

UWED Sustainability Literacy Survey 2025: Students and Staff Assessment Report

The **University of World Economy and Diplomacy (UWED)** remains committed to advancing sustainability through the continuous improvement of its academic programmes, institutional practices, and campus initiatives. As part of this commitment, UWED conducts a **Sustainability Literacy Survey** to assess awareness, knowledge, and attitudes related to sustainability among students, academic staff, and professional staff, both within the university environment and in everyday life.

The latest survey cycle was conducted through the university's official LMS([Moodle](#)) between **September and December 2025**. A total of **3,342** respondents participated, including **3,174** students and **168** academic/professional staff members. The survey served as UWED's internal sustainability literacy assessment tool and covered key sustainability concepts, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), environmental responsibility, climate change, renewable energy, resource efficiency, waste reduction, and the social and economic dimensions of sustainability. It also explored respondents' awareness of sustainability-related initiatives at UWED and their perceptions of the university's overall sustainability efforts.

The findings are reviewed by respondent group to identify knowledge gaps and to support targeted awareness-raising, training, and curriculum-related activities. In this way, the survey provides evidence for strengthening UWED's long-term sustainability strategy and ensuring that future academic, institutional, and engagement initiatives are aligned with the needs of its university community.

Methodology

- Survey tool:** Internal Sustainability Literacy Survey delivered through the university LMS([Moodle](#));
- Survey period:** September–December 2025;
- Target groups:** Students, academic and administrative staff of the university;
- Total respondents:** 3,342;
- Response groups:** 3,174 students; 168 professors/staff;
- Survey focus:** Sustainability concepts, SDGs, environmental responsibility, resource efficiency, waste practices, climate change, renewable energy, and social/economic dimensions of sustainability
- Use of results:** Results are reviewed by respondent group to identify

knowledge gaps and support targeted awareness, training, and curriculum-related activities.

2026 Report on the UWED Sustainability Literacy Survey Results Summary

1. In response to the question “**What is your status at the university?**”, a total of **3,342 respondents** provided information regarding their academic or professional status within the university. The total number of respondents is a **479.48%** increase from the previous year’s survey demonstrating a significant jump in engagement. The breakdown is as follows:

- **Students** accounted for the vast majority of respondents at **95%** (*3,174 respondents*);
- **Professors and Staff** accounted for the remaining **5%** (*168 respondents*);

2. In response to the question “**Which faculty do you work/study in?**”, respondents answered as follows:

- **International Economics and Management** accounted for **36.7%** (*1,225 respondents*);
- **International Law** accounted for **34.5%** of results (*1,153 respondents*);
- **International Relations** accounted for **27.9%** of results (*934 respondents*);
- The remaining respondents accounted as unaffiliated **Staff 0.9%** of results (*30 respondents*);

3. In response to the question “**Your age**”, respondents answered as follows:

- The largest group of respondents fell between ages **17-24**, which accounted for **95.3%** (*3,186 respondents*);
- The **25-34** age group accounted for **1.7%** of results (*56 respondents*);
- The **35-44** age group accounted for **1.7%** of results (*57 respondents*);
- The **45-54** age group accounted for **0.8%** of results (*26 respondents*);
- The final **55 and older** group accounted for **0.5%** of results (*17 respondents*);

4. In response to the question “**Your gender**”, respondents answered as

follows:

- A majority of respondents answered **Male** accounting for **57.2%** of results (*1,913 respondents*);
- The remaining respondents answered **Female** accounting for **41.9%** of results (*1,401 respondents*) and **Prefer not to answer** accounting for **0.8%** of results (*28 respondents*);

5. In response to the question “**Do you know what "Sustainability" means?**”, respondents answered as follows:

- The vast majority of respondents answered **Yes** accounting for **96.2%** of results;
- The remaining **3.8%** answered **No**;

6. In response to the question “**Have you heard of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals?**”, respondents answered as follows:

- **62.6%** of respondents answered **Yes, I do** demonstrating a majority of respondents could identify the SDGs;
- **31.6%** of respondents answered **I’ve heard about it, but I’m not sure what it means** demonstrating a general familiarity with the concept;
- The remaining **5.8%** of respondents answered **Yes, I do**;

