

Ursuline College Alcohol Policy and Drug Policy

Alcohol and Drug Education

The College is committed to student wellness and delivers awareness and prevention programming. The offices of Residence Life, Counseling Services, Athletics, and Compliance/Title IX offer such education throughout the school year for the campus. The College has partnered with Vector Solutions to provide a variety of online training modules centered upon awareness and prevention. Every student entering Ursuline College is assigned both AlcoholEdu for College and Prevention Drug Misuse Prevention. The Vector Solutions modules also contain surveys, providing the College with information regarding changing needs on campus. Programming is also part of Residence Life training and new student orientation. Presentations are made within the residence halls, to student athletes and to all of campus (students/faculty/staff). Student Affairs provides alcohol, tobacco, and other drug programs for the College community upon request, and services and programs are provided at no charge.

Ursuline College exists in a state which regulates the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Under state law one must be 21 years of age to purchase or consume liquor, wine, wine coolers, liqueur, beer, or other alcoholic beverages. State of Ohio law also prohibits the carrying of an open container of any alcoholic beverage on the street or in a motor vehicle. Criminal penalties range from fines to imprisonment depending on the nature and seriousness of the offense. Ursuline College policy will be in accord with state law and with local ordinances regarding the purchases and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

The policy recognizes that alcohol abuse leads to a variety of physical and/or emotional problems. These effects may be significant or even fatal. As a college whose primary mission is the education of women, Ursuline College is also concerned that men and women understand that using alcohol while pregnant may cause damage to a fetus. The College also exists within the context of Christian concern for the physical, mental, and spiritual welfare of all human beings and a value system which respects both the rights of the individual and the needs and rights of the community.

The College seeks to provide an educational setting where all members of the College community learn the freedom of individual choice and the responsibility that such choice entails. Ursuline College policy regarding the use of alcohol will show concern for the physical and emotional health of individuals and for the social and educational environment of the community. The College expects responsible behavior from those who choose to drink alcohol and are of legal age to do so, and the College requires an environment free from coercion for those who choose not to drink.

Within this context, the following comprise the Ursuline College policy on the use of alcohol:

- No person's underage shall consume, purchase, or be served any alcoholic beverage.
- No alcoholic beverage is permitted in the student residence hall rooms.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in residence hall public areas and in the buildings of the College except with approval.

- Registered parties and events on campus with alcohol will be permitted only with procedures established in accord with this policy.
- College-sponsored events held off campus will be on a cash bar basis unless specifically approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs or the Associate Dean of Students.
- The College will provide alcohol awareness education programming and counseling opportunities for those who seek and/or would benefit from such counseling.
- The College provides alcohol education for every faculty, staff, and student through Vector which also educates around sexual assault and bystander training.

Alcohol and Drug Policy with Regard to FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) permits institutions to directly contact parents or legal guardians of students under the age of 21 who are found responsible for violating institution policies on the use or possession of alcohol or controlled substances. After lengthy discussion and review, we concluded that College staff from the Associate Dean for Student Affairs Office will notify parents or guardians of a student when that student is found responsible for the use, sale, or possession of controlled substances (illegal drugs) within the community.

We will also notify parents or guardians of a student when that student is found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct policies on the use and possession of alcohol when they are under the age of 21 and **one or more of the following occurs**:

- When a student has been found to have violated the alcohol policy a second time.
- When there is significant property damage.
- When medical attention to any person, including the student, is required as a result of the student's alcohol-related behavior.
- When the student demonstrates reckless disregard for his or her own personal safety or the safety of others; or
- There is evidence that the student's alcohol-related behavior negatively impacted the learning environment.

Drug Policy

Ursuline College upholds the applicable drug laws that relate to controlled substances and prohibits the use, possession, sale, and distribution of illegal drugs by students, guests, faculty, and staff. Possession, use, distribution, or sale of any controlled substance or illegal drug is subject to administrative action when engaged in on campus, at an off-campus educational site, or at college-sponsored activities.

Registered Party Procedures (All-campus parties)

An all-campus party is defined as a party sponsored by an Ursuline College student organization and open to all Ursuline Students and their guests. Following the appropriate procedures, beer may be served at all-campus parties to those persons of legal age who choose to partake.

All-campus parties must be registered with the Director of Student Engagement and Orientation. They may be held on Friday from 4 p.m. - 1 a.m. or Saturdays from noon to 1 a.m. in either Pilla or the Grace Hall first floor lounge. Attendance at the party is limited to the capacity of the room as established by the fire marshal. Beer is the only alcoholic beverage that may be served and must be sold under an F class permit from the State of Ohio. The serving of beer must end one-half hour prior to the end of the party.

Parties must be registered and approved by the Office of Student Activities no later than two weeks

prior to the scheduled event. Prior to the Director's approval, the sponsoring organization must have received clearance to use the desired room from the appropriate administrator, have received the approval to sponsor the party from the organization's adviser, and have requested an F class permit from the State of Ohio (the cost ranges from \$120- 300 depending on what type of permit is being requested). There is also a \$20 filing fee. In addition to obtaining an F class permit, the terms of our insurance coverage require the submission of the appropriate permit to the Diocesan Insurance Service Corporation and the payment of a charge of \$100 per event. The permit will be requested by the Director of Student Engagement and Orientation. The College also requires that security be present at all-campus parties. Security will be arranged through the Director of Student Engagement and Orientation in conjunction with the Security Supervisor. All costs involved for the permits, insurance, and security will be paid by the sponsoring organization.

Registered party forms and forms requesting an F class permit are available from the Student Activities Office.

At registered parties the following procedures must be followed by the sponsoring organization:

- The sponsoring organization is responsible for carding everyone who enters the party. Ursuline students must show a current Ursuline I.D. and/or valid driver's license and have that checked against a current student roster. Guests must show a valid driver's license (or birth certificate) and must sign a guest register. Those persons of age to drink will receive a wristband.
- Beer will be served only to those people wearing wristbands. Giving your wristband to another or giving beer to an underage person is illegal and will result in immediate expulsion from the party of all involved in the incident and may result in further judicial action. It is also illegal to serve any person who is obviously intoxicated. Ursuline students are responsible for the conduct of their guests.
- Any person serving beer must be of legal drinking age.
- Food and sufficient non-alcoholic beverages must be available at the party, provided by the sponsoring organization.
- The sponsoring organization is responsible for cleanup and for any damages occurring at the party.
- The sponsoring organization shall be held responsible for abuse of these party procedures. In the event of a judicial hearing, the president of the organization shall represent the group.
- Other events on campus involving the consumption of alcohol may occur with the specific approval of the President of the College.

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