

Green Room Certification Program

Join the University of Denver's commitment to a better future. Our goal is to reduce our carbon footprint through ways that improve health and productivity, increase amounts of clean air and water, and save money and resources. This program provides a framework for units to begin the journey to a sustainable future. As the sponsor and certifying organization, The Center for Sustainability is dedicated to providing resources, expertise, and collaboration for successful certification.

What is it?

- A framework and certification of best practices for sustainability in a residence hall room setting.
- Certification provides university-wide recognition for the sustainability practices incorporated on a regular basis in participating residence hall rooms. The process provides integration into broader initiatives, peer education, and feedback on simple steps for rooms to improve practices.
- There are four levels of certification. Each level increases in difficulty as well as prestige.
 - **Aspiring** - shows that the room is aware of and on the road to sustainability.
 - **Silver** – the room is accomplished in many basic sustainability practices.
 - **Gold** – the room is a clear catalyst for improving sustainable practices.
 - **Platinum** – the room is pioneering the way to the 2050 goal of carbon neutrality.
- Certification addresses nine categories at varying levels of difficulty:
 - **Energy, Waste, Water, Transportation, Education, Community, Health, Purchasing, and Innovation**

How does it work?

- Certification must be renewed annually and the process can be started at any time.
- The program is meant to be collaborative and educational: if at any point your room has any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact the Center for Sustainability.
- Each participating room must complete the following steps:
 - Complete the audit form and any of the other required steps for each level in the presence of an Eco-Rep or a representative of the Center for Sustainability and submit documentation.
 - Wait for approval and certification documentation.

What are the levels of Certification?

Aspiring Green Room Certification

- Completion of the audit form: score 0-70%

Silver Green Room

- Completion of the audit form: score 70-85%

Gold Green Room

- Completion of the audit form: score 85-95%
- Institute a roommate as an Eco-Rep (more details coming soon)

Platinum Green Room

- Completion of the audit form: score 95-100%
- Institute a roommate as an Eco-Rep (more details coming soon)
- Share a sustainability innovation publicly with other Green Rooms and Eco-Reps

Questions, Comments, Concerns, or Submissions?