7. In response to the question “**Which of the following does sustainability include?**”, when given a list options including environmental, economic, and social issues, respondents answered as follows:

- **84.2%** of respondents overwhelmingly guessed **Environmental, social, and economic issues**, or all of the above;
- The remaining **15.8%** answered various combinations of these issues;

8. In response to the question “**Do you separately dispose of waste such as plastic, paper, and metal?**”, respondents answered:

- The majority of respondents, **78.9%**, said **Yes**;
- The remaining **21.1%** answered **No**;

9. In response to the question “**Are you aware of water scarcity and do you save water?**”, respondents answered:

- Respondents nearly unanimously, **96.6%**, answered **Yes**;

- The remaining **3.4%** answered **No**;

10. In response to the question “**How much do you consider the environmental impact when choosing your mode of transportation to University?**”, respondents gave a varied collection of answers.

- A majority of respondents, **35.2%**, answered **Occasionally**. This demonstrates an interest, but lack of devotion towards acting environmentally consciously.
- A nearly equal number of respondents answered **Always** and **Never**, **19.7%** and **19.5%** respectively;
- The remaining **25.6%** answered **Often**;

11. Respondents were asked to identify a renewable energy source among a list that included: **Solar Energy, Oil, Natural Gas, and Coal**

- The large majority of respondents, **77.3%** correctly chose **Solar Energy**;
- Incorrectly, **10.3%** responded coal, **6.7%** responded oil, **5.8%** and responded natural gas;

12. Respondents were asked to pick the correct definition of a carbon footprint that included answers like **Greenhouse gases produced by the use of fossil fuels, The amount of carbon produced by human footprints, The size of the carbon chain in a specific quantity of gasoline, Emissions produced by cattle, and I don't know**:

- **59%** of respondents correctly chose **Greenhouse gases produced by the use of fossil fuels**;
- The remaining **41%** of respondents guessed incorrectly. **17.9%** guessed **I don't know**, **11.5%** guessed **The amount of carbon produced by human footprints**, **9.3%** guessed **The size of the carbon chain in a specific quantity of gasoline**, and the final **2.3%** guessed **Emissions produced by cattle**;

13. Respondents were asked to pick the correct definition of a “Economic sustainability” that included answers like **Long-term profitability, considering employee well-being and efficient use of resources, Maximizing a company's stock price, Costs equaling revenue, Continuously expanding market share, and I don't know**:

- The majority of respondents, **64.9%**, chose the correct definition **Long-term profitability, considering employee well-being and efficient use of resources**;

- The remaining **35.1%** chose the incorrect answers reflecting a flawed understanding of economic sustainability.

14. Respondents were asked to select an answer that was “**not a core principle of social sustainability**”. Possible answers included **Economic profit maximization, Equality and social justice, Respect for cultural diversity, Intergenerational equity, and Gender equality**:

- A minority of respondents, **43.1%**, chose the correct answer **Economic profit maximization**. This reflects a need to better educate university educators and students on the definition and principles of social sustainability;

- The most chosen incorrect answer was **Equality and social justice** at **24.8%**, followed by **Intergenerational equity** at **14.3%**, **Respect for cultural diversity** at **10.3%**, and **Gender Equality** at **7.4%**;

15. In response to the question “**Which of the following can be considered a step a company takes toward social sustainability?**” and given the choices **Reducing water consumption in production processes, Implementing a fair wage policy for employees, Using recyclable materials in product packaging, Investing in renewable energy sources to reduce carbon emissions, and Implementing waste management and recycling programs**, respondents chose:

- A minority of respondents, **45.4%**, chose the correct answer **Implementing a fair wage policy for employees**. This further reflects a need to better educate university educators and students on the definition and principles of social sustainability;

- The most chosen incorrect answer was **Reducing water consumption in production processes** at **17.4%**, followed by **Investing in renewable energy sources to reduce carbon emissions** at **14.9%**, **Implementing waste management and recycling programs** at **12.1%**, and **Using recyclable materials in product packaging**, at **10.2%**;

16. Respondents were provided with a list of all 17 SDGs and asked to identify how many they were familiar with.

- **58.1%** of respondents identified **Quality Education**. This SDG was the most identified by respondents;

- Additionally over **50%** of respondents could identify **Clean Water and Sanitation, Health and Well-Being, Climate Action, and No Poverty**;

- The fewest respondents, **29.5%**, could identify **Life on Land**. The remaining SDGs could be identified by at least **30%** of respondents;

17. Respondents were provided with a list of contexts at UWED where they may have encountered SDGs or the concept of sustainability and were asked “**Where have you heard the concept of ‘Sustainability’ at the University?**”.

