AC 2: Learning Outcomes

8 points available

A. Credit Rationale
This credit recognizes institutions with sustainability learning outcomes associated with program degrees and/or courses of study. Learning outcomes help students develop specific sustainability knowledge and skills and provide institutions and accrediting bodies with standards against which to assess student learning.

B. Criteria
Institution’s students graduate from degree programs that include sustainability as a learning outcome or include multiple sustainability learning outcomes. Sustainability learning outcomes (or the equivalent) may be specified at:
- Institution level (e.g. covering all students)
- Division level (e.g. covering one or more schools or colleges within the institution)
- Program level
- Course level

This credit includes graduate as well as undergraduate programs. For this credit, “degree programs” include majors, minors, concentrations, certificates, and other academic designations. Extension certificates and other certificates that are not part of academic degree programs do not count for this credit; they are covered in EN 11: Continuing Education. Programs that include co-curricular aspects may count as long as there is an academic component of the program. Learning outcomes at the course level count if the course is required to complete the program.

This credit is inclusive of learning outcomes, institutional learning goals, general education outcomes, and graduate profiles that are consistent with the definition of “sustainability learning outcomes” included in Standards and Terms.

Institutions that do not specify learning outcomes as a matter of policy or standard practice may report graduates from sustainability-focused programs (i.e. majors, minors, concentrations and the equivalent as reported for AC 3: Undergraduate Program and AC 4: Graduate Program) in lieu of the above criteria.
C. Applicability
This credit applies to all institutions that have degree programs.

D. Scoring
Institutions earn the maximum of 8 points available for this credit when all students graduate from programs that have adopted at least one sustainability learning outcome. Incremental points are available based on the percentage of students who graduate from such programs. For example, if half of all students graduated from programs that have specified sustainability learning outcomes, an institution would earn 4 points (half of the points available for this credit). Points earned are calculated according to the following table:

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Scoring Example: Learning Outcomes
Example University graduated 1,000 students in the past academic year. Of those students, 250 graduated from a program that has adopted a sustainability learning outcome or multiple sustainability outcomes.

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**E. Reporting Fields**

**Required**
- Number of students who graduated from a program that has adopted at least one sustainability learning outcome
- Total number of graduates from degree programs
- An affirmation that the submitted information is accurate to the best of a responsible party's knowledge and contact information for the responsible party. The responsible party should be a staff member, faculty member, or administrator who can respond to questions regarding the data once submitted and available to the public.

**Conditional**
Required if the institution is reporting students who graduated from a program that has adopted at least one sustainability learning outcome:
- A list of degree, diploma or certificate programs that have sustainability learning outcomes (text or PDF upload)

**Optional**
- A list or sample of the sustainability learning outcomes associated with degree, diploma or certificate programs
- The website URL where information about the institution's sustainability learning outcomes is available
- Notes about the submission

**F. Measurement**

**Timeframe**
Report the most recent data available. Institutions may choose to report data from one, two, or three academic years, as long as both the total number of graduates and the number of graduates from programs that have sustainability learning outcomes are measured during the same time period.

**Sampling and Data Standards**
Not applicable