



# Sustainability Investment and Institutional Development Policy

## University of Al-Ameed

### Policy Information

Item	Details
Policy Title	Sustainability Investment and Institutional Development Policy
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## 1. Purpose

University of Al-Ameed is committed to supporting responsible institutional development and sustainability-oriented investment practices that contribute to operational efficiency, institutional advancement, environmental responsibility, digital transformation, educational quality, and long-term organisational resilience.

This policy establishes a general framework for integrating sustainability-related considerations into institutional investment, infrastructure development, operational improvement, digital transformation, procurement planning, and future campus development activities. The university seeks to encourage responsible investment practices that support institutional growth, efficient resource utilisation, technological advancement, and sustainable campus development.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- university infrastructure development and campus expansion activities;
- procurement and institutional investment considerations related to facilities, operations, technologies, and equipment;
- sustainability-related operational improvement initiatives;
- digital transformation and smart campus development activities;
- sustainability-oriented projects related to energy, water, transportation, waste management, ICT systems, accessibility, landscaping, and operational infrastructure;



- relevant university units involved in planning, finance, engineering, procurement, ICT, operations, quality assurance, and institutional development.

### **3. Policy Objectives**

The university seeks through this policy to:

- support institutional investment practices that contribute to sustainable university development;
- encourage consideration of sustainability-related factors within infrastructure and operational planning activities;
- support efficient utilisation of institutional resources and long-term operational value;
- encourage integration of digital systems, smart technologies, and ICT-enabled operational practices where feasible;
- support development of resilient, accessible, and operationally efficient campus infrastructure;
- encourage investment practices that contribute to environmental responsibility, institutional effectiveness, and organisational continuity;
- support gradual institutional advancement aligned with sustainability-oriented operational development;
- strengthen institutional readiness for future sustainability, quality assurance, and operational reporting requirements.

### **4. Policy Commitments**

University of Al-Ameed supports integration of sustainability, operational efficiency, digital transformation, and responsible institutional development considerations into university investment and planning activities where feasible and appropriate.

The university seeks to:

#### **4.1 Sustainable Infrastructure and Campus Development**

- support development and improvement of university infrastructure in alignment with institutional operational needs and future development objectives;
- encourage consideration of sustainability-related practices within campus expansion, infrastructure upgrades, landscaping, accessibility improvements, and facility development activities where feasible;
- support operationally efficient and accessible campus environments that contribute to educational quality and institutional functionality.

#### **4.2 Resource Efficiency and Operational Sustainability**

- encourage investment considerations that support efficient use of energy, water, materials, operational resources, and institutional assets where feasible;



- support development and gradual improvement of systems related to operational sustainability and campus efficiency;
- encourage responsible lifecycle and maintenance considerations within institutional development planning.

### **4.3 Digital Transformation and Smart Campus Development**

- support investment in digital systems, ICT infrastructure, monitoring technologies, and operational platforms that contribute to institutional efficiency and organisational development;
- encourage development of smart-campus-oriented practices related to digital operations, data management, sustainability monitoring, electronic services, and technology-enhanced institutional coordination where feasible;
- support integration of digital transformation considerations within institutional planning and operational improvement activities.

### **4.4 Sustainability-Oriented Operational Improvement**

- support operational development projects related to sustainability, environmental responsibility, accessibility, campus services, transportation systems, waste management, water systems, and energy-related infrastructure where feasible;
- encourage continuous improvement practices that contribute to institutional sustainability and operational resilience.

### **4.5 Institutional Planning and Long-Term Development**

- support strategic planning practices that consider long-term institutional sustainability, operational continuity, organisational growth, and campus development needs;
- encourage coordination between planning, finance, engineering, procurement, ICT, and operational units during institutional development activities;
- support gradual implementation of sustainability-oriented initiatives based on institutional priorities and available resources.

## **5. Implementation Framework**

Implementation of this policy may be supported through coordination between relevant university units, including planning, finance, engineering, procurement, ICT, administration, quality assurance, sustainability-related units, and operational departments.

The university may:

- integrate sustainability-related considerations into planning and investment activities where feasible;
- support development of operational and infrastructure improvement initiatives aligned with institutional priorities;



- encourage use of digital systems and smart technologies that contribute to institutional efficiency and operational coordination;
- support gradual development of sustainability-oriented infrastructure and institutional systems based on available resources and operational requirements;
- develop supporting procedures, investment guidelines, reporting mechanisms, or operational frameworks where needed.

## **6. Monitoring, Review, and Continuous Improvement**

The university supports periodic review of institutional development and sustainability-oriented investment practices to encourage continuous organisational improvement and operational advancement.

Relevant units may contribute to:

- maintaining records related to infrastructure development, sustainability-related operational projects, procurement activities, digital transformation initiatives, and institutional investments;
- supporting future development of institutional performance indicators (KPIs) and sustainability reporting mechanisms;
- supporting collection of information related to campus development, operational efficiency, digital transformation, resource management, and sustainability-oriented institutional improvement activities where feasible;
- supporting future digital monitoring and institutional assessment practices where appropriate.

This policy shall be reviewed annually and may be updated in accordance with institutional priorities, operational developments, technological advancements, financial considerations, infrastructure expansion activities, or sustainability-related objectives.

## **7. Records Management and Documentation**

Relevant university units are encouraged to maintain records and supporting documentation related to:

- infrastructure and campus development activities;
- sustainability-related investment and operational improvement projects;
- digital transformation and ICT infrastructure initiatives;
- institutional planning and operational development activities;
- sustainability monitoring, reporting, and institutional review practices.

Where feasible, the university may support digital archiving and centralised documentation practices to strengthen institutional reporting, operational continuity, and sustainability assessment capabilities.



## 8. Related References and Guiding Frameworks

This policy may be guided by relevant national regulations and internationally recognised good practices related to institutional development, operational management, digital transformation, sustainability, infrastructure planning, and governance, including where applicable:

- Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research regulations and directives;
- applicable national planning and infrastructure considerations;
- principles related to institutional governance, operational accountability, and quality assurance;
- ISO 9001 Quality Management System principles;
- ISO 14001 Environmental Management System principles;
- general sustainability, smart campus, and institutional development frameworks.

## 9. Revision History

Version	Date	Description of Revision	Approved By
1.0	2025/8/26	Initial Policy Release	Presidency
2.0	2026/5/20	Comprehensive revision and expansion of the policy framework to strengthen institutional sustainability governance, operational implementation, digital transformation integration, reporting mechanisms, and alignment with current institutional development priorities and international sustainability practices.	Presidency