

Alcohol Policy

Policy Statement

Southeastern Louisiana University is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of each member of the University community. 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 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 those who have made the decision to not use alcohol, as well as encourage, through education, those 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 only be done 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.

Purpose of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the responsible and legal use of alcohol on Southeastern's campus and at University events. Through this policy, the University seeks to promote a safe environment for all individuals participating in campus events and activities where alcohol is present, while ensuring compliance with local, state, and federal laws, as well as other campus guidelines and other policies.

Applicability

This policy applies to all Southeastern Louisiana University organizations, student groups, colleges, departments, and individuals involved in the provision, service, or consumption of alcohol. It encompasses any event, gathering, fundraiser, and other activities where alcohol is present.

Policy Procedure

The following procedures outline the requirements for alcohol compliance on Southeastern's campus. All individuals and organizations involved in alcohol use must adhere to these guidelines to ensure legal and safe conditions at University events.

1. General University Regulations

Students, employees, and guests are strictly prohibited from the unlawful possession, manufacture, use, or distribution of alcohol on University property or at any University-sponsored activity, whether on- or off-campus. This policy extends to all University-operated or affiliated sites.

This policy governs the sale, possession, and consumption of alcohol at any University-sponsored or registered event. Alcohol is prohibited except in designated areas where such activities have been specifically approved in advance.

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

- The use, possession, consumption, or purchase of alcoholic beverages by individuals under 21 years of age.
- Furnishing, serving, or providing alcoholic beverages to individuals under 21 years of age.
- Awarding alcohol, bar tabs, or drink coupons as prizes for raffles or other activities.
- Bring Your Own Alcoholic Beverage (BYOAB) events are prohibited on campus (*except for tailgating; see tailgating section*).
- Engaging in drinking games, funneling, promoting binge drinking, or any other alcohol-related activities deemed inappropriate by the University.
- Possessing oversized or common-source containers (including but not limited to kegs, punch bowls, beer balls, party balls, etc.).
- Bringing outside alcohol into any approved event venue. Only alcohol served and monitored by event organizers is permitted.
- Removing alcohol from an approved event venue. All alcohol must be consumed or disposed of before leaving the designated event venue space.
- Possession, consumption, sale, manufacture, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in residence halls and residence hall rooms.
 - Students residing in Southeastern Oaks Apartments may possess alcohol in their private dwelling if all residents are of legal drinking age. Alcohol is not permitted in common areas of the apartment unless all residents are 21 or older.

2. Registration of Activities

All on-campus events where alcohol is served must be registered with the Office of the Dean of Students. All off-campus events where alcohol is served and involves the use of any University or Foundation funds must be registered with the Office of the Dean of Students. In addition to event registration, the Dean of Students' Office oversees alcohol policy training, event management preparation, and verification of required timelines for event approval. The office also ensures that groups and individuals meet all University requirements related to insurance, licensing, and training for servers and event organizers.

Alcohol-related events will not be approved until all requirements are met. Training and registration are provided at no cost to individuals or organizations. Additional information is available through the Dean of Students Office at 985-549-3792 or deanofstudents@southeastern.edu.

a. Student Organization Events and Activities Involving Students

This section applies to all registered student organizations and any event or activity where students may be served alcohol. Students and those affiliated with the organization should refer to the Student Organization Alcohol Event Procedures for a full list of action items required before on-campus events involving alcohol can be approved. Alcohol Policy training and an event management training meeting are required for all approvals.

In addition to the *General University Regulations*, student organizations must comply with the following requirements for any on-campus event where alcohol is served:

- A contract with the University Police Department must be signed for any on-campus event where alcohol will be served.
- All members of the organization, including guest list managers and event managers, must complete the University Alcohol Policy training as part of the *Registration of Activities* process.

- An event management plan, including designated guest list managers and event managers (sober monitors), must be submitted as part of the *Registration of Activities* process.
- An Alcohol Event Management meeting with the Dean of Student Office is required to complete the event management plan.
- Vendors/servers as well as event organizers are responsible for ensuring that no person under the age of 21 is served alcohol.
- Alcohol service on campus is permitted only at catered food service events and must be sold by *Dining Services* personnel or an approved licensed server. The University's *Food Safety Policy* will therefore also apply to approved alcohol events.
- Student organizations may not distribute alcoholic beverages free of charge.
- Alcohol companies or distributors may not provide alcohol free of charge at any student organization event under any circumstances.
- Organizations may not co-sponsor an event with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization, bar, or tavern where alcohol is given away, sold, or otherwise provided to attendees.
- The cost of alcoholic beverages may not be included in the price of an admission ticket, cover charge, or any other required fee for members or guests.
- All on-campus events where alcohol is served must be registered with the Office of the Dean of Students. Student organizations may register/sponsor up to three (3) alcohol-related events each semester.
- No events involving alcohol will be approved during the 14 calendar days prior to and including final exams, including the weekend in between.
- No events involving alcohol will be approved during any University closure, including but not limited to Fall Break, Spring Break, Thanksgiving, Mardi Gras, and semester breaks.

b. College/Department/Faculty/Staff events

This section applies to all alcohol-related events sponsored or managed by faculty or staff, including events organized by colleges and departments at the University.

- In addition to the *General University Regulations*, all College/Department/Faculty/Staff events must adhere to the *Registration of Activities* process for any on-campus event where alcohol is served; or any off-campus event where alcohol is served, and any University or Foundation funds are used.
- If students will be present at an alcohol-related event and there is a reasonable possibility that they may be served alcohol (e.g., students are participating in the event in a capacity other than as University employees), the event must also comply with the regulations and requirements outlined in the *Student Organization Events and Activities Involving Students* section of this policy. Reasonable exceptions may be made by the Dean of Students Office based on information gathered about the event during the Alcohol Event Management meeting.

3. Tailgating

Tailgating activities are subject to specific regulations outlined in the University's *Tailgating Policy*. Where alcohol is involved, all participants must adhere to these guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment. For detailed information, please refer to the *Tailgating Policy*.

4. Venues

Certain University-affiliated venues have specific rules and regulations regarding alcohol-related events. Approved venues for such events are identified through the *Registration of Activities* process. Some locations may have additional restrictions or fall under separate regulations, policies, and laws governing alcohol consumption. These venues include, but are not limited to: Student Union, University Center, Southeastern Oaks, Columbia Theatre, Alumni Center, Alumni Field, Strawberry Stadium, North Oak Park, Tennis Complex,

Soccer Complex, Track and Field Complex, Pennington Student Activity Center, University Residence, and any other areas designated by the Vice President for Student Affairs. Event organizers must comply with all applicable venue policies and requirements.

5. Enforcement of Policy

Individuals or groups engaging in activities that violate this policy may be required to cease their activity immediately and may face removal from University property, restrictions on future alcohol-related events, loss of privileges, appropriate disciplinary actions, and/or referrals to substance misuse resources. Violations of local, state, or federal alcohol laws may also result in legal penalties, including fines or incarceration. Students found in violation of this policy are also subject to the University Code of Student Conduct. Faculty, staff, contractors, or visitors who violate this policy may be reported to the relevant University department or office for appropriate action, including but not limited to removal from the campus or event.

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