

STARS 1.0 - Education & Research - Credit 5
Definition of Sustainability Research

Vision

The University of Denver will be a great private university dedicated to the public good.

Values

In all that we do, we strive for excellence, innovation, engagement, integrity, and inclusiveness.

Mission

The mission of the University of Denver is to promote learning by engaging with students in advancing scholarly inquiry, cultivating critical and creative thought, and generating knowledge. Our active partnerships with local and global communities contribute to a sustainable common good.

Goals

- Community - We will create a diverse, ethical, and intellectually vibrant campus community to provide a challenging and liberating learning environment.
- Learning - We will provide an outstanding educational experience that empowers students to integrate and apply knowledge from across the disciplines and imagine new possibilities for themselves, their communities, and the world.
- Scholarship - We will invigorate research and scholarship across the university to address important scientific, sociopolitical, and cultural questions of the new century.

Definition of Sustainability Research

We, the University of Denver, define sustainability research as inquiry which contributes to creating and maintaining equitable and sustainable environmental, social, and economic systems. As a *great private university dedicated to the public good*, we commit to research in the areas of environmental, social, and economic sustainability by pledging to "meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs" (Brundtland, 1987). As a research institution we aim to "address important scientific, sociopolitical, and cultural questions of the new century" that encompass all three areas of sustainability. Moreover, we value community-based research and partnerships in the pursuit of our scholarship and service to the public good.

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