

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH
ENDORSES THE EARTH CHARTER**

In 2001, UWO Chancellor Richard H. Wells requested that each of the four major units in Shared Governance endorse the principles of the Earth Charter. Guided through the process by Dr. Andy Robson, the Charter was endorsed

- by the Faculty Senate, October 9, 2001
- by the Senate of Academic Staff, November 29, 2001
- by the Classified Staff Advisory Council, April 8, 2002
- by the Assembly and Senate of the Oshkosh Student Association, May 6 and 7, 2002.

UWO is one of only eight colleges and universities that as an entire institution (rather than merely a department) have endorsed the Earth Charter. We are also the only institution of higher education in Wisconsin that has endorsed the Earth Charter.

For a list of endorsers in the United States, see:

>> http://www.earthcharterusa.org/earth_charter.html

For a list of endorsers in the world, see:

>> <http://www.earthcharter.org/>

The Earth Charter endorsement statement reads:

- We, the undersigned, endorse the Earth Charter.
- We embrace the spirit and aims of the document.
- We pledge to join the global partnership for a just, sustainable, and peaceful world and to work for the realization of the values and principles of the Earth Charter.
- We pledge to join the Global Partnership in Support of the Earth Charter Initiative for a sustainable way of life and urge all governments to endorse the Earth Charter.

The Four Principles of the Earth Charter are:

- Respect and Care for the Community of Life
- Ecological Integrity
- Social and Economic Justice
- Democracy, Nonviolence, and Peace

For the full version of the Earth Charter, see <http://www.earthcharter.org/files/charter/charter.pdf>

For UWO's Earth Charter website, see:

>> <http://www.uwosh.edu/earthcharter/>

For more information on the Earth Charter, see the following web links:

>> The Earth Charter organization: <http://www.earthcharter.org/>

>> Earth Charter USA: <http://www.earthcharterusa.org/>

>> On endorsing the Earth Charter: <http://www.earthcharter.org/endorse/>

>> Earth Charter Community Summits: <http://www.earthchartersummits.org/>

For more information about Earth Charter at UW Oshkosh, contact Andy Robson, robsona@uwosh.edu or visit the web site at <http://www.uwosh.edu/earthcharter>