



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA · FY 2017-18

STARS Executive Summary

Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System

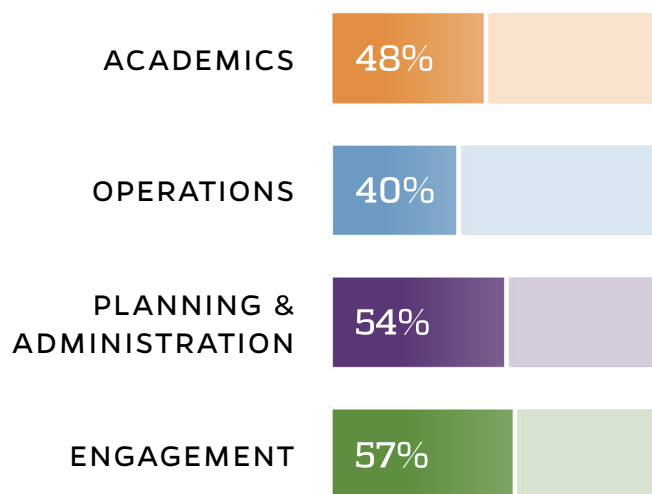


This report has been compiled by the UF Office of Sustainability as supporting documentation for the Executive Cover Letter, which is the final requirement of the 2020 STARS submission process.

Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) is a program of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). It is a transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance and is composed up of credits that span the breadth of higher education sustainability and include performance indicators and criteria. An institution may pursue credits that are applicable to its particular context and earn points toward a STARS Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum rating or to earn recognition as a STARS Reporter.

An institution's score is based on the percentage of points it earns by pursuing relevant credits across four categories - **Operations, Academics, Planning & Administration** and **Engagement**. For this submission, which looks at FY17-18, UF is expected to receive a **score of 52.36 points** - a **Silver-level certification**.*

Percentage of expected points by category:



*The minimum score required to reach Gold is 65, and 85 to reach Platinum.

Each credit area has its own set of criteria, and the ability to meet these criteria determine the amount of points an institution earns in that area. Since the previous UF submission in 2017, STARS has updated its reporting criteria **from version 2.0 to version 2.1**, so some of the credit areas reflect this change. UF is expected to maintain high scores in several credit areas while improving in several others, as outlined in this document.

Improvements by Category

See page 4 for full list of credit areas and expected points.

ACADEMICS (AC)

UF is expected to receive 27.8 out of 58 possible points in the Academics credit areas. Scores are expected to **improve** in credit areas including:

- AC-2: Learning Outcomes (1.78/2 pts)
- AC-10: Support for Research (2/4 pts)
- AC-11: Access to Research (2/2 pts)

OPERATIONS (OP)

UF is expected to receive 28.1 out of 71 points in the Operations credit areas. Scores are expected to **improve** in credit areas including:

- OP-1: Greenhouse Gas Emissions (3.26/10 pts)
- OP-18: Support for Sustainable Transportation (2/2 pts)
- OP-19: Waste Minimization and Diversion (3.38/8 pts)

PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION (PA)

UF is expected to receive 17.4 out of 32 points in the Planning & Administration credit areas. Scores are expected to **improve** in credit areas including:

- PA-7: Affordability & Access (3.98/4 pts)
- PA-12: Assessing Employee Satisfaction (1/1 pts)

ENGAGEMENT (EN)

UF is expected to receive 23.4 out of 41 points in the Engagement credit areas. Scores are expected to **improve** in credit areas including:

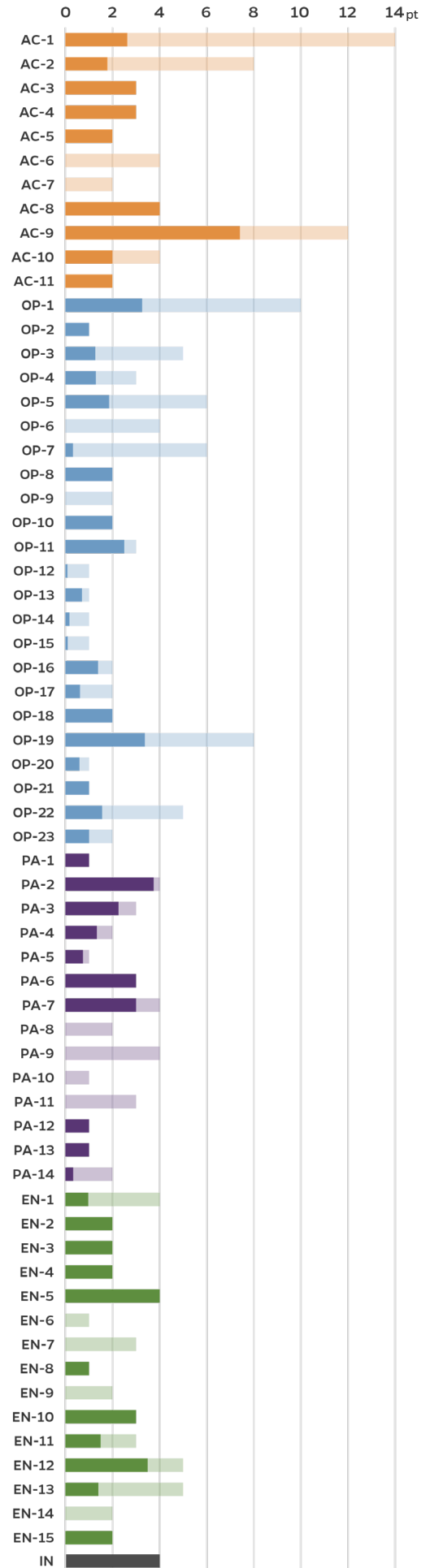
- EN-8: Employee Orientation (1/1 pts)
- EN-10: Community Partnerships (3/3 pts)

INNOVATION (IN)

UF is also expected to receive **4 additional points** for innovative projects including:

- Cypress Hall
- Center for Public Interest Communications
- Neutral UF Coalition
- Bicycle Friendly University Certification

Expected Points in All Credit Areas



Highlights by Category

Since the previous STARS submission in 2017, UF is expected to maintain high points in several credit areas, even though STARS has updated criteria from version 2.0 to version 2.1. Some of these points are earned through ongoing policies, while others are due to programs implemented in the reporting period (FY17-18).

