



Tobacco Free Policy

Purpose

Southeastern Louisiana University is committed to promoting and maintaining a healthy and academic environment. To enable the University to fulfill this commitment and to be in compliance with Louisiana Act 211, it is necessary that a policy be implemented to provide a tobacco free environment. This policy becomes effective August 1, 2014.

Scope

This policy applies to all University students, faculty, staff, visitors and contractors. Tobacco use includes, but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, hookah-smoked products, electronic cigarettes, and oral tobacco products such as dips, chews, etc.

Policy

The use of tobacco products is prohibited on all University property (indoors and outdoors) and in all Southeastern Louisiana University vehicles; this applies to all licensed and unlicensed vehicles owned, leased, and rented by the University. The sale, distribution, or advertisement of tobacco products is prohibited in University buildings and public areas. Disposal of used tobacco products (butts, spittoon contents, dip wads, etc.) on campus in anything other than appropriate trash bins will be considered littering and subject to appropriate fines.

Exceptions

There are certain exemptions to the Tobacco Free Policy, they include:

- A research project involving tobacco products as part of an educational or clinical objective once approved by Institutional Review Board (IRB).

- A University authorized theatrical or entertainment performance that requires tobacco use as part of the artistic production.
- Other requests as granted by the University President or his/her designee on a case by case basis.

Enforcement

Student violators will be ticketed by University Police personnel and referred to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability for disciplinary action as appropriate. Faculty, staff, contractors or visitors who violate this policy will be ticketed, and as appropriate may be reported to the relevant university department/office.

Sanctions

The penalty shall be a choice of either payment of a \$50 fine or 10 hours of Community Service (litter pickup). Egregious or repeat offenders may be subject to additional sanctions as determined by the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability or other relevant university department/office as appropriate.