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SDG11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

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SDG11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

It is one of the 17 indicators of the UN which measures the quality of a university's output in the area of sustainable cities and communities and exploring how they act as custodians of heritage and environment in their communities, a sustainable community must have access to its history and culture in order to thrive.

Goal: How Universities supporting arts and heritage by strengthening and providing access to local cultural and heritage.

Means of achieving this goal according to University of Babylon environment:

- Promote inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable cities and human settlements.
- This goal is all about managing urban development.
- Well-managed cities can be hubs of innovation and prosperity.
- Their management is a big cornerstone in sustainable development.
- As more people migrate to cities in search of better opportunities, access to affordable, safe and sustainable housing becomes a priority.
- Managing urban sprawl, waste management, and air pollution are essential to ensuring the well-being, health and prosperity of our population and our environment.
- The impact of poorly planned urbanization can be seen in the growing reality of tangled traffic, growing greenhouse gas emissions and sprawling suburbs all over the world.
- Ineffective cities are a burden on taxpayers, and can even lower life expectancy.
- Proper planning and governance can help reduce these detrimental effects.

Colleges participated to achieve SDG11:

- College of Engineering established and accredited in 1988.
- College of Materials Engineering established and accredited in 2007.
- College of Engineering/ Al-Musayab established and accredited in 2014.
- College of Science for Women established and accredited in 2002.
- Collage of Education for Human Science established and accredited in 1993.

Activities Links (conferences, seminars, workshops, cultural meetings) on university website:

University of Babylon impact indicators for SDG2 in 2020

Indicators	value	Evidences/ Links
Public access to buildings, monuments or natural heritage landscapes of cultural significance?	Free access	http://bchc.uobabylon.edu.iq/
Commet		Babylon Center for Civilization and historical studies organizes regular visits for local or regional picnics to its University Museum which is a part of the center. It welcomes primary ,secondary schools visits to enhance the role of engagement with local communities Also the different facilities of the faculty of Fine Arts are free open access to the public
Public access to libraries including books and publications?	Free access	Evidence url : http://www.uobabylon.edu.iq/ivsl/# Evidence url : http://library.uobabylon.edu.iq/ (http://library.uobabylon.edu.iq/) Evidence url http://multimedia.uobabylon.edu.iq/mmc/
Comment		Doors of Library with all different departments are open and free access to all academics from different local and regional universities, from NGOs, from different Ministries, or state institutions.
Public access to museums, exhibition spaces / galleries and/or works of art and artifacts?	yes	Evidence url : http://bchc.uobabylon.edu.iq/
Comment		Babylon Center for Civilization and historical studies organizes regular visits for local or regional picnics to its University Museum which is a part of the center. It welcomes primary ,secondary schools visits to enhance the role of engagement with local communities
Contribute to local arts, in terms of number of annual public performances of university choirs /theatre groups / orchestras etc?	Free access	Evidence url : http://finearts.uobabylon.edu.iq/action_news.aspx?fid=13&nwid=65730 Evidence url

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Comment		. All these activities are possible for the public especially through the annual April festival of their achievements .
record and/or preserve intangible cultural heritage such as local folklore, traditions, language, and knowledge	yes	Evidence url : http://bchc.uobabylon.edu.iq/
Expenditure on arts and heritage		
University expenditure		
University expenditure on arts and heritage		
Sustainable practices		

measure and set targets for more sustainable commuting (walking, cycling or other non-motorized transport, vanpools, carpools, shuttlebus or public transportation, motorcycle, scooter or moped, or electric vehicles)?	yes	Evidence url : http://uobabylon.edu.iq/Default.aspx Evidence url :
Comment		The University of Babylon supports and encourages walking inside the university and provides walkways and sidewalks for walking between colleges. Student cars and taxis are also prohibited from entering the university campus. Many colleges have provided a set of bicycles and a garage for bicycles that is free for use by students. The attached file contains pictures of a sample of walkways and sidewalks.
actions to promote the % of more sustainable commuting (e.g. provision of free or subsidized buses or shared transport schemes, provision of bicycle parking & storage facilities, provision of cycle tracks, a bicycle and pedestrian plan or policy, bicycle sharing programme, free or reduced price transit passes, car/van pool or ride sharing programme, reduced parking fees or preferential parking for carpool or vanpool users, car sharing programme,provision of electric vehicle recharging stations, preferredparking for fuel-efficient vehicles)?	yes	
affordable housing for students?	yes	Evidence url : http://dormitory.uobabylon.edu.iq/Default.aspx Evidence url : http://dormitory.uobabylon.edu.iq/view.aspx?mid=20423

Comment	University of Babylon provides internal housing in its internal departments for students whose residential areas are relatively far from the university
Does your university as a body priorities pedestrian access on campus?	yes	
Does your university as a body work with local authorities toaddress planning issues/development, including ensuring thatlocal residents are able to access affordable housing?		
Does your university as a body build new buildings to sustainable standards? (If "yes", are you following a national standard or body, e.g. the world green building council, that certifies it? Please indicate.)	yes	Evidence url : http://www.uobabylon.edu.iq/
Comment	The department of projects and constructions at the headquarters considers smart buildings criteria in all recent projects of expansion, whether they are new buildings or setting up new floors
Does your university as a body build on brownfield sites, where possible (brownfield sites are those where there has beenprevious, recent building)?	yes	Evidence url : http://www.uobabylon.edu.iq/
Comment	The department of projects and constructions at the headquarters seeks to build or extend vertically rather than horizontally of most of new buildings to protect environment and to avoid deserting.

References

- University of Babylon website
- University of Babylon archive