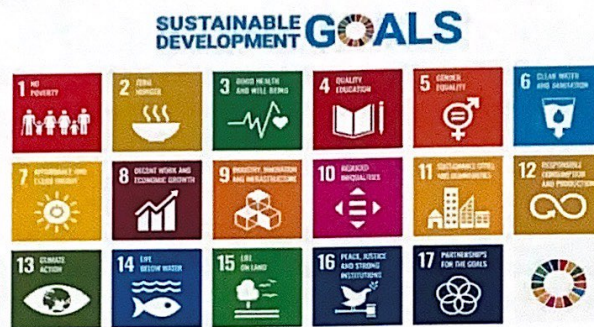


**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
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Our vision for UC is to be among the Kosovo and Western Balkan leaders of excellent, relevant and purposeful research aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Universum College has committed to placing the SDGs at the heart of our Strategy. Set by the United Nations General Assembly, the Sustainable Development Goals or Global Goals are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a “blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all” by the year 2030.



Embedding the SDGs

In 2021, the Universum College created the University’s SDG Working Group. The SDG Working Group was formed with representatives from each faculty with the aim of both designing a Sustainability Impact Framework that is aligned to the SDGs and ensuring that the relevant data capture related to this was embedded across Universum departments.

An overview of UC work to support the SDGs can be found below on how we seek to address several of the SDGs issues. As a University we are committed to contributing to Kosovo being the leading higher education institution in the WB6 for Sustainability.

We promote use of the Sustainable Development Goals in learning so that students can contribute to a better future for all. From citizenship and justice to climate change and the environment, inspire students to make a difference.

Referring to the importance of the SDGs, we as an institution teach them in all study programs in the third year of Bachelor's studies. As an institution, we have selected 6 SDGs as a priority to develop and on which we have adapted all our operations due to the importance they have for us and for society.

These objectives can currently be supported by our available capacities and every year we will be evaluating the development possibilities of other objectives as well. The Universum College we seek to address the six SDGs like below:



SDGs have a huge part to play in today's classrooms. As a blueprint for making the world a better place, these goals can help engage students and inform lesson plans.

SDG-3

Education is key to educate people on drug and alcohol abuse and prevention as well as on mental health issues. Health is a fundamental human right and a key indicator of sustainable development. Poor health threatens the rights of children to education.

SDG-4

At Universum College we ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning as a fundamental development drivers. Major progress has been made towards increasing access to education particularly for women and girls. For example, we have achieved equality in education between girls and boys in our study programs.

We offer scholarships for daughters of war martyrs and minority communities in Kosovo. Also, within the year 2022, we have completed the expansion of the facility's infrastructure in the Prishtina Campus, guaranteeing access to all classrooms and offices for people with special needs.

SDG-5

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. At Universum College it is clear that gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. By providing women and girls with equal access to education, health care, decent work, and representation in political and economic decision-making processes will fuel sustainable economies and benefit societies and humanity at large.

SDG-7

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. At Universum College we are aware that energy is central to nearly every major challenge and opportunity the world faces today. Be it for jobs, security, climate change, food production or increasing incomes, access to energy for all is essential. Transitioning the global economy towards clean and sustainable sources of energy is one of our greatest challenges in the coming decades. Sustainable energy is an opportunity – it transforms lives, economies and the planet.

SDG-11

Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

The challenges cities face can be overcome in ways that allow them to continue to thrive and grow, while improving resource use and reducing pollution and poverty. Universum College mission in in

line with the global goal working in including cities of opportunities for all, with access to basic services, energy, housing, transportation and more.

SGD-17

Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development. At Universum College is clear that a successful sustainable development agenda requires partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society. These inclusive partnerships built upon principles and values, a shared vision, and shared goals that place people and the planet at the centre, are needed at the global, regional, national and local level. In that content we are working close with our partner Universities and especially through the Erasmus+ Mobility Programs and Projects to achieve and promote the sustainability of our institution and its contribution in the local community of Kosovo.

Let's take a look at the top 7 reasons why educators should make use of the SDGs in their classrooms.

1. They're good for the planet

Let's start with an obvious one. The SDGs have been specifically created to draw attention to some of the biggest environmental challenges in the world today. Sanitation, sustainability, pollution, and climate action are all addressed.

SDGs are about more than awareness, though. They also break down each goal into a set of achievable sub-targets. Tackling a subject like climate change is a massive challenge, but the SDGs show smaller ways to contribute towards climate action for the good of the planet.

Educators can use these sub-targets to show their students the ways in which they can make an impact on improving the world that they live in.

2. They're good for humanity

The SDGs aren't just about environmental factors. They also deal with serious, life-affecting human issues such as poverty, inequality, economic growth, peace, and justice.

Students will get a greater knowledge of challenges faced not only in their own lives but also in the lives of others all around the world. These SDGs highlight the structures behind our society – economic, legal, and political – and their complexities. They shed light on difficulties that students may not be aware of, or even take for granted.

3. They teach empathy to students

One of the key benefits of learning about the SDGs is that it opens students' minds to different communities and experiences outside of their own. In turn, this breeds empathy in the classroom.

Empathy and curiosity are at the heart of global leadership. They give students an awareness of the wider world, and its values and identities. This helps the development of students into more well-rounded citizens of the world, and shows them the ways in which they can make a difference in the future.

4. They give lesson plans a new perspective

As the SDGs are so wide-reaching, they can be used to provide new perspectives and real-world context to lesson plans.

For example, geography and science lessons can be enriched by discussing climate change subjects such as the causes and effects of the increase in average global temperature, or how climate change is creating natural disasters like tsunamis and tropical cyclones. Biology lessons could examine not only the cellular study of viruses and diseases but also the societal factors that allow them to thrive, such as inadequate access to medication and education.

The SDGs are an ideal filter through which to expand and enrich your lesson plans. Boost classroom engagement by demonstrating the real-world impact of the subjects your students are learning.

5. They are a valuable educational resource

It shouldn't be overlooked just how much research and information is packed into each of the SDGs. The United Nations has sourced and compiled vital information about each goal in one place.

From extensive facts and figures to the individual targets that make up each goal, the SDGs are useful classroom resources that adds depth and context to lesson plans. They also contain links to further reading from sources such as the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and more.

6. They give focus to classroom discussion

The SDGs are not just a series of abstract ideals. The goals themselves are SMART, with clear time-limited targets that make up each SDG.

Many of these targets fall within the next couple of years, with some of the larger-scale challenges set for 2030. This helps educators to see not only which parts of the goal are most pressing, but also what can be achieved even in a limited time frame.

As the SDGs show, even making a small change can have a big impact on the world. By ensuring that the goals are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely, they can be used to give focus to classroom discussion.

7. They align with the curriculum

It's worth emphasizing that the SDGs are closely aligned with today's curriculum. They broach a remarkable range of traditional academic subjects such as geography, biology, social sciences, politics, economics, and more.

Educators should see the SDGs as an opportunity to add extra depth to their lesson plans, rather than being something that requires work to link to the curriculum.

Conclusion

In participatory classroom learning, we place great importance on global leadership education based on the SDGs as the backbone. We intend for these policies to reinforce the value of enriching lesson plans and teaching the curriculum, showing today's students that they have a role to play in the world of the future.

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