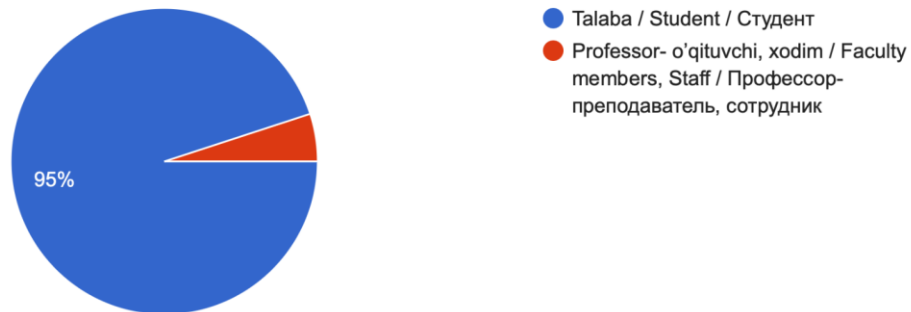
- The majority of respondents, **58.8%**, identified **In Courses** as the most common context where sustainability was encountered;
- Following **In Courses**, **In Campus Events** and **On UWED’s Online Platform (Moodle)** were the second and third most chosen contexts at **36.3%** and **31.5%** respectively;
- Being identified by under a quarter of respondents, **In Other Units**, **In Research Centers**, and **In Student Clubs** were chosen by **23.6%**, **18.3%**, and **16.5%** of respondents respectively. This suggests UWED should make a stronger effort to incorporate sustainability into these contexts;
- Finally, just **10.7%** of respondents reported not hearing of sustainability at UWED;

Appendix: Survey Instrument

The screenshots below provide illustrative extracts from the UWED Sustainability Literacy Survey used in the September–December 2025 assessment cycle. The survey was administered to students, academic staff, and professional staff through Google Forms as UWED’s internal sustainability literacy assessment tool. These screenshots are included as supporting evidence of the questionnaire structure and thematic coverage.

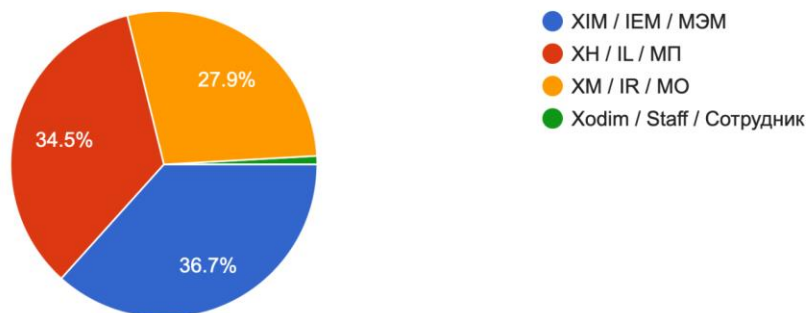
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3,342 responses



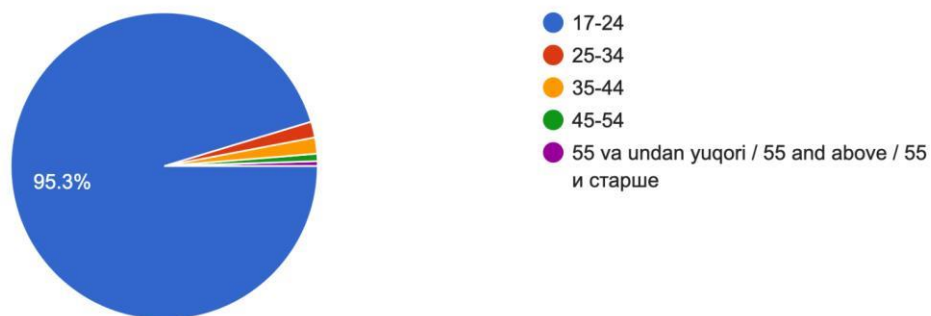
2. Qaysi fakultetda ishlaysiz/o'qiyasiz? Which faculty do you work/study in? На каком факультете вы работаете/учитесь?

