

Environmental and Energy Guidelines of OTH Amberg-Weiden

- As a university focused on teaching, research, campus management, and knowledge transfer, we are committed to **protecting and preserving the natural environment as the foundation of life. We aim to continuously improve our performance in environmental protection and energy management**, taking into account our specific challenges and the expectations of our stakeholders.
- Given that natural resources and energy are available only in limited quantities, we strive to use them as sparingly and efficiently as possible. We see this not only as a necessity but as our **duty to future generations to ensure sustainable and economical use of raw materials, energy, and water.**
- We consider **compliance with applicable environmental and energy regulations** to be a fundamental requirement. Furthermore, in pursuit of **continuous improvement, we set ourselves environmental and energy-related objectives that go beyond legal requirements.**
- Through the economically viable use of available technology, which is regularly monitored and developed in line with modern standards, **we commit to continuously improving energy efficiency, reducing and preventing environmentally harmful emissions, wastewater, and noise, as well as our overall energy consumption. Waste prevention is our highest priority.** Where this is not feasible, we aim for the highest possible material or energy recovery of residual waste. Resources such as personnel and technology are specifically allocated to achieve these goals, while **environmental and energy impacts are continuously identified, assessed, minimised**, and, where necessary, **monitored** within the university. **Emergency plans aimed at preventing adverse environmental impacts in emergency situations are further developed and tested.**
- The awareness of **every member of the university community should be shaped by sustainable and environmentally friendly actions.** All students are provided access to these standards and behaviours. We strive to ensure that all members of the university community on campus actively participate in their implementation. Furthermore, through participation in courses on sustainability and ethics, as well as their practical application in relevant projects, students can enhance their personal profiles. Through regular events and internal training, understanding of environmentally friendly and sustainable actions is productively shared and deepened in constructive dialogue.
- We place a very high priority on **environmental and energy-related topics in our public relations efforts.** With the expertise and innovative potential of our students, academic staff, and employees, we aim to make **valuable contributions to sustainability** in collaboration with authorities, public institutions, businesses, and consumers in the region. **The effectiveness** of our measures is reviewed through regular management reviews. This is demonstrated, for example, by open and constructive communication with the aforementioned stakeholders.
- In the **procurement** of products and materials, the **environmental impacts** arising from production, distribution, use, and disposal **are taken into account**, and **the most environmentally friendly option** is chosen, provided this is permissible and sensible under procurement and budgetary regulations. **We prefer suppliers who are also committed to adhering to the environmental and energy standards that apply to us.**

