

Alcohol & Drugs

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Policy Statement

In keeping with the mission of Carolina University, the use, possession, distribution, manufacture, or sale of narcotics, illegal drugs, hallucinogens, marijuana, alcoholic beverages, tobacco or its facsimile in any form including but not limited to: cigarettes, chewing tobacco, cigars, dipping tobacco, "Hookah" pipe tobacco, E-cigarettes, Vape cigarettes, etc., and/or the abuse of legal substances by its students and employees is strictly prohibited.

Rationale

The pleasures of drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking or chewing tobacco, and sniffing, smoking or injecting illegal drugs are outweighed by their destructiveness. Yes, tobacco is lawful for all university-age students, and alcoholic beverages are lawful for some. However, the apostle Paul wrote, "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be dominated by anything" (I Corinthians 6:12, ESV). Sobriety and self-control are the Biblical norm, not drunkenness and addiction. Carolina University teaches that abstinence is the best way to achieve the Biblical norm.

Illegal Drug/Controlled Substance Information Sheet as required by the Drug Free School and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (Public Law 101-226): Students enrolled in Carolina University are subject to disciplinary action for the possession, manufacture, use, sale, or distribution (by either sale or gift) of any quantity of any prescription drug or controlled substance or for being under the influence of any prescription drug or controlled substance, except for the use of medication in accordance with the instructions of a licensed physician. Controlled substances include, but are not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, cocaine derivatives, heroin, amphetamines, barbiturates, LSD, PCP, and substances typically known as "designer drugs" such as "ecstasy" or "eve." Possession of paraphernalia associated with the use, possession or manufacture of a prescription drug or controlled substance is also prohibited.

Policy Procedures

Additional local, state, and federal penalties may apply. In addition to sanctions imposed by Carolina University for violation of the Drug Policy, a student may be subject to regulations of civil authorities. Various local, state and federal regulations prohibit the illegal use, possession, and distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol. The University will refer students to law enforcement authorities for any behavior that is in violation of the law.

Whenever it is reasonable to suspect a student of substance abuse, Carolina University officials will make drug testing available. If the results come back negative, the University will bear the cost of the drug test. If the results are positive, the student will bear the cost and will be subject to disciplinary action. If the student refuses a request to be tested for substance abuse, then he/she will be subject to disciplinary action.

Students caught in this type of lifestyle are encouraged to seek voluntary help through the Student Services Offices. They can provide information for counseling and recovery services.