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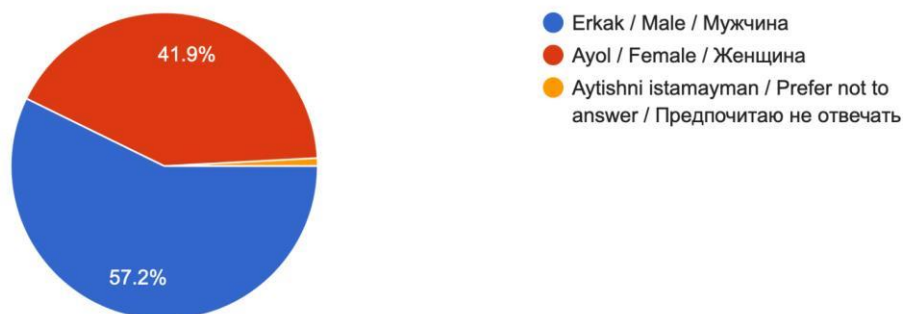
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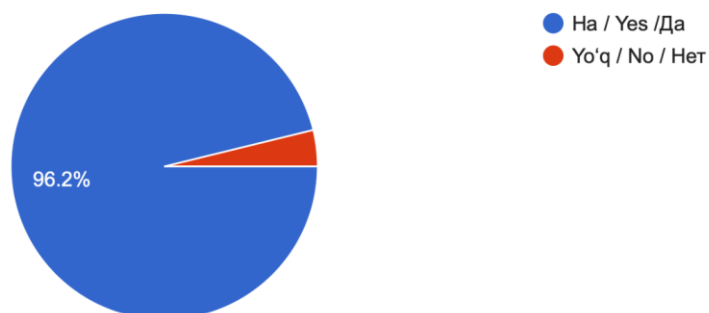
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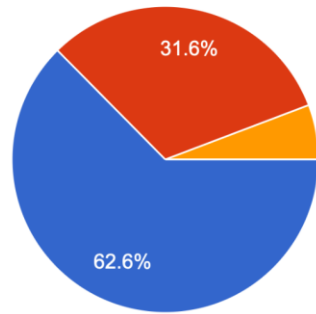


5. "Barqarorlik" nima ekanini bilasizmi? Do you know what "Sustainability" means? Знаете ли вы, что означает "Устойчивость"?

3,342 responses

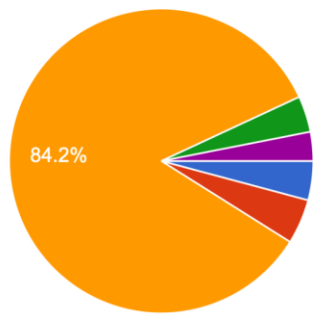


6. BMTning Barqaror Rivojlanish Maqsadlari haqida bilasizmi? Have you heard of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals? Знае...о развития Организации Объединённых Наций?
3,342 responses



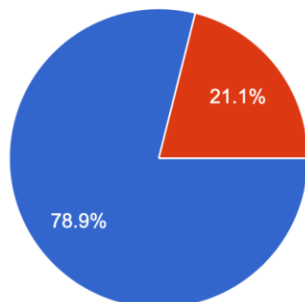
- Ha, bilaman / Yes, I do / Да, знаю
- Eshitganman nimaligini bilmauman / I've heard about it, but I'm not sure what it means / Слышал(а), но точно не знаю
- Hech narsa bilmauman / I don't know anything about it / Ничего не знаю об этом

7. Barqarorlik nimalarni o'z ichiga qamrab oladi? Which of the followings does sustainability include? Что включает в себя устойчивость?
3,342 responses



- Faqt ekologik masalalar / Only environmental issues / Только эколог...
- Faqt ekologik va iqtisodiy masalalar / Only environmental and economic iss...
- Ekologik, ijtimoiy va iqtisodiy masalalar / Environmental, social, and economic i...
- Faqt ijtimoiy va iqtisodiy masalalar / Only social and economic issues / Тол...
- Yuqoridagilardan hech biri / None of the above / Ни один из вышеперечислен...

