

<b>Policy subject:</b> Carbon Management and Emissions Reduction Policy	<b>Policy number:</b> 31/P.D/2024	<b>Date of last revision:</b> 2024/11/15
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### 1. Overview:

Palestine Ahliya University is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and promoting sustainability. The Carbon Management and Emissions Reduction Policy provides a framework to manage and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across campus operations, with a focus on measurable targets, green technologies, and community engagement.

### 2. Objectives:

- **Reduce Emissions:** Set goals to cut carbon emissions from energy, transportation, waste, and operations.
- **Promote Sustainability:** Encourage low-carbon and energy-efficient practices.
- **Track Progress:** Monitor, report, and verify emissions reductions.
- **Offset Emissions:** Invest in carbon offset projects.
- **Foster Awareness:** Engage the campus community in emissions-reducing initiatives.

### 3. Scope:

Applies to all University operations, including:

- Campus facilities (energy, heating, lighting)
- Transportation (commuting, vehicles, travel)
- Waste management
- New construction and renovations
- Community engagement programs

### 4. Statements:

- **Commitment to Climate Action:** The University is dedicated to reducing its carbon footprint and aligning with global climate goals.
- **Collaboration:** Reducing emissions is a collective effort involving all stakeholders.
- **Sustainability in Operations:** Prioritize low-carbon systems in campus facilities.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Regularly assess and improve emissions strategies.
- **Transparency:** Provide regular progress updates to the University community.

### 5. Procedures:

**1. Baseline and Targets:**

- Conduct a carbon audit and set clear emissions reduction targets, aiming for carbon neutrality by 2050.

**2. Energy Efficiency:**

- Conduct energy audits, integrate renewable energy, and retro-fit buildings for efficiency.

**3. Sustainable Transportation:**

- Promote walking, cycling, public transport, and electric vehicles.
- Provide EV charging stations and travel incentives.

**4. Waste Reduction:**

- Minimize waste, promote recycling, and use sustainable procurement.

**5. Carbon Offsetting:**

- Invest in verified carbon offset projects like reforestation and renewable energy.

**6. Education & Awareness:**

- Engage the campus through training and sustainability programs.
- Integrate sustainability into the curriculum.

**7. Monitoring & Reporting:**

- Track emissions, publish annual reports, and review progress regularly.

**Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):**

1.	Annual CO2 Emissions Reduction Rate
2.	Number of Emission Reduction Initiatives
3.	Percentage of Investments in Low-Carbon Energy