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The University of Jyväskylä is a nationally and internationally significant multidisciplinary research university and an expert on education with a heritage of 150 years. Currently, the University has approximately 15,000 students in seven faculties and 2,700 employees in research, teaching and administration duties on three campus areas: Seminaarinmäki, which plays a significant role in local cultural history; Mattilanniemi, situated next to Lake Jyväsjärvi; and Ylistönrinne. In addition, every year more than 14,000 students study at the Open University of the University of Jyväskylä.

In its activities the University follows and nurtures ethical values and promotes sustainability in economic, social and ecological development. The University has signed the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development for international academic communities. By signing the declaration, the University commits to teach the concepts and ideas of sustainability, encourage related research, promote the realisation of a green campus, support sustainability in the community in cooperation with local authorities and associations, and participate in international sustainability initiatives. To make the green campus a reality and promote ecological sustainability, the University of Jyväskylä has signed a cooperation agreement with WWF on the use of the Green Office environmental management system.

The University of Jyväskylä commits to decreasing direct and, whenever possible, indirect detrimental environmental impacts caused by the premises and operations under the command of the University, and aims to consistently improve the environmental aspects of its operations in order to decrease ecological footprint and greenhouse gas emissions. To achieve these principles, the University of Jyväskylä will

- follow the valid environmental legislation and authority regulations in all operations
- decrease its total energy consumption and increase the share of renewable energy sources in energy procurement
- prevent and decrease the amount of waste and develop operations so that the waste created is primarily reused or recycled, secondarily utilised as energy, or, as the last option, transported to a landfill
- observe environmental considerations in all its procurement
- promote environmentally friendly traffic among its employees and students and support the creation of a car-free Seminaarinmäki campus.

Through its strengths, multidisciplinary, and extensive educational responsibility, the University of Jyväskylä has the potential to react to many changes in the operating environment, cli-



mate change being one of the most important challenges. The staff of the University of Jyväskylä commits to follow the environmental principles of the University and develop the actions needed to realise them. Staff as well as students are instructed and encouraged to consider these principles in their actions since everyone at the University is responsible for doing their part to reduce their impact on the environment.

The environmental principles of the University of Jyväskylä are publicly available on the website of the University.

Rector

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