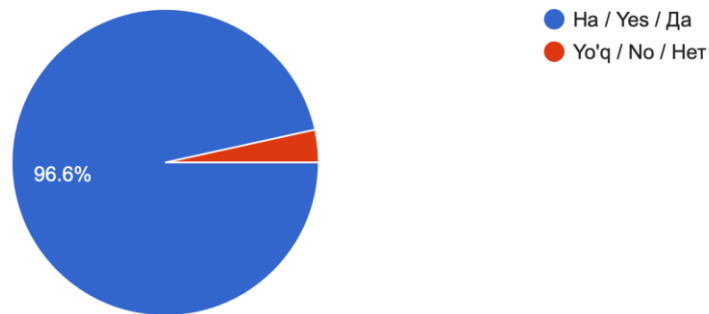
8. Siz plastik, qog'oz va metall kabi chiqindilarni alohida ajratib tashlaysizmi? Do you separately dispose of waste such as plastic, paper, and meta..., такие как пластик, бумага и металл, отдельно?
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- Ha / Yes / Да
- Yo'q / No / Нет

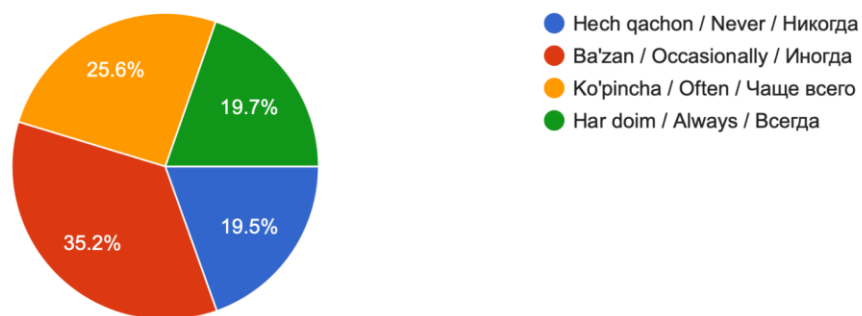
9. Suv tanqisligi haqida bilasizmi va suvni tejaysizmi? Are you aware of water scarcity and do you save water? Вы знаете о дефиците воды и экономите ли её?

3,342 responses



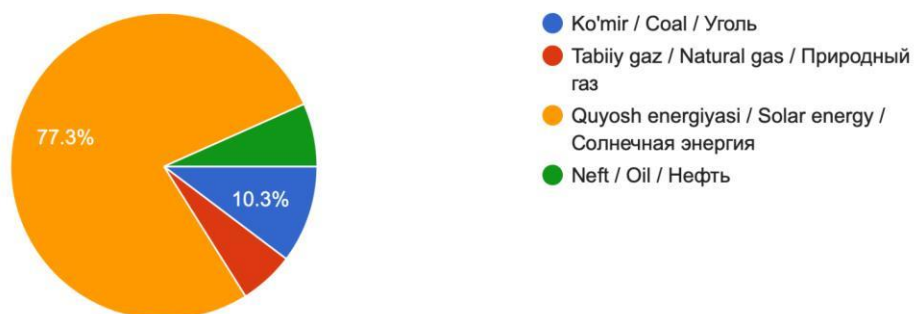
10. Universitetga borishda transport turini tanlaganingizda ekologik ta'sirni qanchalik hisobga olasiz? How much do you consider the environme...выборе транспорта для поездки в университет?

3,342 responses



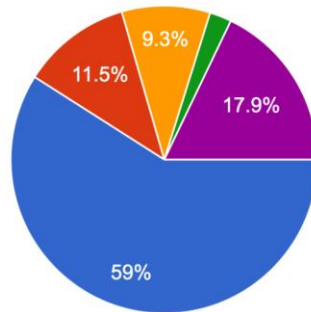
11. Quyidagilardan qaysilari qayta tiklanuvchi energiya manbalariga kirishini belgilang: Please mark which of the following are renewable energy so...ков относятся к возобновляемым видам энергии:

3,342 responses



12. "Uglerod izi" nima? What is a "carbon footprint"? Что такое "углеродный след"?

