



**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**  
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## **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 non-alcoholic 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 \$1million 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 Student Services (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.