Drug Policy

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 illegal drugs or controlled substances.
3. The unauthorized possession or the misuse of prescription medications.
4. The use or possession of drug paraphernalia, in any form, while on campus. Drug paraphernalia includes, but is not limited to, pipes, bongs, 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, confiscate items, and/or to disperse guests. Students are expected to comply with University staff in their efforts, as failure to comply will 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 may result in educational follow-up, warnings, disciplinary probation, fines (plus 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.

For example, the use or possession of marijuana will typically result in disciplinary probation and a $500 fine (plus other disciplinary measures). Aggravating factors and/or subsequent violations involving marijuana may result in suspension or expulsion. The illegal use or possession of other types of drugs will likely result in suspension or expulsion. Violations of Section 1 of the drug policy will likely result in expulsion.

The University reserves the right to sanction all residents of a room/apartment where a drug policy violation occurs, and/or those present at the time of the violation. 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 behavior designed to avoid detection.

Students found in violation of the drug policy must comply with all educational requirements specified by the Assistant Dean of Students for Alcohol and Drug Intervention.

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.