

2. Alcohol and Drugs

In 2015 HSU became a tobacco-free, smoke free campus. HSU seeks to foster an alcohol, tobacco, and drug-free environment in which to work, live, learn, and grow. As a Christian university, alcohol, tobacco, and drug use is approached with a combination of compassion, encouragement, directness, and concerned firmness. HSU follows the 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 message that all were bought with a price, therefore all people should honor God with their bodies. An aspect of this caring approach is the consistent enforcement of the regulations regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs contained within this policy. The purpose of this policy is to ensure a safe environment that is consistent with the mission of the university and its goal to foster a substance-free environment.

These policies were not created with a spirit of judgment as all students should be in a safe environment where they can learn about the personal and social consequences associated with the effects of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Educational programs are offered on an ongoing basis and are coordinated through the Student Life department. Prevention strategies also include efforts to change inappropriate community norms regarding alcohol and other drug use and to alter environmental factors that support inappropriate use. The university partners with the community and parents/guardians of students to help prevent abuse. Upon graduation from HSU, the hope is that all students' time here offers a balanced and educated approach to making decisions about alcohol, tobacco, and drugs after university life.

2.1 Regulations and Sanctions Regarding Alcohol and Other Drugs

Students are responsible for conforming their behavior to federal, state, and local law, and to the university's policy on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. When violations of law or policy come to the attention of university officials, students may be referred for criminal prosecution and university sanctions may be imposed. Harm to persons or damage to either private or university property arising from the actions of intoxicated individuals on the premises of the university will be the full and sole responsibility of such individuals.

- 2.1(a). The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or possession of empty containers is prohibited on university property or at any university-sponsored event or activity, regardless of the student's age.
- 2.1(b). On campus, it is a violation to be in the presence of alcohol, alcohol containers, controlled substances, or drug-related paraphernalia.
- 2.1(c). Off campus, it is a violation to drink underage. It is also a violation to misrepresent one's age for the purposes of purchasing or consuming alcohol. This includes the manufacture, sale, distribution, promotion, possession, or attempt to obtain false identification (on or off campus). Possessing a fake ID may result in university probation on the first offense.
- 2.1(d). Drunkenness, on or off campus, is not consistent with the moral standards of the university and may result, minimally, in university probation on the first offense and suspension on the second offense. Drunkenness is defined as offensive, disruptive, destructive, hazardous, and/or vulgar conduct during or following the consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- 2.1(e). Operating a motor vehicle, on or off campus, while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance is a serious threat to oneself and the community and may result in immediate suspension, expulsion, or dismissal. Anyone who injures another person as a result of driving under the influence may be permanently dismissed.
- 2.1(f). The attempt to obtain, use, possess, distribute, or sell, any potentially harmful or illegal drug (e.g., prescription drugs, marijuana, cocaine) or drug-related paraphernalia (including hookahs) is strictly prohibited. Anyone involved in the sale or distribution of drugs on or off campus may be dismissed immediately.