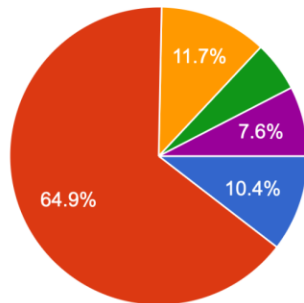
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- Yonilg'i ishlatilishidan hosil bo'ladigan issiqxona gazlari / Greenhouse gases produced by the use of fossil fuels / П...
- Odamlarning oyoq izlaridan chiqadigan uglerod miqdori / The amount of carbo...
- Ma'lum miqdordagi benzindagi uglerod zanjirining hajmi / The size of the carb...
- Qoramollardan chiqadigan chiqindilar / Emissions produced by cattle / Выбро...
- Bilmayman / I don't know / Не знаю

13. Quyidagilardan qaysi biri "Iqtisodiy barqarorlik" tushunchasini ifodalaydi? Which of the following best defines the concept of 'Economic sustaina...еделяет понятие «Экономическая устойчивость»?

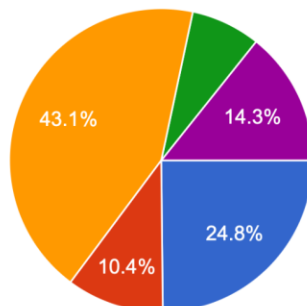
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- Kompaniyaning aksiyalar narxini maksimal darajaga yetkazish / Maximizing a company's stock price / ...
- Xodimlar farovonligi va resurslardan samarali foydalanishni hisobga olgan...
- Xarajatlarning daromadga tengligi / Costs equaling revenue / Равенство з...
- Bozor ulushini doimiy kengaytirish / Continuously expanding market share...
- Bilmayman / I don't know / Не знаю

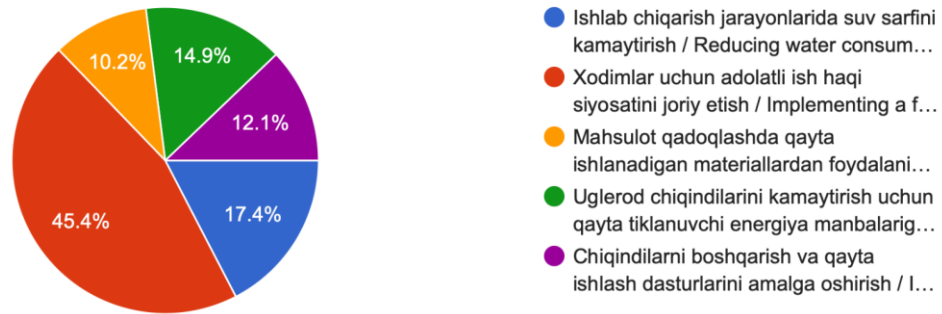
14. Quyidagilardan qaysi biri ijtimoiy barqarorlikning asosiy tamoyillariga kirmaydi? Which of the following is not a core principle of social sus...ся основным принципом социальной устойчивости?

