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GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

Longevity defines sustainability efforts at Gettysburg College. When the college signed the ACUPCC in 2007, “It wasn’t the beginning of Gettysburg’s sustainability efforts and it certainly wasn’t the end.” Gettysburg’s recycling program has been in place for over 10 years, and has successfully engaged the entire campus community by placing bins in every residential room on campus and implementing initiatives to reuse office and residence hall furniture. During Move-Out Day each May, students donate unwanted clothing and furniture to charities, routinely diverting a ton of waste from the landfill. The student-run Gettysburg Environmental Concerns Organization (GECO) has been active on campus for 20 years, and even helped create the R3 House, where residents are committed to reducing, reusing, and recycling. Recent endeavors include the 2009 opening of The Center—a \$25 million athletic building seeking LEED certification—and the establishment of the “Painted Turtle,”—an organic garden on campus. The college is making efforts to reduce its carbon footprint. Students enrolled in the Environmental Science senior-level course calculate the campus’ carbon footprint each year as a part of their final project. Gettysburg recently contracted to obtain 20 percent of its energy from biomass. To further reduce its impact on the environment, Gettysburg limits on-campus parking to sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and the College has even implemented a shuttle service to local supermarkets and other stores.

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GREEN HIGHLIGHTS

When Goucher College signed on as a member of the ACUPCC in 2007, it ushered in a new era on campus, one that could only be called “green.” Along with conducting comprehensive inventories of all greenhouse gas emissions on campus and developing an institutional action plan to combat its carbon footprint and become climate neutral (as per the ACUPCC directives), Goucher has also designated that all new buildings and renovations of existing ones be LEED-certified. In line with this, the Athenaeum, which, in the college’s words, is “a high-tech library, a public forum, classrooms, a café, an art gallery, a radio station, a center for community service, places to meet and converse, and many other spaces all in one,” is the campus’ first LEED-certified building—and it’s LEED Silver at that! Goucher was able to recycle half of the building debris from this construction (recycling being a key component of the college’s sustainability plan). The college’s ambitious recycling program doesn’t just divert glass, plastic, and paper waste, but also motor oil, fluorescent tubing, tires, metals, and paints, solvents, or other cleaning agents. Goucher is also active in putting a framework together to deal with green issues on campus through its Environmental Sustainability Advisory Council. This council works to “research and explore solutions to the environmental issues raised by members of the Goucher community and report its findings to the president,” which will in turn aid in the completion of the school’s commitment to climate neutrality.

Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	15
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	Yes
With participation from faculty, students, facilities, finance, alumni, athletics, dining services, transportation, campus safety, health services, student life, residence life	
Waste diversion rate (%)	35
Environmental studies degree available	Yes
Environmental literacy requirement	No
Public GHG inventory plan	Yes
% of school energy from renewable resources	50
School employs a sustainability officer	No
School provides guidance on green jobs	Yes
% school cleaning products that are green-certified	95
% school grounds maintained organically	40

Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	2,516
# of applicants	5,448
% of applicants accepted	40
Range SAT Critical Reading	610-690
Range SAT Math	610-690

Cost

Annual tuition	\$38,690
Required fees	\$410
Room and board	\$9,360
% of students receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	52

Green Facts

% food budget spent on local/organic food	30
Available transportation alternatives:	
free bus pass, restricting parking, bike share/rent, car share, carpool parking, vanpool, preferred parking for carpools/vanpools, preferred parking for low-emitting/fuel-efficient vehicles	
School has formal sustainability committee	Yes
With participation from faculty, students, facilities, dining services, transportation, student life, residence life	
New construction must be LEED certified or comparable third-party rating system	Yes
Environmental studies degree available	Yes
Environmental literacy requirement	Yes
Public GHG inventory plan	No
% of school energy from renewable resources	25
School employs a sustainability officer	No
School provides guidance on green jobs	Yes
% school cleaning products that are green-certified	98
% school grounds maintained organically	100

Student Body

Total undergrad enrollment	1,464
# of applicants	3,651
% of applicants accepted	73
Average HS GPA	3.17
Range SAT Critical Reading	550-670
Range SAT Math	510-630
Range SAT Writing	540-650

Cost

Annual tuition	\$34,626
% of students receiving need-based scholarship or grant aid	55