



University Policy: Drug Policy

Policy Category: Student Policies

Subject: Drug policy relating to students

Office Responsible for Review of this Policy: Office of Campus Life

Procedures: Not Applicable

Related University Policies: Student Conduct Code, Residence Hall Regulations, Employee Alcohol and Drug Policy found in the American University Staff Personnel Policy Guide

I. SCOPE

This policy establishes restrictions on controlled substances, illegal drugs, and illegal drug paraphernalia, as defined under local and/or federal law, in the university community.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

The University prohibits the unauthorized possession, use, manufacture, distribution and sale of controlled substances (including medical marijuana), illegal drugs (including marijuana in any quantity or form), and illegal drug paraphernalia.

III. POLICY

American University is committed to providing a safe campus environment conducive to intellectual growth and personal development. The University therefore prohibits the unauthorized possession, use, manufacture, distribution, and sale of controlled substances, illegal drugs and illegal drug paraphernalia, as defined under local and/or federal law. The University also prohibits the unauthorized possession, use, manufacture, distribution and sale of medical marijuana and possession and use of marijuana in any quantity. Students that use, possess, or are in the presence of controlled substances, illegal drugs, and illegal drug paraphernalia in violation of the Student Conduct Code and university housing agreement are subject to conduct charges in addition to any action taken by local or federal law enforcement authorities.

Questions about the Drug Policy may be directed to the Office of the Dean of Students, 202-885-3300, 408 Butler Pavilion. The University reserves the right to amend this policy in accordance with the law and/or community standards.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE(S)

This Policy was last reviewed in October 2015.

V. SIGNATURE, TITLE AND DATE OF APPROVAL

This policy needs to be signed by the appropriate officer (listed below) before it is considered approved.

This document was approved and signed by

**Gail Hanson
Vice President of Campus Life**

on November 29, 2010