



Southeastern Louisiana University Alcohol Policy

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Policy Statement

Southeastern Louisiana University is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of each member of the University community. In order to further student learning and promote the University's academic mission, Southeastern fosters an environment of personal responsibility and respectful citizenship. This means that all members of the university community – students, faculty, and staff - in addition to visitors – have a shared responsibility in safeguarding a healthy learning environment in which inappropriate behaviors and the associated negative consequences of alcohol misuse are addressed in a manner appropriate to the circumstance. The University, as outlined in the following policy, strives to create a culture that supports students who have made the decision to not use alcohol, as well as encourage, through education, students who choose to drink alcohol to do so in a safe, legal, and responsible manner.

The possession, use, sale, distribution, or manufacture of alcohol may be done only in accordance with the provisions of federal and state laws, local laws and ordinances, and University regulations, including this policy. Louisiana state law prohibits the purchase, public possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage by persons under the age of 21.

Applicability

This policy applies to all Southeastern students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

LEGAL SANCTIONS

Students and employees are reminded that local, state, and federal laws provide for various legal sanctions and penalties for unlawful possession or distribution of alcohol. These sanctions include, but are not limited to, incarceration and monetary fines.

UNIVERSITY SANCTIONS

Students found to be in violation of this policy will be afforded due process as prescribed in the University Code of Student Conduct. Sanctions for policy violations include a disciplinary warning, up to and including expulsion from the University.

Students may also be referred for counseling and/or referral for individual assessment; referral may be included as a condition of any sanction.

DEFINITIONS

“Alcoholic beverage” means beer, wine, or distilled spirits (liquor) as defined by state law.

“Purchase” means acquisition by the payment of money or other consideration.

“Public possession” means the possession of any alcoholic beverage for any reason, including consumption, on any street or highway or in any public place or any place open to the public, including a club, which is de facto open to the public.

“Student” includes all persons taking courses at the University whether full time, part time, dually enrolled, visiting, online, for non-credit, or pursuing undergraduate, graduate, professional studies or non-degree seeking. Also included are those who attend post-secondary educational institutions other than Southeastern Louisiana University and who reside in University residence halls.

“Employee” means any person having an employment relationship with the University, including but not limited to classified and unclassified staff, faculty, graduate assistants and student employees.

Section I. General University Regulations

This section of the policy applies to all University students, employees, and guests.

All students, employees, and guests are strictly prohibited from the unlawful possession, manufacture, use, or distribution of alcohol on University property or as part of any University activity, whether on or off campus. This policy will extend to any other sites the University might operate or be represented. This policy will apply to the sale, possession, or consumption of alcohol in or at any University sponsored or registered event. The possession, consumption, sale or furnishing of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except in those areas where such activities are specifically allowed or preapproved.

The following conduct is prohibited except as permitted by University regulations and the law:

- The use, consumption, possession, manufacture, purchase, sale, furnishing, and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages on University property, or at any of its activities
- The use, consumption, possession and or purchase of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age.
- Possession, consumption, sale, manufacture, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages in the residence hall or residence hall room.
 - Students residing in Southeastern Oaks may possess alcohol in their room dwelling if all residents are of legal age to possess and consume alcohol. Alcohol may not be present in common areas of the apartment if ALL residents in the apartment are not of legal age.
- Furnishing, serving, and or otherwise providing alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 years of age.

A contract must be signed with the University Police Department for an officer(s) to be present at all third-party rental events and at University (or University affiliated) sponsored events where alcohol is to be served if students will be present and it is plausible that students might be served alcohol, e.g., students are participating in the event other than in their capacity in the employment of the University.

Section II. Student Organizations

This section of the policy applies to all registered student organizations

A. Student Organization's Event: An event may be considered a student organization event if one and more of the following occur:

- The event was pre-planned or premeditated (flyers, emails, organizations social media)
- The event was discussed or planned during the organizations meeting
- The majority of the organization's members knew of and/or attended the event
- Organizational resources were used in any way (i.e. entertainment, transportation, food, beverages, advertisement, etc.)
- A significant portion of attendees were invited by members of the organization

In addition, an event could be considered a student organizations event if a non-member perceives the event as being sponsored by an organization.

