

**MAPPING LEVEL OF AWARENESS/KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT IN UAE: A CASE STUDY OF AMONG COLLEGE STUDENTS' IN UAE UNIVERSITY**

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**Abstract**

The growing concern about environmental issues and its impact is one of the most noticeable phenomena of the last two decades. In order to promote sustainable development, the government of UAE emphasis is on youth's involvement to keep environment in order for their future bright. The study was conducted at UAE University to reveal knowledge, awareness, and practices towards environment among college students. By providing the Environmental knowledge to students, it is expected that with positive attitude towards environment they will ensure the environmental quality for sustainable development. This study investigated the level of environmental awareness among the students as well to study the general environmental practices in different colleges in UAE University. The target was college students because environmental education is part of their curriculum. The survey employed a quantitative approach using questionnaires involving 155 respondents from 8 different collages. Research findings indicated that students from Collage of Humanities and social sciences had the highest level of knowledge, awareness and attitudes towards environment compared to students from other disciplines. Therefore, this study recommends that Environmental Education in UAE University be more "practical" to form more consistent behaviour in protecting the environment.

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