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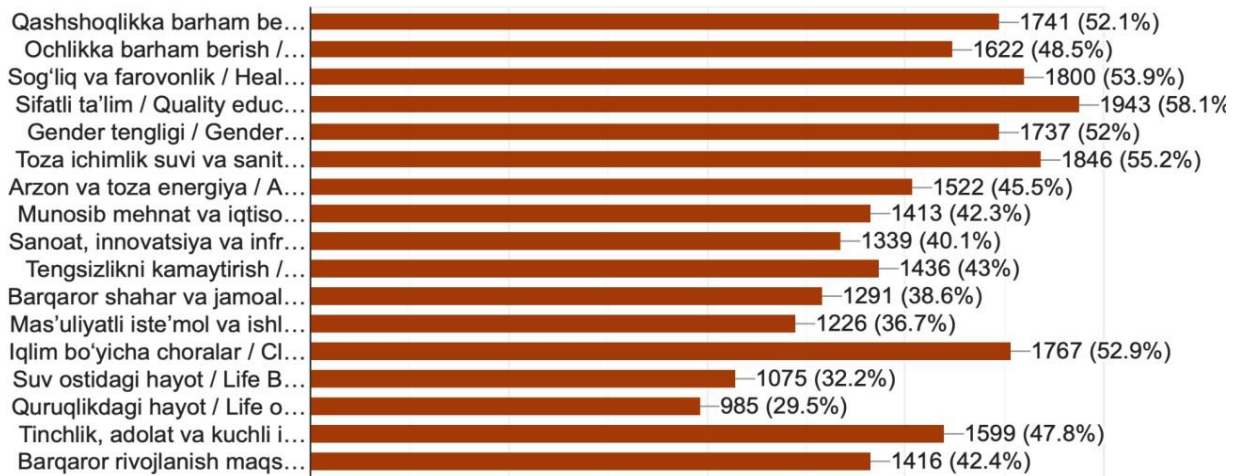


- Tenglik va ijtimoiy adolat / Equality and social justice / Равенство и социальн...
- Madaniy xilma-xillikka hurmat / Respect for cultural diversity / Уважение культ...
- Iqtisodiy foydani maksimal darajaga yetkazish / Economic profit maximizati...
- Gender tengligi / Gender equality / Гендерное равенство
- Avlodlararo adolat / Intergenerational equity / Межпоколенческое равенств

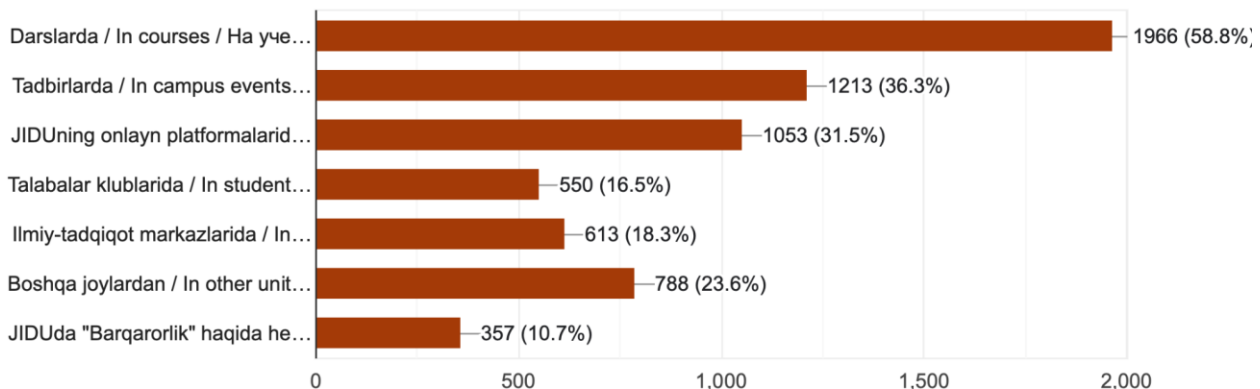
15. Quyidagilardan qaysi biri tashkilotning ijtimoiy barqarorlik yo'lida qo'lyagan qadami sifatida qaraladi? Which of the following can be considered as a step of the company towards social sustainability? 3,342 responses



16. Quyidagi Barqaror rivojlanish maqsadlaridan (BRM) qaysilarini bilasiz? (Bilganlaringizning hammasini belgilang.) Which of the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are you familiar with? 3,342 responses



17. Universitetda "Barqarorlik" tushunchasini qayerda eshitgansiz? Where have you heard the concept of "Sustainability" at the University? Где вы слышали об "Устойчивости" в Университете? 3,342 responses



Conclusion

Overall, the results of the UWED Sustainability Literacy Survey indicate a generally strong level of awareness and understanding of sustainability among the university community, particularly in relation to basic sustainability concepts, environmental responsibility, and the SDGs. At the same time, the findings reveal several areas requiring further improvement, especially in the understanding of social and economic dimensions of sustainability. By analysing responses from both students and academic/professional staff, UWED is able to identify knowledge gaps more effectively and use this evidence to strengthen future awareness-raising, training, and curriculum-related initiatives.