Students and those affiliated with the organization should refer to the Student Organization Alcohol Event Procedures for a full list of action items an organization must complete before events where alcohol is served will be approved. Failure to complete any action items will result in your event being disapproved or cancelled.

B. General Regulations

- A contract with the University Police Department must be signed for any event where alcohol will be served. Subject to approval by the University Police, local law enforcement may be contracted for events occurring outside of Tangipahoa Parish.
- Student organizations may not distribute alcoholic beverages free of charge.
- No organization may co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization, tavern, or where alcohol is given away, sold, or otherwise provided to those present.
- Alcohol on campus will be allowed only at catered Food Service events and will be sold by Dining Services personnel or approved licensed servers.
- Alcohol, bar tabs, coupons for free or reduced-priced drinks, etc., may not be awarded as prizes for any raffles or other events.
- Alcohol may not be distributed free of charge by an alcohol company or distributor at any student organization event under any circumstances on campus.
- The cost of alcoholic beverages may not be included in the cost of an admission ticket, cover charge, or any other assessment required of members or guests.
- Vendors/servers are responsible for assuring that no person under the age of 21 is served alcohol.
- BYOAB (Bring your own alcoholic beverage) events will not be allowed on campus (tailgating is the only exception).
- No alcoholic beverages in bulk form (keg, etc.) may be purchased or used. Kegs of beer will not be allowed. A keg is considered a common source of alcohol. Providing a common source of any alcoholic beverage—be it beer, alcoholic punch, or an open bar—implies that it is provided by or on behalf of the organization, regardless of who actually purchased it.
- All alcohol events must be registered with the Office of the Dean of Students. Student organizations are only allowed to register/sponsor a total of three (3) alcohol events

Sunday through Thursday during each semester. Events on Fridays and Saturdays are not subject to this limitation but are subject to the requirement that they be registered with the Office of the Dean of Students.

- No events involving alcohol will be approved for the fourteen (14) calendar days prior to and including finals; this includes the weekend between the two weeks.
- No events involving alcohol will be approved during any University closure (including but not limited to Fall Break, Spring Break, Thanksgiving, Mardi Gras, semester breaks, etc.)

Section III. Alcohol at Athletic Events including Tailgating

Events should be conducted in an environment that is safe and enjoyable for all. As public events have great potential to attract a variety of spectators, the following regulations has been developed for these events:

- No alcoholic beverages may be possessed, distributed, served, or consumed by persons under that age of 21.
- Tailgating will be limited to home games unless otherwise approved by the Dean of Students Office.
- For home games that occur during a regular school day, tailgating activities will be allowed a time specified by the Dean of Students. For home games that occur on days when school is not in session, tailgating will be allowed starting at 5:00 p.m. the night before the game.
- No oversized or common source containers of any sort (including, but not limited to kegs, punch bowls; etc.).
- Drinking games involving alcohol are prohibited.
- Funneling or any other activity deemed by the University as inappropriate are prohibited.
- Individual(s) or groups engaging in inappropriate or disruptive behavior will be directed by law enforcement personnel to cease and desist from doing so and are subject to University, local, or state action.
- At home games, alcohol, cups, containers, ice chest, etc; cannot be brought into the venue and all persons entering the venue are subject to a reasonable check/search of personal bags, purses, coats, etc.
 - Anyone found in possession of alcoholic beverages (other than those sold in the venue) and/or other items deemed dangerous or inappropriate will be refused admission to the game.
 - Any individual found in possession of said items will be evicted from the venue and will not be allowed to re-enter the venue for the remainder of the calendar day on which the game is held.
 - Alcohol may be purchased inside the venue by those of legal age with valid identification.
- Failure to follow these rules and regulations may result in eviction from campus with possible University, local, or state action to follow.