلال سعي الجامعة إلى أن يكون جزء كبير من الأغذية في الحرم الجامعي مصدرها الزراعة المحلية المستدامة والصديقة للبيئة، ودمج ممارسات التنمية المستدامة في البرامج التعليمية، والأنشطة البحثية، وإدارة المحطات البحثية والأراضي الزراعية في الجامعة، بالإضافة إلى تعزيز الوعي وبناء القدرات في مجال أنظمة الغذاء المستدامة من خلال الجلسات التوعوية والمشاريع الزراعية التي يقودها الطلبة وأعضاء الهيئة التدريسية ضمن أنشطة الحرم الجامعي المستدام.

Policy:

Al-Balqa Applied University (BAU) is committed to promoting **sustainable agriculture and responsible food systems** as part of its broader sustainability agenda. In alignment with the **UN_SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, and SDG 15: Life on Land**. The university strives to ensure that a significant portion of the food consumed on campus is sourced from local, sustainable, and environmentally responsible agriculture.

BAU integrates sustainable rural development practices into its **educational programs, research activities, and operational strategies**. Furthermore, BAU promotes awareness and **capacity building in sustainable food systems** by integrating **educational sessions, hands-on training, and student- and staff-led farming projects** into sustainable campus.



Scope:

This policy covers all food production, sourcing, and consumption at BAU to ensure alignment with sustainable and local agricultural practices.


Objectives:

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| 1- | Continuing development of environmentally friendly farming methods and reducing practices that damage nature. |
| 2- | Ensure students and staff know which foods are healthier, brighter for the world, and better for humanity. |
| 3- | Embed sustainable agriculture and food systems into BAU's curricula, research, and hands-on student projects. |
| 4- | Engage students, staff, and the surrounding community in educational and practical activities related to sustainable farming and food consumption. |
| 5- | Align BAU's practices with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals |

Related Procedures:

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| 1- | Create on-campus hands-on experience for students to engage in organic farming and learn through experience. |
| 2- | Associate with nearby Agri-cooperatives to obtain fresh and chemical-free food. |
| 3- | Add environmental requirements (local, organic, less harmful to the planet) to the cafeteria contracts. |
| 4- | Arrange workshops and hands-on activities on composting, saving seeds, agroecology, and permaculture. |
| 5- | Annually evaluate the progress made in purchasing sustainable foods for all meals on campus. |




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