



Tobacco Free Policy

Policy Statement

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 to implement a policy ensuring a tobacco-free environment.

Purpose of 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, chewing tobacco, etc.) on campus in anything other than appropriate trash bins will be considered littering and subject to appropriate fines.

Applicability

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

Exceptions

The following exemptions to the Tobacco-Free Policy apply:

- A research project involving tobacco products as part of an educational or clinical objective once approved by the 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 of Tobacco Free Policy

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 may also be reported to the appropriate University department or office for further action.

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