

# UNIVERSITY ALCOHOL POLICY

## PREAMBLE

Southeastern Louisiana University is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of each member of the University community. In order to further student learning and promote the University's academic mission, Southeastern fosters an environment of personal responsibility and respectful citizenship. This means that all members of the university community – students, faculty, and staff - in addition to visitors – have a shared responsibility in safeguarding a healthy learning environment in which inappropriate behaviors and the associated negative consequences of alcohol misuse are addressed in a manner appropriate to the circumstance. The University, as outlined in the following policy, strives to create a culture that supports students who have made the decision to not use alcohol, as well as encourage, through education, students who choose to drink alcohol to do so in a safe, legal, and responsible manner.

The possession, use, sale, distribution, or manufacture of alcohol may be done only in accordance with the provisions of federal and state laws, local laws and ordinances, and University regulations, including this policy. Louisiana state law prohibits the purchase, public possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage by persons under the age of 21.

## LEGAL SANCTIONS

Students and employees are reminded that local, state, and federal laws provide for various legal sanctions and penalties for unlawful possession or distribution of alcohol. These sanctions include, but are not limited to, incarceration and monetary fines.

## UNIVERSITY SANCTIONS

Students found to be in violation of this policy will be afforded due process as prescribed in the University Code of Student Conduct. Sanctions for policy violations include a disciplinary warning, up to and including expulsion from the University.

Students may also be referred for counseling and/or referral for individual assessment; referral may be included as a condition of any sanction.

## DEFINITIONS

**“Alcoholic beverage”** means beer, wine, or distilled spirits (liquor) as defined by state law

**“Purchase”** means acquisition by the payment of money or other consideration.

**“Public possession”** means the possession of any alcoholic beverage for any reason, including consumption, on any street or highway or in any public place or any place open to the public, including a club, which is de facto open to the public

**“Student”** includes all persons taking courses at the University whether full time, part time, dually enrolled, visiting, online, for non-credit, or pursuing undergraduate, graduate, professional studies or non-degree seeking. Also included are those who attend post-secondary educational institutions other than Southeastern Louisiana University and who reside in University residence halls.

**“Employee”** means the employee of a grantee or contractor directly engaged in the performance of work pursuant to the provision of the grant or contract described in section 5152 or 5153.

## **Section I. University Regulations**

This policy will apply to all University students, employees, and guests.

All students, employees, and guests are strictly prohibited from the unlawful possession, manufacture, use, or distribution alcohol on University property or as part of any University activity, whether on or off campus. This policy will extend to any other sites, e.g., Baton Rouge Center, St. Tammany Center, etc., which the University might operate or be in attendance.

The following conduct is prohibited except as permitted by University regulations and the law:

- The use, consumption, possession, manufacture, purchase, sale, furnishing, and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages (any beverage containing 1% or more alcohol by volume) on University property, or at any of its activities (whether on or off campus).
- The use, consumption, possession and/or purchase of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age
- Possession, consumption, sale, manufacture, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages in the residence hall or residence hall room is prohibited. Student residing in Southeastern Oaks Apartments may possess alcohol in their room dwelling as long as all residents are of the legal age to possess and consume alcohol. Alcohol may not be present in common areas of the apartment if ALL residents in the apartment are not of legal age.
- In all other cases, persons age 21 or older may possess and consume alcohol on campus only when the following conditions are met:
  - When alcohol is served by a University Authorized vendor/Server; and
  - When alcoholic beverages are served and consumed at a University Approved Site

- When alcoholic beverages are served and consumed during a student organization's event that has been approved by the Dean of Students office.
- Operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle while intoxicated.
- Public intoxication on University property.
- Furnishing, serving, and/or otherwise providing alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 years of age.
- Reporting to work, class, or performing work for the State while under the influence of and impaired by alcohol.
- Vendors/servers are responsible for assuring that no person under the age of 21 is served alcohol.
- Other violations as noted in the University Alcohol Policy.

## **Section II: Approved Facilities: Sale, Possession, and Consumption**

The purpose of this section is to designate those areas on campus where legal consumption of alcohol will be allowed, and to establish under what conditions group events may involve alcohol. This policy will apply to the sale, possession, or consumption of alcohol in or at any University sponsored or registered event. State law prohibits the purchase, public possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage by persons under the age of 21. For the purposes of this policy, all areas of the University are considered "public" places. The possession, consumption, sale or furnishing of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except in those areas where such activities are specifically allowed.

