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Tulane University Alcohol and Other Drug Policy

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Responsible Executive(s): Vice President for Student Affairs

Responsible Office(s): Campus Health

Contact Information for the Responsible Office: <https://campushealth.tulane.edu/>

I. Policy Statement

Alcohol Philosophy

Every member of the Tulane community is expected to make responsible choices regarding alcohol and other drugs. The misuse or abuse of these substances can result in detrimental consequences for individuals and those around them. At Tulane, we expect our community members to cultivate a healthy and safe educational environment that supports each student to reach their full academic potential.

Tulane University approaches alcohol and other drug use with the following beliefs in mind:

- We value the health and well-being of every member of our community and respect an individual's choice to legally consume alcohol or to abstain from alcohol use.
- All members of our community have a responsibility to foster an environment where responsible choices regarding alcohol and other drugs are the norm.
- An individual's choices and behaviors impact our community; Tulanians are accountable for their actions if they compromise the health and safety of themselves or others.
- We support individuals who are struggling with alcohol or other drug misuse, abuse, or addiction through intervention, education, and treatment.

II. Reason for Policy

Tulane University must comply with and uphold all federal, state, and local laws that regulate or prohibit possession, use or distribution of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs. In addition, Tulane has policies and procedures to ensure the misuse or abuse of these substances is not tolerated.

Finally, Tulane University has the obligation to follow-up with any student involved in an alcohol and drug related policy violation or medical emergency.

The following is a summary of certain Louisiana laws regarding the purchase, possession, and use of alcoholic beverages:

1. It is unlawful to falsify a driver's license or other identification document to obtain or attempt to obtain any alcoholic beverages, or to permit someone else to use one's driver's license or other



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identification document to obtain or attempt to obtain any alcoholic beverages or for the purpose of entering a premise licensed to sell alcohol. La. Rev. Stat. §333.

2. It is unlawful for any person under 21 to purchase or publicly possess any alcoholic beverages. La. Rev. Stat. §14.93.12. Public possession means “possession of any alcoholic beverage for any reason, including consumption, on any street, highway, or waterway or in any public place or any place open to the public, including a club which is de facto open to the public.” La. Rev. Stat. §14.93.10.
3. It is unlawful for any person, other than a parent, spouse, or legal guardian, to purchase on behalf of a person under 21 any alcoholic beverages. La. Rev. Stat. §14.93.13.
4. It is unlawful to sell alcoholic beverages to any person under 21. La. Rev. Stat. §14.93.11.
5. It is unlawful for a person under 21 to drive under the influence when the operator’s blood alcohol concentration is .02 percent or more. La. Rev. Stat. §14.98.6.
6. It is unlawful to operate a vehicle while intoxicated when the operator’s blood alcohol concentration is .08 percent or more when 21 years of age or older. La. Rev. Stat. §14.98.
7. The unauthorized possession, use, or distribution of controlled substances or illegal drugs is unlawful.

III. Departments and/or Individuals Affected by Policy

This policy applies to all Tulane students, Recognized Student Organizations and groups, faculty, and staff regardless of the school or campus of which they are a member. This policy applies at all University Sponsored or Related Events, whether on or and off-campus, and on all Tulane University campus locations, including Uptown, Downtown, the Primate Center, Health Sciences Center, Hebert Center, Elmwood, Maple Street, University affiliated housing, and the Houston, Tx. Campus. This policy does not apply to informal, off-campus events; the University uses a reasonable person standard to determine if an event should be covered by this policy.

IV. Definitions

1. **University Recognized Student Organization:** A Recognized Student Organization (RSO) is an autonomous student organization that is formally recognized by Tulane University. A RSO is formed by currently enrolled students sharing a common goal or interest that have completed the RSO recognition process and agree to adhere to all University policies and procedures
2. **Administrative Permission:** RSO administrative permission is granted through the Event Registration Process managed by the Division of Student Affairs. Departmental Program or Events administrative permission is granted through Campus Services.
3. **Common Source:** A common source of alcohol is the equivalent of more than one 12-pack (12 12-ounce bottles or cans) of beer or malt liquor, more than 1.5 liters of wine, more than 750ml of



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liquor, or any combination of alcoholic beverages with a total amount that exceeds the maximum allowed quantities listed above. Kegs, vats, party balls, beer balls, and boxed wine are also considered common sources.

4. **Third Party Vendor:** A third-party vendor is an individual or entity that is properly licensed by the appropriate local and state authority to serve alcohol that is contracted to serving alcohol at any University Sponsored or Related Event, whether on or off campus, and at any event at which alcohol will be served on University property.
5. **Sober Event Monitor:** A Sober Event Monitor maintains a safe social environment for all persons in attendance at social events. All Sober Event Monitors should have completed the current University required training, comply with the Tulane University Alcohol and Drug Policy and related protocols and must be at least 21 years of age.
6. **Event Host:** An Event Host is defined as the organization, department, or individual sponsoring the event. All hosts should comply with the Tulane University Alcohol and Drug Policy and related protocols.
7. **University Sponsored or Related Events:** For purposes of this policy, a University Sponsored or Related Event is an event that will be attended by students, faculty, or staff that meets one or more of the following criteria- (1) is registered with the University; (2) is affiliated or hosted by a Recognized Student Organization, department, unit, organization, or activities that relate to the education, research, and community service missions of the University or to the goals or objectives of the department, unit or organization of affiliation; all athletic related events are also included.

