

Dining Services Certification

0.5 bonus points available

Rationale

This credit recognizes institutions that exceed the criteria outlined in credits within the Dining Services subcategory by achieving third party certification for its dining operations.

Criteria

Institution and/or its primary dining services contractor has at least one on-site dining hall or food service outlet (e.g., café, coffee shop, dining hall, franchise, or restaurant) certified by one or more of the following:

- Food for Life (Food for Life Served Here award)
- The Food Recovery Network (Food Recovery Verified)
- The Green Restaurant Association (GRA) (Two Star or higher)
- Green Seal (GS-55 Standard for Restaurants and Food Services)
- Leaders for Environmentally Accountable Foodservice (LEAF)
- Nordic Swan
- Responsible Epicurean and Agricultural Leadership (REAL)
- Sustainable Restaurant Association (Food Made Good, Two Stars or higher)
- An equivalent third party certification approved by AASHE¹

Please note that this credit recognizes dining halls and food service outlets that have been third party certified. Expenditures on third party certified sustainable food and beverage products are recognized in the Food and Beverage Purchasing credit.

Scoring

An institution earns 0.5 bonus points when 50 percent or more of food service outlets (by either location or sales) are certified by one or more of the organizations listed. Partial points are available. An institution with at least one, but fewer than 50 percent of outlets certified earns 0.25 points.

Reporting Fields

Required

- ☐ Is at least one on-campus dining hall or food service outlet certified by one or more of the following organizations? (Select all that apply.)
 - Food for Life (Food for Life Served Here award)
 - The Food Recovery Network (Food Recovery Verified)
 - The Green Restaurant Association (GRA) (Two Star or higher)
 - Green Seal (GS-55 Standard for Restaurants and Food Services)
 - Leaders for Environmentally Accountable Foodservice (LEAF)
 - Nordic Swan

¹ Email stars@aashe.org to inquire about program equivalence prior to submission.

- Responsible Epicurean and Agricultural Leadership (REAL)
 - Sustainable Restaurant Association (Food Made Good, Two Stars or higher)
 - An equivalent third party certification for sustainable dining approved by AASHE
- Approximately what proportion of on-site food service outlets (by location or sales) are third party certified?
 - 50 percent or more
 - Fewer than 50 percent
- A list or brief description of each certified dining hall or food service outlet, including the certification earned

Optional

- Website URL where information about the institution's sustainable dining certification program is available
- Additional documentation to support the submission (upload)
- Data source(s) and notes about the submission
- Contact information for a responsible party (an employee who can respond to questions regarding the data once it is submitted and available to the public)