War Memorial Student Union

University Center

Southeastern Oaks (Subject to terms of lease, only those 21 years of age or older)

Columbia Theater

Alumni Center

Alumni Field

Strawberry Stadium

North Oak Park

Tennis Complex

Soccer Complex

Track and Field Complex

Pennington Center

Other areas as specifically approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee.

## **Section II. Policies & Procedures for Student Organization Alcohol Events**

**In addition to the above regulations, the following policies shall apply:**

### **A. General**

- Organizations may not distribute alcoholic beverages free of charge to anyone.

- Alcoholic beverages may not be purchased with organizational or departmental funds nor may the purchase of same for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member, individually, or collectively.
- No organization may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization, tavern (establishment generating more than half of annual gross sales from alcohol), where alcohol is given away, sold, or otherwise provided to those present.
- Alcohol on campus will be allowed only at catered Food Service events and will be sold by Dining Services personnel or approved licensed servers.
- Alcohol, bar tabs, coupons for free or reduced price drinks, etc., may not be awarded as prizes for any raffles or other events.
- Alcohol may not be distributed free of charge by an alcohol company or distributor at any student organization event under any other circumstance on campus.
- The cost of alcoholic beverages may not be included in the cost of an admission ticket, cover charge, or any other assessment required of members or guests.
- BYOAB (Bring your own alcoholic beverage) events will not be allowed on campus. (tailgating is the only exception)
- No alcoholic beverages in bulk form (keg, etc.) may be purchased or used. Kegs of beer will not be allowed. A keg is considered a common source of alcohol. Providing a common source of any alcoholic beverage—be it beer, alcoholic punch, or an open bar—implies that it is provided by or on behalf of the organization, regardless of who actually purchased it.
- All alcohol events must be registered with the Office of the Dean of Students. An organization is only allowed to register/sponsor a total of three (3) alcohol events Sunday through Thursday during each semester. Events on Fridays and Saturdays are not subject to this limitation, but are subject to the requirement that they be registered with the Office of the Dean of Students.
- No events involving alcohol will be approved for the fourteen (14) calendar days prior to and including finals; this includes the weekend between the two weeks.
- No events involving alcohol will be approved during any University closure (including but not limited to Fall Break, Spring Break, Thanksgiving, Mardi Gras, semester breaks, etc.)

## B. Student Organization Event

An event may be considered a student organization event if one and more of the following occur:

- The event was pre-planned or premeditated (flyers, emails, social media).
- The event was discussed or planned during a meeting.
- The majority of organizations members knew of and/or attended the event.
- Organizational resources were used in any way (i.e. entertainment, transportation, food, beverages, decorations, advertisement, etc.).
- A significant portion of attendees were invited by members of the organization.

In addition, an event could be considered a student organization event if a non-member perceives the event as being sponsored by an organization.

Please refer to the Student Organization Alcohol Event Procedures for a full list of action items organization must complete before events where alcohol is served will be approved.

### **Section III. Alcohol at Athletic Events**

Public events provide an avenue for the University to meet its core values of excellence, community, diversity, and learning. In support of these values, events should be conducted in an environment that is safe and enjoyable for all. As public events have great potential to attract a variety of spectators, the following policy has been developed for these events:

#### **A. General**

1. No alcoholic beverage may be possessed, distributed, served, or consumed by persons under the age of 21.
2. Tailgating will be limited to home games unless otherwise approved by the Dean of Students for University sponsored events.
3. For home games that occur during a regular school day, tailgating activities will be allowed after 5:00 p.m. For home games that occur on days when school is not in session, tailgating will be allowed starting at 5:00 p.m. the night before the game.
4. All glass containers and cans are prohibited. Any beverage consumed must be poured in a paper or plastic cup.
5. No oversized or common source containers of any sort (including but not limited to kegs, punch bowls, beer balls, party balls) are permitted.
6. Alcohol drinking games, funneling or any other activity deemed by the University as inappropriate, are prohibited.
7. Individuals(s) or groups engaging in inappropriate or disruptive behavior will be directed by law enforcement personnel to cease and desist from doing so and are subject to University, local or state action.
8. At home games, alcohol cannot be brought into the venue and all persons entering the venue are subject to a reasonable check/search of personal bags, purses, coats, etc. Anyone found in possession of alcoholic beverages (other than those sold in the venue) and/or other items deemed dangerous or inappropriate by the University will be refused admission to the game. Any individual found in possession of said items will be evicted from the venue and will not be allowed to re-enter the venue for the remainder of the calendar day on which the game is held. Alcohol may be purchased inside the venue by those of legal age with valid identification.
9. Cups, containers, ice chests, etc. may not be brought into the venue.
10. Failure to follow these rules and regulations may result in eviction from campus with possible University, local, or state action to follow.