

Code of Student Life
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ALCOHOL BEVERAGES. State and federal statutes along with University rules and regulations concerning alcohol beverages will be strictly enforced. Alcoholic beverages may not, in any circumstance, be used by, possessed by, or distributed to any person under 21 years of age. In addition to these statutes, the University prohibits its student (regardless of age) possession, consumption of alcohol beverages on campus or in University public buildings and public areas, or at University-sponsored events **including student travel on behalf of the University**. Serving alcoholic beverages on campus or at a University-sponsored event requires the approval of the University president. The president may also grant permission for those over the age of 21 to consume alcohol at University events on an event-by-event basis. When alcohol consumption or possession occurs at prohibited places or events and/or when consumption causes disruptive behavior or results in public intoxication, the following procedures will be instituted.

a. All violations of federal, state and local laws or University rules regarding alcohol shall be reported to the University Police Department (UPD). Each violation reported is considered to be one offense.

b. In addition to any action, which may or may not be taken by civil authorities when laws, rules or procedures regarding alcohol are violated, the University may take the following actions.

1. First Offense (within any 12-month period): The student will successfully complete a University designated online alcohol awareness program, unless otherwise notified by authorized University officials; pay a \$50 registration fee; and complete five University service hours.

2. Second Offense (within any 12-month period): The student will pay a \$50 assessment administration fee, attend at least one (1) assessment interview with a counselor from Student Counseling Services that might require testing to determine substance abuse/potential addiction and perform 15 University service hours as directed by the University conduct officer.

3. Third Offense (within any 12-month period): Within the discretion of the University conduct officer, suspension from the University for a minimum of one semester or “special arrangements for continued enrollment” may be assessed. A restriction will be placed on the student’s records, transcript and registration privileges until disciplinary sanctions are completed.

ALCOHOL CONTAINERS. The possession of any alcohol container on campus is prohibited.

DRUGS. The possession, distribution, consumption, and/or use (on University property or property under control of West Texas A&M University or at any event sponsored by the University or any University student organization, whether or not conducted on University property, including student travel on behalf of the University) of illicit drugs or narcotics, or any hallucinatory agent or other substance not prescribed to the person by a licensed provider is prohibited. This rule applies to all paraphernalia utilized in conjunction with the consumption and/or use of the prohibited substances as well as any student disruptive behavior related to such use. Any violation of the above drug-related rule may result in suspension or expulsion from the University or special conditions for continued enrollment. Procedures for controlled substance violations are as follows:

a. All violations of federal, state or local laws, or University rules and procedures regarding the drug-related instances, described above, shall be referred to UPD. Reporting to UPD also includes athletics-related positive drug test results. b. In addition to any action, which may or may not be taken by civil or criminal authorities when laws, rules or procedures regarding drugs or controlled substances are violated, the University may take the following actions.

1. First Offense (within any 12-month period): Within the discretion of the University conduct officer, suspension or expulsion from the University or “special arrangements for continued enrollment” may be assessed. Failure to comply with any requirements imposed as a consequence of a first offense will subject the student to suspension or expulsion. If the offense relates to the sale or distribution of controlled substances, the student shall be expelled or suspended from the University. A restriction will be placed on the student’s

records, transcript and registration privileges when disciplinary situations have not been resolved.

2. Second Offense (within any 12-month period): A second offense of the drugs rules/regulations will result in suspension or expulsion.