V. Roles and Responsibilities

The following offices collaborate to implement the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy: Tulane University Police Department (TUPD), Campus Health, Office of Student Conduct, Office of Fraternity and Sorority Programs, Office of Student Programs, and Housing and Residence Life.

VI. Policy Details (Bulk of the Policy Content)

The unauthorized possession, use, or distribution of controlled substances or illegal drugs is unlawful. In addition to Louisiana law, Tulane's policies regarding the possession and use of alcohol are:

1. Individuals under 21 years of age may not consume, be served, possess, or be provided alcohol anywhere on campus, at University Sponsored or Related Events, or in any manner inconsistent with Louisiana law.
2. Alcohol may only be served at University Sponsored or Related Events, whether on or off campus, with Administrative Permission. The vendor serving alcohol at the event is responsible for



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identifying those individuals at the event who can legally consume alcohol. Service shall not be provided to any individual without clear evidence of legal age.

3. Faculty, Staff, and Students of any age and their guests may not possess open containers of alcohol or consume alcohol related beverages in public areas (such as lobbies, hallways, stairwells, balconies, walkways, patios/picnic areas, lounges or quads) except at a University Sponsored or Related Event that received Administrative Permission that specifically provides that open containers will be permitted.
4. Drinking games and devices intended to accelerate the consumption of alcohol (including but not limited to funnels or beer bongs) are not permitted on Tulane property or at any University Sponsored or Related Events, including Tailgating or athletic events. Common Sources are not permitted.
5. The service of alcohol on University Property or within University facilities must comply with the Exclusive Sponsorship and Nonexclusive Provider Agreement Contract.
6. The University forbids the purchase, sale, and delivery of alcoholic beverages without Administrative Permission.
7. Students are prohibited from the unlawful manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of controlled substances both on and off campus. Faculty and staff are prohibited from the unlawful manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of controlled substances in the workplace
8. All Tulane staff and faculty are also subject to the alcohol and other drug policies contained in this and their respective employee guidelines.
9. Students may not brew or distil alcoholic beverages in the residence halls.
10. Publications of any type and in any media, including the Hullabaloo, and New Wave, and other newspapers, pamphlets, flyers, websites, etc., that receive some or all their funding from University sources (including student activity fee) must not accept or contain commercial advertising or other materials regarding alcohol. Alcohol manufacturers, distributors or drinking establishments may not advertise in or on university property, including but not limited to residence halls, recreation centers, kiosks or academic buildings. Similarly, University-Recognized Student Organizations shall not promote alcoholic beverage manufacturers, distributors or drinking establishments other than to announce a university event location.
11. University funds may not be used for any portion of an event at which alcohol may be served to or consumed by minors or to purchase alcohol for any event hosted by an undergraduate Student Organization. Use of University funds for alcohol must be consistent with University procurement guidelines.



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- a. If a Recognized Undergraduate Student Organization cosponsors an event with a graduate or professional Recognized Student Organization, or if undergraduates are invited or present at an event, the policies governing undergraduate events must be followed.

Medical Amnesty Protocol (MAP)

Tulane University has the obligation to follow-up with any student involved in an alcohol and drug related medical emergency. The potential for student conduct action by the University against the student in need of medical attention and/or the student reporting the incident may act as a barrier to students getting the medical attention they need. To remove this barrier and increase the likelihood that students will get any required medical attention, the University has developed a Medical Amnesty Program.

The Medical Amnesty Program (MAP) represents the University's commitment to increasing the likelihood that community members will call Tulane Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) or New Orleans Emergency Medical Services when TEMS is not on duty, for medical assistance when faced with an alcohol or other drug-related emergency. Every student, as a part of the Tulane University community, has a responsibility for care. In alcohol or drug-related incidents, the primary concern of the University is the well-being, health, and safety of students.

VII. Policy Procedures

This policy and procedure will be reviewed annually by Campus Health, within the Division of Student Affairs.

VIII. Sanctions

Faculty and staff members who violate this policy shall be referred to the appropriate unit administrator. Students and University-Recognized Student Organizations shall be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. University sanctions will depend upon the past record of the violator and the severity of the violation.

IX. History

The Tulane Alcohol and Other Drug policy is developed and in alignment with Edgar Part 86. EDGAR is the federal requirement for Colleges and Universities to have alcohol policies. The last policy update was completed Spring 2014 and implemented Fall 2014.

X. Forms/Tools/Resources

RSO Event Planning & Registration Guide - <https://orgsync.com/28726/files/1494281/show>



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Event Registration - <https://campusservices.tulane.edu/departments/event-management/planning-an-event/registration>

XI. Related Information

Related Policies and Protocols: Sober Event Monitor, Event Registration, Medical Amnesty Program, Code of Student Conduct, Community Living Standards, Parental Notification, EDGAR Notification Letter, and Employee Handbooks.

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