
Policy Statement
as a

Drug-Free Institution

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The University of Kentucky is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for its students, faculty, and staff. The University has defined conduct in relation to the unlawful possession, use, dispensation, distribution, or manufacture of alcohol or illicit drugs. Conduct that is violative of this definition poses unacceptable risks and disregard for the health, safety, and welfare of members of the University community and shall result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension or termination.

As a recipient of federal grants and contracts, the University gives this notice to students, faculty, and staff that it is in compliance with and shall continue to comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989. Students, faculty, and staff are herein notified of the standards of conduct, which shall be applicable while on University property, on University business, and/or at University sponsored activities.

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Standards of Conduct

By University regulations, by federal law, by state law, and, in some instances, by local ordinance, students, faculty, and staff are prohibited from the unlawful possession, use, dispensation, distribution, or manufacture of controlled substances on University property, on University business, and/or at University sponsored activities.

Under University regulations, students, faculty, and staff are required to abide by state laws concerning alcoholic beverages. Kentucky law states that if one is under the age of 21, it is unlawful to:

- (1) possess or consume alcoholic beverages,
- (2) misrepresent one's age for the purpose of purchasing alcoholic beverages, or
- (3) use a fake ID in an attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages.

No matter what one's age, Kentucky law states that it is unlawful to:

- (1) procure any alcoholic beverages for anyone under the age of 21 or
- (2) drink or be drunk in a public place.

University campuses and buildings are considered public places for purposes of these laws, except for a facility licensed to serve alcoholic beverages, and except for a facility used as a private residence, unless University regulations state otherwise.

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government ordinances parallel state law.

Any member of the University student body, faculty, or staff who violates these defined standards of conduct shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or termination. The specifically defined standards of conduct, the disciplinary procedures, and the appropriate sanctions are set forth in the Code of Student Conduct and in Administrative Regulation 6:4, and Human Resources Policy & Procedures Numbers 13.0 and 14.0.

In addition, it is a violation of state law to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of any substance that may impair one's driving ability

(drugs or alcoholic beverages).

Sanctions

Under University regulations, students who violate this standard of conduct are subject to disciplinary action from a minimum of a warning to a maximum of suspension from the University. Students who reside in University Housing are subject to further disciplinary action that may vary from a warning to termination of their housing contract.

Faculty and staff are subject to disciplinary action from a minimum of a warning to a maximum of termination from University employment.

Under state and federal drug laws, the gravity of the sanction depends on the classification of the controlled substance, the particular activity involved (possession or trafficking which includes manufacture, sale, and possession with intent to sell), and whether or not multiple convictions are involved.

Specific penalties under federal and state laws for trafficking in various controlled substances are outlined in Appendix A to this policy.

Notice of Drug-Related Conviction

In compliance with the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, any employee shall notify the immediate supervisor if the employee is convicted of a criminal drug offense occurring in the workplace or while on University business within five (5) days of the conviction. The University shall take appropriate sanction and remedies in accordance with its policies. The provisions of this section are also applicable to students who are employees of the University. If the employee is under a federal contract or grant, the University shall notify the contracting or granting agency of the conviction and of its actions. This section of this policy is also applicable to students who receive a Pell grant (federal grant).

Health Risks

The scope and impact of health risks from alcohol and drug abuse are both alarming and well-documented, ranging from mood altering to life-threatening, with consequences that extend beyond the individual to family, organizations, and society at large. The University, therefore, conducts regular programs to educate its students, faculty, and staff that consumption and use of drugs may alter behavior, distort perception, impair thinking, impede judgment, and lead to physical or psychological dependence.

Alcohol and/or drugs and/or drug abuse may lead to the deterioration of physical health by causing or contributing to various health conditions including but not limited to fatigue, nausea, personal injury, insomnia, pathological organ damage, some forms of cancer, pancreatitis, heart attack, respiratory depression, birth defects, convulsions, coma, and even death. Alcohol and drug abuse may also result in deterioration of mental health by causing or contributing to various conditions such as increased aggression, hallucinations, depression, disorientation, and psychosis.

A detailed list of the effects and health risks associated with the use of many specific drugs appears as Appendix B to this policy.

Alcohol consumption causes a number of marked changes in behavior. Even low doses can significantly impair the judgment and coordination required to drive a car safely, increasing the likelihood that the driver will be involved in an accident.

Low to moderate doses of alcohol also increase the incidence of a variety of aggressive acts, including spousal and child abuse.

Moderate to high doses of alcohol can cause marked impairments in higher mental functions, severely altering a person's ability to learn and remember information.

