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**University of Washington earns 4th straight Green Honor Roll award**

The University of Washington has been named to the Princeton Review’s Green Honor Roll for the fourth straight year, earning a perfect Green Rating.

The UW has earned the highest possible 99 rating six out of seven years since The Princeton Review began its Green Rating program. The university was one of 24 schools to earn the award out of 861 schools reviewed.

“Sustainability is an important value to many people at the University, most notably our students. We are extremely grateful to be recognized on The Princeton Review’s Green Honor Roll,” said Ruth Johnston, Associate Vice President, Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability.

The Princeton Review cited the UW’s “culture of sustainability,” saying “students learn by example and actively contribute to global change, in college and beyond.”’

The Green Ratings are part of The Princeton Review’s annual college rankings. The company says students are increasingly considering sustainability efforts when choosing which school to attend – in a recent survey by the Princeton Review of 10,116 college applicants, 61% said having information about a college’s commitment to the environment would impact their decision to apply to or attend a school.

The rating criteria covers three primary areas: whether a school’s students have a campus quality of life that is healthy and sustainable, how well the school is preparing its students for employment and citizenship in a world defined by environmental challenges, and the school’s overall commitment to environmental issues. Information is taken from an institutional survey, including questions on energy use, food, buildings, transportation, academic offerings and sustainability action plans.

For more information on the Green Honor Roll, see The Princeton Review’s [press release](http://www.princetonreview.com/green/press-release.aspx) and the list of [Honor Roll schools](http://www.princetonreview.com/green-honor-roll.aspx).

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