



STUDENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To protect the safety and well-being of students the University is committed to maintaining a drug and alcohol free environment. The University prohibits the use, distribution, selling or possession of drugs or alcohol on University premises.
- 1.2 For the purpose of this Policy the term University premises includes any Halls of Residence or other University residential accommodation.

2. GENERAL PROHIBITION ON DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

- 2.1 Students shall not use, distribute, sell, be in possession of or impaired by drugs while on any University premises except where the use or possession of drugs is lawful and prescribed by a medical practitioner.
- 2.2 Students shall not use, distribute, sell, be in possession of or impaired by alcohol while on any University premises, except where the use, sale or possession of alcohol is permitted by the University. For example where consumption or sale of alcohol is permitted by the Vice Chancellor for the purpose of a University approved social function.
- 2.3 Where a student is found to have used, possessed or sold any alcohol at the University without the permission of the Vice Chancellor the student may face disciplinary action in accordance with the University's disciplinary guidelines.
- 2.4 Students must not attend the University impaired by or under the influence of any drug or alcohol whether lawfully or unlawfully consumed.
- 2.5 Students who choose to drink at any time off-campus must do so in a responsible manner. Any student who resides in University accommodation and returns to the University impaired or under the influence of alcohol and creating a disturbance or causing disruption may face disciplinary action in accordance with the University's disciplinary guidelines.
- 2.6 Where a student uses any drug lawfully prescribed by a medical practitioner and the use of that drug may in any way impair or influence a student's conduct while attending the University that student must advise their Dean of the use of that drug. Any information disclosed by a student in these circumstances is private and confidential and must not be disclosed by their Dean to any other person unless that information is likely to harm other employees in the workplace
- 2.7 The University supports a no-tolerance policy in relation to drug use. Any student who is found to have breached the University's prohibition against possession, use, sale of, or impairment by drugs on University premises will face immediate disciplinary action and is likely to be dismissed from the University.

Where the possession, use, or sale of drugs or alcohol constitutes a criminal offence the appropriate authorities will be notified.

- 2.8 Any student who is convicted of an illegal drug-related activity outside the University Campus, including use, possession, manufacture, distribution or sale may be considered to be in breach of the University's Code of Conduct. Students have an obligation to report any conviction for any drug related offences to their Dean immediately upon being charged for such an offence.