Alcohol and Other Drugs Policies

American University is committed to maintaining a healthy and safe community through education and intervention efforts for alcohol and other drugs. AU community members uphold university policies and abide by local, state, and federal laws pertaining to alcohol and other drugs. Individuals accept personal responsibility for the outcome of their decisions regarding alcohol and other drugs.
Policies of American University regarding alcohol and other drugs are covered in the Student Conduct Code, the Residence Hall Regulations, and the Alcohol and Drug Policies.

Alcohol Policy

American University is committed to maintaining a healthy and safe academic community that reflects high standards of personal responsibility and behavior. Alcohol abuse will not be tolerated under any circumstances. This policy permits the responsible use of alcohol in moderation by persons of legal drinking age and in accord with these guidelines.

Authorization Requirements

1. The president, provost, or appropriate vice president must authorize alcohol service for all university events, whether the events are held on or off university premises. University premises are buildings and grounds owned, leased, operated, controlled, or supervised by the university.
2. The president, provost, or appropriate vice president must authorize the expenditure of university funds to purchase alcohol for approved events.

General Requirements

1. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited on university premises except as authorized by this policy.
2. Possession of alcohol is prohibited in university residence halls, Bender Arena, and at open-air events.
3. Advertising that highlights the availability of alcohol at an event is prohibited.
4. University officials reserve the right to check proof of age at university events.
5. University officials can deny admission, alcohol service, or continued attendance at a university event to anyone who, in the sole judgment of the officials, is intoxicated.
6. Food or snacks and nonalcoholic beverages must be available at university events where alcohol is served.
7. One-price, all-you-can-drink arrangements are prohibited.
8. Bring-Your-Own-Beverage (BYOB) arrangements are prohibited.

Legal and Risk Management Requirements

1. Alcohol service on university premises is limited to beer and wine.
2. Alcohol service off university premises must comply with the vendor's license.
3. The vendor's license for university dining services permits the sale and service of beer and wine in the Tavern and the first floor meeting rooms of Mary Graydon Center.
4. A District of Columbia permit is required to serve beer and wine at approved events on university premises that are not covered by the vendor's license for university dining services. A permit is also required for approved university events at which alcohol is sold or an admission fee is assessed in any form. The alcohol vendor is responsible for obtaining the permit.
5. Non-university vendors must provide a certificate of insurance with a minimum of $1 million in liquor liability coverage. The certificate must accompany the alcohol approval form or be on file in the Office of Finance and Treasurer.
6. The Office of Finance and Treasurer must sign all contracts prior to approved university events. If alcohol will be served at an event, a copy of the signed alcohol approval form, liquor license, District of Columbia permit when applicable, and certificate of insurance when applicable must accompany the contract.

Additional Information

1. Alcohol Approval Forms are available in the offices of the provost, vice presidents, and Student Activities and University Center.
2. Questions about the Alcohol Policy should be directed to the Office of the Vice President of Campus Life (x3310) or to the Office of the Provost (x2127).
3. Related policies include the Advertising Policy, Posting Policy, Tavern Programming Guidelines, and the AUTO Van Request and Charter Manifesto.
4. The university reserves the right to amend this policy in accordance with the law, community standards, or the best interests of the university.

Revised March 2000

DrugPolicy

Possession and/or use of illicit drugs and unauthorized controlled substances are contrary to university policy and in violation of federal and District of Columbia laws. The university prohibits the possession, use, manufacture, distribution and/or sale of illegal drugs and illegal drug paraphernalia. Students at the university using or otherwise involved with drugs in violation of the Student Conduct Code and/or the university Housing Agreement are subject to university disciplinary action, in addition to any action taken by

local or federal law enforcement authorities. Questions regarding the Drug Policy should be directed to the Office of the Dean of Students, x3300, 408 Butler Pavilion.
The university reserves the right to amend these policies as it sees fit in accordance with the law and/or community standards.

University Sanctions for ViolatingAlcohol and DrugPolicies
Students found responsible for violating the Student Conduct Code are given sanctions which are implemented in accordance with university policies. There are no automatic sanctions for particular offenses; cases are evaluated individually and sanctions are applied consonant with the severity of the offense. However, based on the outcomes of prior judicial cases, the predictable consequences for drug and alcohol related offenses are:

Alcohol
A. First time minor violations may result in sanctions, including, but not limited to, warning, censure, an alcohol education program, and community restitution hours.
B. Second time minor violations may result in sanctions including, but not limited to, censure, disciplinary probation for a specified period, an alcohol education program, and community restitution hours. (Also see Parental Notification policy).
C. Repeated violations of the alcohol policy may result in sanctions including, but not limited to, disciplinary probation for a specified period, an alcohol evaluation, community restitution hours, removal from the residence halls, suspension, or dismissal.
D. Drunk driving on campus: Students, faculty, or staff may be stopped by Public Safety officers for traffic violations on campus. If, during such a stop, the officer believes the person is intoxicated, the officer may conduct a field sobriety test and an arrest may be made by the officer or by an MPD officer. The case may also be referred to Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services for university disciplinary action. Refer to District of Columbia Crimes and Penalties—Alcohol, listed below.

Drug Violations
A. First time sale, distribution, manufacture, use, or possession of illegal drugs and illegal drug paraphernalia may result in sanctions, including, but not limited to, disciplinary probation for a specified period, denial of visiting privileges in the residence halls, a drug education program, removal from the residence halls permanently or for a specified period, and suspension or dismissal from the university. (Also see Parental Notification policy).
B. Second time sale, distribution, manufacture, use, or possession of illegal drugs and illegal drug paraphernalia may result in sanctions, including, but not limited to, removal from the residence halls permanently, suspension, or

dismissal from the university, and attendance at a drug treatment program (depending upon the situation).