



Principles Guiding Land Based Activities and Projects

1. Land Based Activities should contribute to the UBC Strategic Plan (Place and Promise), Green Academic designation in the UBC Land Plan, the CSFS Academic Plan and the UBC Farm Land Plan.

Contribution to the Academic Mandate can occur through research, teaching, community engagement and/or stewardship of the site for these purposes. Activities should exhibit one or more of the following attributes in relation to sustainable food and agro-ecological systems, with preference given to projects that fulfill multiple aspects of the academic mandate.

- Novelty (i.e. how will this project contribute to new learning or understanding about a particular aspect of sustainable food systems)
- Rigor (i.e. demonstrated expertise/supervision; research or project design)
- Knowledge mobilization (i.e. publications, theses, community outreach and extension, etc.)
- Student and community training opportunities (i.e. credit and non-credit learning)

2. Land Based Activities should support and enhance the social and ecological integrity of the Farm (24 ha site on south campus)

- Holistic approach to land management encompasses all aspects of the Farm (e.g., ecological, cultural and aesthetic considerations).
- Organic methods on designated production fields (see info sheet)
- Long term ecological impacts identified and mitigation/remediation plan in place following project completion
- Operational risks identified and mitigation plan in place (public health, ecological, cultural, community relations)
- Compliance with UBC Biosafety, Research Ethics, and Environmental Safety standards

3. Land Based Activities must respectfully co-exist with other designated land uses.

- Where integration of activities is possible, this is encouraged.

4. Land Based Activities must be operationally sustainable

- Financial plan and/or agreement in place
- Operational plan includes equipment, infrastructure and personnel