ACADEMICS

UF is expected to receive full points in 5 of 11 credit areas in Academics.

AC-8: Campus as a Living Lab 4/4 points

UF utilizes the campus as a living laboratory for multidisciplinary student learning & applied research in multiple topic areas including:

- Food & Dining (Field & Fork Campus Food Program)
- Transportation (UF Transportation Institute)
- Water (Soil and Water Sciences using NATL for teaching)
- Wellbeing & Work (Dept. of Psychology)

OPERATIONS

UF is expected to receive full points in 5 of 23 credit areas in Operations.

OP-10: Biodiversity 2/2 points

- UF has a Conservation Area Land Management (CALM) plan to manage the 31 conservation areas on campus.
- UF has conducted assessments to identify endangered/vulnerable species as well as environmentally sensitive areas on campus.

PLANNING & ADMIN.

UF is expected to receive full points in 4 of 14 credit areas in Planning & Admin.

PA-13: Wellness Program 1/1 points

- UF offers a wellness program that makes counseling, referral, and wellbeing services available to all students, staff, and faculty through the Employee Assistance Program and the UF Counseling & Wellness Center.

ENGAGEMENT

UF is expected to receive full points in 7 of 15 credit areas in Engagement.

EN-5: Outreach Campaign 4/4 points

- Campaigns such as the Cupanion Program target students and have positive, measurable results towards advancing sustainability.
- UF Campus Collection Day is a recurring campaign that targets staff and has positive, measurable results towards advancing sustainability.

Expected Points All Credit Areas

The points UF is expected to receive for this STARS submission are based on the reporting period FY17-18 and may not reflect more recent initiatives or programs at the University of Florida.

ACADEMICS

Credit	Credit Title	UF Point	Point Avail.
AC-1	Academic Courses	2.63	14
AC-2	Learning Outcomes	1.78	8
AC-3	Undergraduate Program	3	3
AC-4	Graduate Program	3	3
AC-5	Immersive Experience	2	2
AC-6	Sustainability Literacy Assessment	0	4
AC-7	Incentives for Developing Courses	0	2
AC-8	Campus as a Living Laboratory	4	4
AC-9	Academic Research	7.41	12
AC-10	Support for Research	2	4
AC-11	Access to Research	2	2

OPERATIONS

Credit	Credit Title	UF Point	Point Avail.
OP-1	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	3.26	10
OP-2	Outdoor Air Quality	1	1
OP-3	Building Operations and Maintenance	1.27	5
OP-4	Building Design and Construction	1.29	3
OP-5	Building Energy Consumption	1.86	6
OP-6	Clean and Renewable Energy	0	4
OP-7	Food and Beverage Purchasing	0.32	6
OP-8	Low Impact Dining/Sustainable Dining	2	2
OP-9	Landscape Management	0	2
OP-10	Biodiversity	2	2
OP-11	Sustainable Procurement	2.5	3
OP-12	Electronics Purchasing	0.09	1
OP-13	Cleaning Products Purchasing	0.7	1
OP-14	Office Paper Purchasing	0.17	1
OP-15	Campus Fleet	0.1	1
OP-16	Student Commute Modal Split	1.39	2
OP-17	Employee Commute Modal Split	0.62	2
OP-18	Support for Sustainable Transportation	2	2
OP-19	Waste Minimization and Diversion	3.38	8
OP-20	Construction and Demolition Waste	0.6	1
OP-21	Hazardous Waste Management	1	1
OP-22	Water Use	1.56	5
OP-23	Rainwater Management	1	2

PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION

Credit	Credit Title	UF Point	Point Avail.
PA-1	Sustainability Coordination	1	1
PA-2	Sustainability Planning	3.75	4
PA-3	Participatory Governance	2.25	3
PA-4	Diversity and Equity Coordination	1.33	2
PA-5	Assessing Diversity and Equity	0.75	1
PA-6	Support for Underrepresented Groups	3	3
PA-7	Affordability and Access	3	4
PA-8	Committee on Investor Responsibility	0	2
PA-9	Sustainable Investment	0	4
PA-10	Investment Disclosure	0	1
PA-11	Employee Compensation	0	3
PA-12	Assessing Employee Satisfaction	1	1
PA-13	Wellness Program	1	1
PA-14	Workplace Health and Safety	0.33	2

ENGAGEMENT

Credit	Credit Title	UF Point	Point Avail.
EN-1	Student Educators Program	0.97	4
EN-2	Student Orientation	2	2
EN-3	Student Life	2	2
EN-4	Outreach Materials and Publications	2	2
EN-5	Outreach Campaign	4	4
EN-6	Assessing Sustainability Culture	0	1
EN-7	Employee Educators Program	0	3
EN-8	Employee Orientation	1	1
EN-9	Staff Professional Development	0	2
EN-10	Community Partnerships	3	3
EN-11	Inter-Campus Collaboration	1.5	3
EN-12	Continuing Education	3.49	5
EN-13	Community Service	1.4	5
EN-14	Participation in Public Policy	0	2
EN-15	Trademark Licensing	2	2

INNOVATION

Credit	Credit Title	UF Point	Point Avail.
IN	Innovation Credit	4	4