

Drug Policy

Villanova University strives to develop and sustain a living and learning environment in which the full potential of its members may be realized. Therefore, the University aspires to the highest standards of academic excellence and is committed to the personal health and safety of all individuals. In pursuing these community goals, all students and student organizations are required to comply with applicable state and federal laws and the following University policies regarding drugs.

The following conduct is prohibited for all students:

1. [The sale, production or distribution of, as well as attempt, intent, or conspiracy to sell, produce, or distribute illegal drugs, prescription medications, or other controlled, dangerous, or addictive substances.](#)
2. The use or possession of drugs deemed illegal on the Federal or State level.
3. The unauthorized possession or the misuse of prescription medications or controlled substances.
4. The use or possession of drug paraphernalia, in any form, while on campus. Drug paraphernalia includes, but is not limited to, pipes, bong, bowls, rolling papers, hookahs, and grinders.
5. Driving while under the influence of illegal drugs or controlled substances.

Drug Policy Enforcement and Sanctioning

When a suspected drug policy violation is encountered by University staff in a residence hall room or apartment, University staff may enter rooms or apartments to address policy violations, to confiscate items, and/or to disperse guests. Students are expected to comply with University staff in their efforts, as failure to comply may result in more severe sanctions. Items found that violate policy will be confiscated by appropriate University personnel and not returned.

The University reserves the right to sanction students who violate the law and/or the University drug policy whether on or off campus. Violations involving cannabis may result in educational follow-up, warnings, disciplinary probation, or other disciplinary measures, up to and including suspension or expulsion from the University. Subsequent violations and/or aggravating factors will result in more severe sanctions. Violations involving other types of drugs likely will result in suspension or expulsion. Violations of Section 1 of the drug policy likely will result in expulsion.

The University reserves the right to sanction all residents of a residence hall room/apartment, whether or not the residents are present at the time of the violation, as well as any students present when a drug violation occurs. Additionally, the University reserves the right to sanction students in cases where indicators of drug use are present, but where no drugs are recovered. These indicators may include, but are not limited to, symptoms of drug intoxication, the odor or residue of illegal drugs, the presence of drug paraphernalia, attempts to mask odors, or other conduct designed to avoid detection.

Students in violation of the drug policy must comply with all educational requirements specified by designated University staff members. Staff will inform the Dean of Students Office of attendance, compliance and any other recommendations regarding the student.

Fines may be assessed, at the discretion of the Conduct Review Administrator, for drug policy violations and will vary depending on aggravating or mitigating factors. For example, violations that result in actual or potential harm or disruption to individuals or the community will result in more severe fines, as well as additional sanctions.

Student organizations that violate the law and/or the University drug policy are also subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or loss of recognition.

[Good Samaritan Policy](#)