

Evidence for THE Impact Rankings Questionnaire

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Public Access to Green Spaces



Cyprus International University (CIU) is committed to enhancing the quality of life and promoting the well-being of both its campus community and the wider public. The university provides free and open public access to its extensive green and open spaces. These areas serve as vital lungs for the region, offering inclusive venues for recreation, social interaction, and connection with nature.



1. Policy of Open Access

CIU operates on the principle that its campus is an integrated part of the broader community. The university's parks, gardens, and landscaped grounds are not exclusive to students and staff but are openly accessible to the public, free of charge. This policy ensures that everyone can enjoy the social, health, and



environmental benefits of well-maintained green infrastructure.



2. Key Accessible Green and Open Spaces

The university campus features several areas designed for public enjoyment, including:

- **The Central Campus Parklands:** Expansive lawns and shaded sitting areas that are ideal for family picnics, leisurely walks, and outdoor relaxation.
- **The CIU Nature Café Surroundings:** A designated green area that demonstrates sustainable practices and provides a tranquil, nature-friendly environment for the public.
- **Sports and Recreation Fields:** Open spaces and tracks that are available for community use during designated hours, promoting physical activity and health.
- **Botanical and Garden Areas:** Landscaped gardens that offer an educational and serene environment for all visitors.



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3. Impact on Sustainable Development

By maintaining an open-access campus, CIU contributes directly to sustainable urban development by:

- **Promoting Inclusivity and Social Cohesion:** Providing a free, high-quality, and safe public space that is accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds.
- **Enhancing Health and Well-being:** Offering spaces for physical activity, relaxation, and mental restoration, which are essential for public health.
- **Improving the Urban Environment:** Contributing to local biodiversity, mitigating the urban heat island effect, and improving air quality.
- **Fostering a Culture of Sustainability:** Demonstrating how institutional resources can be shared responsibly with the community to create more livable, sustainable cities.



CIU views its green spaces as a public good. By ensuring these areas are open to all, the university strengthens its role as a civic institution dedicated to the well-being of the community and the creation of a more sustainable and inclusive urban environment.



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