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# GUIDE TO 322 GREEN COLLEGES



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Learn how the top 322 green colleges are raising the bar on sustainability and preparing students to be global leaders in a new paradigm of people, planet and prosperity.

# CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Central Michigan University has made sustainability a priority in nearly every aspect of its campus experience: energy, construction, food, waste, academics, and more. CMU conducts internal reviews of its carbon footprint, and is the first and only Michigan university to implement a wood energy system. CMU's Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee is made up of members from almost every division of the campus, and the university's vigilance over green issues has resulted in an impressive array of facts: 100 percent of campus meals offer a vegetarian option, 25 percent of waste is diverted from landfills, 100 percent of renewable energy is produced on-site, and 35 percent of the campus's total energy supply is produced from renewable resources.

CMU's own internal sustainability reviews also demonstrate an inventive, committed series of green achievements: the university recently added almost 3,000 new recycling containers across campus, has collaborated with Apple to sustainably dispose of 4,800 pounds of electronics, regularly participates in RecycleMania, and has converted all its maintenance vehicles to B-20 biodiesel fuel to reduce carbon emissions. Three environmental student groups are active on campus, as well as a number of environmental studies majors and concentrations including biology, environmental studies, geography, geology, recreation, parks & leisure administration, and business administration. The campus holds an annual green jobs seminar to guide students toward careers in sustainability advancement, and the school participates in sustainability research through the Great Lakes Research Center and the Great Lakes Institute for Sustainable Systems, providing an impressive focus on the future within the university's green efforts.

# CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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## GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Central Washington University's mission states that its purpose is to prepare students for "responsible stewardship of the earth." While the university has signed the ACUPCC initiative, it has also undertaken its first sustainable renovation (Dean Hall recently achieved LEED Gold), and has consistently decreased campus electricity consumption, the locus of CWU's most impressive sustainability initiatives is in its academic programs. Environmental Studies has been offered as a minor here for more than 30 years—a long time for departments under that name—and a Bachelor of Science program was approved back in 2010. A graduate program in Environmental Resource Management is also available. Disciplines addressing environmental issues have been consolidated under the Center for the Environment through an institutional Sphere of Distinction grant, and the Center includes many institutes providing opportunities for students to engage in environmental research. These include the Landscape Values Institute, which addresses land-use planning; the Center for Spatial Information, which is currently engaged in research on the intersection of the environment and economics along the Pacific Northwest coast; and the Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute, which is home to three chimps who are protected from invasive research while also being at the center of behavioral research and educational programs for local school groups. Another impressive program for environmental research and education is the Yakima Watershed Activities to Enhance Research in Schools (WATERS) Project, funded by the National Science Foundation, and a site where graduate fellows not only conduct their own thesis research but are also paired with a local K-12 teacher to incorporate an aspect of their research into the teacher's curriculum.

## Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	26
Available transportation alternatives:	
carpool parking, vanpool, guaranteed ride home, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles, dedicated bike lane	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Waste-diversion rate (%)	25
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	no
% of school energy from renewable resources	35
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	yes
% school cleaning products that are green certified	39
% school grounds maintained organically	0

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	21,232
# of applicants	18,509
% of applicants accepted	68
Average HS GPA	3.33
Range SAT Critical Reading	450-567.5
Range SAT Math	450-595

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$10,950
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$23,670
Required fees	\$0
Room and board	\$8,368
% needy undergrads receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	76.6

## Green Facts

Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, universal access transit pass	
School has formal sustainability committee	yes
New construction must be LEED-certified or certified by a comparable third-party rating system	yes
Environmental studies degree available	yes
Environmental literacy requirement	no
Public GHG inventory plan	yes
School employs a sustainability officer	yes
School provides guidance on green jobs	no
% school grounds maintained organically	43

## Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	10,770
# of applicants	4,553
% of applicants accepted	78.4
Average HS GPA	3.1
Range SAT Critical Reading	440-558
Range SAT Math	450-560
Range SAT Writing	430-530

## Cost

Annual in-state tuition	\$7,962
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$18,607
Required fees	\$984
Room and board	\$9,240