



UMES - Alcohol Campus Policies and Procedures

General Description

University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) is committed to maintaining a safe and inviting campus environment for its students, staff, community members and visitors. This policy, in conjunction with other Student and Staff Alcohol and Drug use Policies, provides a consistent approach to alcohol usage on-campus and at official UMES events; and adheres to federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, as well as Board of Regents' Policy. It is important that all members of the UMES community and visitors to the UMES campus follow this policy. In doing so, UMES will be able to allow alcohol to be served in a responsible manner that respects the best interests of all.

Section I Policy Statements

1. All persons must comply with federal, state, and local laws and the policies of UMES and the Board of Regents governing the use, possession, manufacture, distribution, dispensation, and sale of alcoholic beverages while on the UMES campus and at UMES events.
2. Alcohol may be served on-campus only with prior approval. Once approval has been received, the UMES organizer must comply with the procedures outlined in this policy.
3. The posted advertisement of alcoholic beverages on-campus is not permitted. UMES, offices, departments, units, affiliates and outside vendors are prohibited from advertising alcoholic beverages.
4. The Office Finance and Administration will determine insurance requirements for non-UMES events held on-campus and may require certificates of insurance.
5. No one shall conspicuously display open containers of alcoholic beverages (open beer or liquor cans/bottles) in any public location on-campus, including but not limited to, grounds, sidewalks, and streets within campus boundaries.
6. Persons who violate the law may be subject to arrest or citation. UMES employees and students may also be referred to the appropriate institute authority for disciplinary sanctions for policy violations. Visitors who violate the law or UMES policies may also be required to leave the campus.
7. No inventory shall be kept of alcohol in any building or area of the UMES campus without prior written approval. Approved areas will be subject to inventory audits.
8. Organizers of events with alcohol, UMES or third party, must supply an equal or greater amount of non-alcoholic beverages.

Section II Procedures

1. Approvals
 - a. Organizers are responsible for securing prior approval and compliance with this and other related policies.
 - b. UMES events, both on and off-campus where alcohol is to be served must have prior approval. Three individuals are authorized to approve such events:
 - President or designee
 - Provost
 - Vice President for Administration and Finance



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- c. On-campus events with alcohol where students are invited must be approved in advance by the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Experience.
2. Funding
 - a. State funds are NOT permitted to purchase or reimburse for alcoholic beverages for any purpose or circumstance.
 - b. Any funds used to pay for alcoholic beverages at UMES events must be taken from non-state, personal, or other private sources.
3. Designated Responsible Employee
 - a. All UMES events held on-campus must have a designated responsible full-time UMES employee who is present during the entire event. This can be a member of the faculty, staff, or a campus police officer.
 - b. Access to the alcoholic beverages must be controlled through an approved central point of distribution by UMES designated staffing, or a vendor with a proper alcohol license. Control is for the purpose of restricting use by those under the legal drinking age and/or who are obviously intoxicated.
 - c. Organizers must ensure that no noticeably intoxicated person is given or allowed to consume any additional alcoholic beverage from the UMES event.
4. Identification
 - a. If students or youths are invited to the event, organizers should ensure the identification of all individuals being served alcohol is checked so that alcoholic beverages are not served or made available to any individual under the lawful drinking age.
5. Tailgating
 - a. Tailgates are NOT permitted without prior authorization. If authorized, hosts and participants will be expected to abide by the procedures outlined in this policy section.
 - b. Tailgate hosts must ensure that no person under the legal drinking age of 21 will consume or possess any alcoholic beverage from the tailgate
6. Sale of Alcohol
 - a. The sale of alcoholic beverages on-campus is permitted with UMES designated staffing and control, or by a UMES approved vendor with alcohol license in accordance with state and local law.



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Section III Student Organizations and Residence Halls

1. General Statements

- a. 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 policies.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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).
- e. 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.
- f. State funds and student fees collected by the university cannot be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.
- g. 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 fine of \$200.00, and may face student conduct action.
- h. 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.).
- i. 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 are expected and appreciated. A resident and his/her guest may be denied entrance if they choose not to cooperate with this request.



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- j. In accordance with University Policy statements, alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in public areas, including hallways, lounges, and apartment balconies/porches or outside buildings.
 - k. The sale of any alcoholic beverage on the UMES campus, by students, 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.
2. Alcohol Policy Violations Fines and Penalties
- a. First Violation
Policy Violation Fine: \$200
 - b. Second Violation Referred to off campus Substance Abuse Treatment Program Student placed on probation for one academic semester
Policy Violation Fine: \$350
Off Campus Substance Abuse Treatment Program: Agency determines fee/pay
 - c. Third Violation Conduct Hearing (Potential removal from Campus Housing and/or suspension from the University)
Policy Violation Fine: \$500