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Environmental Policy Statement

Pursuant to the objectives of the CICM for the promotion of justice, peace, and integrity of creation, SLU commits to protect the environment.

Environmental Management
SLU Adheres to the principles of environmental preservation, management, and sustainable development. Towards these ends, the University commits:

- Promote sound environmental management policies and practices in all of its units and campuses.
- Comply with all environmental laws, rules, and regulations.
- Encourage the academic community to be more pro-actively involved in environmental issues through programs that support ecologically sound projects and programs.
- Promote activities that will develop skills and understanding among students, faculty, and university administrators in initiating active responses and increasing awareness and involvement on environmental concerns such as but not limited to preventing pollution.

Posted on the SLU Website:

https://www.slu.edu.ph/environmental-programs/

Keeping the Forest, Growing the Green: How SLU Protects Its Campus Ecosystems

Saint Louis University looks after the natural landscapes on all of its campuses. It keeps its forest cover, plants species suited to the Cordillera highlands, and leaves room for open, living ground. The Campus Planning, Maintenance and Security Department (CPMSD) recently updated its maps and vegetation assessments for the UI GreenMetric. They show that most of SLU's grounds are native plants, protected forest and managed green spaces that sustain themselves in the highland climate.

The maps below show where these areas are on the Main, Maryheights, Navy Base and Gonzaga campuses. The photos give a closer look: native trees, hardy groundcovers, planted slopes and shaded gardens.

Protecting the forest we already have. SLU keeps 49,213.53 m^2 of forest vegetation, 43 percent of all its campus land. Most of it is on the Maryheights Campus, where native pine stands grow over a natural understory of plants. The University has chosen to keep this forest rather than build on it. The forest holds the soil on the slopes, keeps moisture in the ground, recharges groundwater, and gives plants and wildlife a place to live.

Planting with native species. Around the forest, SLU tends 17,965.84 m^2 of planted areas. These are mostly native, climate-appropriate shrubs, flowering plants and groundcovers, set in terraced gardens, slope plantings and shaded walkways. The plants were chosen because they belong in the region. That supports local biodiversity, and the plants need little care to thrive.

Leaving room for living ground. Another 92,763.47 m^2 of campus land is grasslands, open fields, rain gardens, unpaved sports grounds and vegetated walkways. Rain soaks into this ground instead of running off, which keeps the soil healthy. These spaces also link the forest and gardens, so plants and wildlife can spread across the campus instead of being stuck in small, separate patches.

By keeping its forest, planting native species and protecting open ground, SLU maintains the ecosystems on its land and helps them grow, for the plants and animals that depend on them and for the University community.

Saint Louis University Delegates grace the 19th Annual Review Meeting of the Asian International Mobility for Students (AIMS) Programme in Malaysia

The Dean of SAMCIS, Ms. Glory I. Dela Peña, and the Associate Dean of SEA, Engr. Caroline B. Bautista, represented SLU at the 19th Annual Review Meeting of the Asian International Mobility for Students (AIMS) Programme, held on November 4–6, 2025 at DoubleTree by Hilton Putrajaya Lakeside, Malaysia. Activities included the Asian Knowledge Corner for cultural exchange, the Groom Project for wildlife care and environmental education, and the River Trail Cleaning Program for sustainable waterway management.

The AIMS Programme, led by SEAMEO RIHED and organized nationally by CHED-IAS, strengthens higher education cooperation and student mobility across Asia. SLU, accredited in Engineering and Business, joins this initiative to advance global learning and intercultural skills. The activity reflects SLU's commitment to University Social Responsibility (USR) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4, SDG 6, SDG 13, SDG 15, and SDG 17.





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