

Alcoholic Beverages on Campus

Summary

University Policy on alcoholic beverages on campus.

Purpose

To provide guidance on the university policy on alcoholic beverages on campus.

Policy

Alcoholic Beverages

The legal age for possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in accordance with Georgia law is 21 years old. Subsequently, it shall be a violation of this Policy for any member of the University community who is under the legal drinking age to possess or consume alcohol, or for a member of the University community who is of legal age to provide alcohol to another member of the University community who is under 21.

Residence Halls:

As Clearview Hall and Broadway Crossing are primarily reserved for traditional-age first year students (18-19), consumption or possession of alcohol by guests or assigned residents, regardless of legal drinking age, is not permitted at any time in or around the facilities. Possession of alcohol containers for decorative purposes is strictly prohibited, as bottles may be considered evidence of consumption.

In Columbus Hall, Courtyard, Maryland Circle, Fontaine, Oglethorpe, Yancey at One Arsenal, and Rankin student housing units, alcoholic beverages may be consumed by members and guests of legal drinking age in the privacy of the apartment. Residents who are under the legal drinking age may not host guests who are in possession of alcohol. Unless all assigned residents of the unit are of legal drinking age, alcohol must be stored and secured within the owner's bedroom and may not be stored in areas accessible to all residents of the unit. Residence Life staff and the CSU University Police reserve the right to require verification of the ages of any guest and the host resident (s) will be held accountable for the action of their guest(s). Kegs, "drinking fountains", or other common containers are not allowed at any time in or around the residential facilities. Those of legal age who choose to drink are encouraged to do so safely, responsibly and in moderation. It is imperative that residents understand their individual rights and responsibilities if they choose to consume alcohol or host gatherings that involve the consumption of alcohol on the grounds of University housing. If a resident is found acting in a hostile or threatening manner, University police will be notified. It the responsibility of all residents to understand the alcohol policy of Columbus State University as it applies to the entire campus.

On campus:

The University does not condone or sanction the use, distribution, sale, brewing, consumption or possession of alcohol at any campus event sponsored by individual students or recognized student groups, clubs, or organizations, or any student event supported by student activity fees or state funds (this does not pertain to events which may be sponsored by an academic department or unit).

Student Travel:

This Policy on Alcohol applies to students who travel on university-official business. Students who travel in an official capacity are expected to abide by the rules set forth in this policy, with the exception of students participating in a Study Abroad program. Participants in Study Abroad programs are bound by the legal drinking age of the respective countries in which they are traveling, but in all other respects this policy applies. Cases of excessive drinking, as determined by the Faculty Site Director who facilitates the Study Abroad program, may result in an automatic first offense warning. Further, sanctions while students are traveling abroad may be determined by the Center for International Education and/or the Dean of Student Affairs.

Related USG Policy

4.6.4 Alcohol and Drugs on Campus

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Responsible Authority

Dean of Students