



Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

UMES ALCOHOL POLICY

Policy Regarding the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on the Campus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (Revised July 1, 2012)

I. PURPOSE

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore permits alcohol to be consumed at special activities and programs and in the privacy of residence hall rooms subject to applicable law and University policy. This policy is designed to promote the positive use or nonuse of alcoholic beverages in a responsible manner.

II. SCOPE

University policies concerning the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages do not contravene federal, state, or municipal law regarding their purchase, possession or consumption. This policy is applicable to students and student organizations and to all programs, events sponsored by the university as well as property owned or leased by the university.

III. PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

- A. In accordance with Maryland law, it is illegal for any person under 21 years of age to purchase, possess or consume, or for anyone to aid or abet such a person in purchasing or consuming any alcoholic beverages.
- B. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted to be sold by any person, organization or corporation on the campus of the university, including property leased by the university. Unless authorization is given by the appropriate University authority (i.e., Office of Campus Life).
- C. It is unlawful for any person to drink alcoholic beverages or to offer a drink to another person or persons, whether accepted or not, on any public road or street, parking lot, sidewalk or other publicly owned or leased place.
- D. State funds and student fees collected by the university cannot be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore abides by Maryland State laws and statutes. Students 21 years of age and older may possess and consume beverages within the privacy of their bedroom or private living area. No drinking is allowed in the common rooms of suites or apartments if anyone under the age of 21 is present; even residents that live there. However, it is important to note that a student 21 years of age and older sharing a room with an underage student cannot possess and/or consume alcohol beverages within the privacy of their bedroom or private living area; and moreover, students 21 year of age and older, if sharing a room with a student under 21, may not store/house alcohol beverages in said living area. Students are subject to an alcohol fee, of \$100.00, and may face student conduct action.

Residents who are under 21 years of age are not allowed to host parties with alcohol regardless of the guest's age. Non-UMES students and UMES students living off-campus are not allowed to bring alcohol into residential facilities. The Office of Residence Life staff reserves the right to stop people from bringing alcohol into the building(s). No alcohol is permitted or shall be stored in the common areas of residence halls (i.e., bathrooms, kitchens, balconies/porches, lounges, living rooms, laundry rooms, etc.).

A student and his/her guest may be required by University personnel to open all backpacks, bags, coolers and other containers when entering a residence hall. This procedure is a safety and security measure, which prevents unwanted or unauthorized materials from being brought into the halls. All students' cooperation with staff requests is expected and appreciated. A resident and his/her guest may be denied entrance if they choose not to cooperate with this request.

In accordance with University Policy, alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in public areas, including hallways, lounges, and apartment balconies/porches or outside buildings. The sale of any alcoholic beverage on the UMES campus is prohibited. Students are not permitted to possess kegs, or any other containers designed to hold large volumes of alcohol than what is found in common source containers. Students are not allowed to construct or own a table used for the purpose of alcohol related games, including but not limited to, beer pong, flip cup, card games, quarters, etc.

Alcohol Policy Violations Fines and Penalties

First Violation Mandated to the ATOD Prevention Center to complete BASICS (Brief Alcohol Screening Intervention for College Students and parental notification for underage violators).

Policy Violation Fine: \$100
BASICS Fee: \$100

Second Violation Referred to off campus Substance Abuse Treatment Program
Student placed on probation for one academic semester

Policy Violation Fine: \$150
Off Campus Substance Abuse Treatment Program: Agency determines fee/pay

Third Violation Conduct Hearing (Potential removal from Campus Housing and/or suspension from the University)

Policy Violation Fine: \$200