

Summary of University Policies on Substance Abuse and Alcoholic Beverages

New York University believes that the best way to maintain an appropriate campus environment with respect to drugs and alcohol is through preventive education about the dangers of drug abuse and compassionate attention to the needs of those who may require help with alcohol or other drug-related problems. To that end, the University provides on-campus support programs and services as well as information about related services that are available in the local community. Information about these programs and services may be obtained at www.nyu.edu/nyuhc or by calling 212-443-1234.

Statement of Policy on Substance Abuse (the full University policy is available online at www.nyu.edu/student-affairs/students-guide/policies.html)

In addition to policies and practices that emphasize concern for the welfare of individuals, the University also recognizes the importance of maintaining the safety and well-being of the community as a whole. The University therefore adheres to the following guidelines concerning the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs:

1. The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs will not be tolerated on University premises.
2. Upon finding evidence of the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs on its premises by any student, the University will take appropriate disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, probation, suspension, or expulsion.
3. Using regularly established procedures, the University will take disciplinary action, up to and including discharge, against any member of the faculty or staff found to be unlawfully using, possessing, or distributing drugs on University premises.

Faculty, staff, and students should also be aware that, in addition to University sanctions, they may be subject to criminal prosecution under federal and state laws that specify fines or imprisonment or loss of federal financial student aid for conviction of drug-related offenses. Where appropriate or necessary, the University will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies.

Statement of Policy on Alcoholic Beverages

The sale,¹⁰ service,¹¹ possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages at New York University is governed by the New York State Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and other laws of the state of New York. Based on such laws, it is the policy of New York University that

1. Persons under the age of 21 years are prohibited from possessing any alcoholic beverage at New York University or at any event sponsored by the University or by a University organization, whether the event is at the University or not.
2. The following rules are applicable to all events at which alcoholic beverages are served or sold at New York University and to all events or activities, whether or not at the University, which are sponsored by the University or by a University organization.
 - a. No person shall be sold or served any alcoholic beverage
 - i. if that person is, or appears to be, under the legal drinking age of 21;

- ii. if that person is, or appears to be, intoxicated, or is known to the server or seller to be a problem drinker.
 - b. No person under the age of 21 years shall present any written evidence of his or her age that is false, fraudulent, or not actually his or her own in order to purchase or be served, or to try to purchase or be served, any alcoholic beverage or in order to gain access, or to try to gain access, to any event or activity at which any alcoholic beverage is being sold or served.
 - c. No person shall in any way misrepresent the age of any other person or help any other person to misrepresent the age of any other person or help any other person to misrepresent his or her age so that such person can purchase or be served, or try to purchase or be served, any alcoholic beverage or gain access, or try to gain access, to any event or activity at which any alcoholic beverage is being served or sold.
 - d. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold to any person unless
 - i. a license or permit sanctioning the sale of such alcoholic beverage has been obtained by the seller; and
 - ii. the license or permit sanctioning such sale and any posters, signs, notices, or other material or information required by applicable law or by the State Liquor Authority are prominently displayed at the site of such sale.
- 3. The individual or group(s) sponsoring an event or activity at which any alcoholic beverage is to be sold or served (the “sponsor”) shall be responsible to make sure that all New York State laws and regulations and all New York University rules and regulations regarding the sale, use, service, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages are observed at such event or activity. This responsibility shall include, without being limited to, the following:
 - a. complying with items 1 and 2 above, including examining attendees’ evidences of age;
 - b. notifying either the Office of Student Activities (when the sponsor is a registered All-Square club) or the Kimmel Center Operations Office (when the event will be held at the Kimmel Center for University Life) prior to each on-campus event at which alcoholic beverages are to be sold or served; and
 - c. instructing the person or persons actually selling or serving alcoholic beverages at the event not to sell or serve alcoholic beverages to any person who is or appears to be intoxicated, or whom such server or seller knows to be a problem drinker, or who is or appears to be under the legal drinking age.

In addition, specific policies, procedures, and regulations governing particular facilities or populations will be developed by the persons or offices authorized to do so, in conjunction with the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Faculty, staff, and students should also be aware that, in addition to University sanctions, they may be subject to criminal penalties under certain circumstances for the possession, service, or sale of alcoholic beverages, particularly for serving or selling an alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21 years. Where appropriate or necessary, the University will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies.

University Sanctions

Any member of the faculty, administration, or staff or any student may file a complaint against a student under the University’s Student Disciplinary Procedures if he or she knows or believes that

a student has violated the University's Policy on Substance Abuse or its Policy on Alcoholic Beverages.

If you are alleged to have violated either or both of these policies, you may be suspended pending a hearing under circumstances as described in the University's Student Disciplinary Procedures. Moreover, if it is determined that you have violated either or both of these policies, the consequences may be severe. Sanctions can include dismissal (i.e., expulsion) from the University, suspension from classes and other activities or privileges, or other penalties permitted by University codes. For example, you can be expelled from University housing or barred from participating in athletic or other extracurricular activities.

Students may also be required to undergo evaluation and/or participate in and satisfactorily complete an appropriate counseling or rehabilitation program. Sanctions may become part of a student's permanent academic record, including being noted on the student's transcript.

If University policies are violated at an event sponsored by a student organization, the student organization, along with its members, may be held responsible for such violations. A variety of sanctions can be imposed on the organization, including loss of funding or other privileges, denial of access to University facilities and services, and dissolution.