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Office

Alcohol and Tobacco on Campus (#7006)

Purpose/Reason for Policy

This policy promotes the health, safety, and well-being of the University of West Georgia (UWG) community by regulating the use of alcohol and tobacco while on UWG property and at University-sponsored events. It ensures compliance with federal and state laws and the University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents (BOR) policies, supporting a safe learning and working environment and responsible stewardship of University facilities and resources.

Policy Statement

The University of West Georgia prohibits the unlawful possession, use, distribution, or sale of alcohol and tobacco products on University property and at University-sponsored activities.

Alcohol may be served or consumed only:

- At events that have received **prior University approval**, and
- In accordance with applicable laws, University procedures, and event-specific guidelines.

Exceptions:

- Prior approval is not required for **Designated Tailgate Events** for UWG sporting events and other campus events specifically announced by the **Office of the President**.
- **Lawful possession and consumption of alcohol in campus residences** are permitted in accordance with University housing policies and applicable laws.

In all cases:

- Alcohol may only be possessed or consumed by individuals **21 years of age or older**.
- Hosts, organizers, visitors, and participants **must comply** with this policy, procedures, and all related University guidelines.

- All forms of **tobacco products and use**, including smoking and vaping, are **expressly prohibited** on University property as outlined by the [BOR Policy 6.10, Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campuses](#).
- **All events** hosted by UWG and outside groups on behalf of the UWG **shall be tobacco-free**.
- The **advertising, sale, or free sampling of tobacco products** on UWG property **is prohibited** unless specifically stated for **research purposes**.

All students, employees, and visitors are expected to adhere to this policy to support a safe, healthy, and compliant campus environment.

Scope/Applies To:

☒ All Employees ☐ Faculty ☐ Staff ☒ Students ☒ Vendors/Contractors ☒ Others *All persons on UWG property, including foundation agents, rental groups, visitors, hosts, event organizers and supervisors, serving alcohol, must follow this policy and its procedures on campus.*

The Chief Legal Officer or designee is authorized to establish procedures for compliance with this Policy.

Associated Procedures

[Alcohol Possession and Use](#)

[Tobacco and Smoke-free Campus](#)

Approval Signatures

Step Description

Approver

Date