Very high doses can cause respiratory depression and death. If combined with other depressants of the central nervous system, much lower doses of alcohol will produce the effects just described.

Repeated use of alcohol can lead to dependence. Sudden cessation of alcohol intake is likely to produce withdrawal symptoms, including severe anxiety, tremors, hallucinations, and convulsions. Alcohol withdrawal can be life threatening. Long-term consumption of large quantities of alcohol, particularly when combined with poor nutrition, can also lead to permanent damage to vital organs such as the brain and the liver.

Mothers who drink alcohol during pregnancy may give birth to infants with fetal alcohol syndrome. These infants have irreversible physical abnormalities and intellectual disabilities. In addition, research indicates that children of alcoholic parents are at greater risk of becoming alcoholics than other youngsters.

Training and Counseling Resources

The University makes continuous efforts to make students, faculty, and staff aware of the on-campus and off-campus programs that provide information and professional services on matters related to the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

The Kentucky Kernel regularly publishes lists of sources for information and counseling for students. Students are encouraged to contact the Dean of Students and/or the Office of Residence Life for information and appropriate referral.

Counseling is provided by such areas as University Health Services (UHS); the Counseling Center; Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology; the UK College of Medicine Office of Medical Education-Wellness; and On-Call Counselors (OCCs) are available in the residence halls system.

For faculty and staff, Human Resources' Work-Life and Well-Being website provides information as to resources specifically available to employees.

Other counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation services are available in the Lexington community as well as communities throughout the state in which the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) employees are located.

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- New Vista offers both counseling and treatment. 859-253-1686
(Visit <https://newvista.org/> for locations and contact information.)
 - In the Lexington area, the number for Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is 859-559-5368. (Visit www.aa.org for other locations.)
 - The Chrysalis House Inc. offers long term, halfway house residential treatment for recovering chemically dependent women. 859-977-2501
(<https://www.chrysalishouse.org/>)
 - University of Kentucky I-RAFT Clinic. 859-257-7755

Many other services are available and may be located by looking in the local telephone directory yellow pages under “Social Services” or “Alcohol Abuse & Addiction – Information & Treatment” or in the section at the front of the telephone directory. Services may also be located by searching online.

Policy Review

This policy statement and any revisions thereto shall be distributed annually to students and employees. Distribution shall be the responsibility of the Vice President for Student Success and the Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer.

Annual Review Policy – The Vice President for Student Success and the Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer shall review and interpret policies and procedures relevant to this policy statement. These two administrators shall jointly be responsible for maintaining records of the annual review of the policy statement.

Appendix A Federal Trafficking Penalties Schedules I, II, III, IV and V (except Marijuana)

CSA	PENALTY		Drug (SCHEDULE)	Quantity	PENALTY	
	1st Offense	2nd Offense			1st Offense	2nd Offense
I	Not less than 5 years, and not more than 40 years.	Not less than 10 years, and not more than life.	COCAINE (II)	500-4,999 gms mixture	5 kgs or more mixture	Not less than 10 years, and not more than life.
and	If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years or more than life.	If death or serious injury, life imprisonment.	COCAINE BASE (II)	28-279 gms mixture	280 gms or more mixture	If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, or more than life.
II	Fine of not more than \$5 million if an individual, \$25 million if not an individual.	Fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual.	FENTANYL (II)	40-399 gms mixture	400 gms or more mixture	Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.
			FENTANYL (I)*	10-99 gms mixture	100 gms or more mixture	
			HEROIN (I)	100-999 gms mixture	1 kg or more mixture	
			LSD (I)	1-9 gms mixture	10 gms or more mixture	
			METHAMPHETAMINE (II)	5-49 gms pure or 50-499 gms mixture	50 gms or more pure or 500 gms or more mixture	
			PCP (II)	10-99 gms pure or 100-999 gms mixture	100 gms or more pure or 1 kg or more mixture	
				First Offense		Second Offense
IV				Not more than 20 years.	Not more than 30 years.	
III				If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 years and not more than life.	If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment.	
IV				Fine of not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2.5 million if not an individual.	Fine of \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual.	
V				Fine of not more than 5 years.	Not more than 10 years.	
				Fine of not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual.	Fine of not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if not an individual.	
				Not more than 1 year.	Not more than 4 years.	
				Fine of not more than \$100,000 if an individual, \$250,000 if not an individual.	Fine of not more than \$200,000 if an individual, \$500,000 if not an individual.	

* Includes any analogue of fentanyl or a fentanyl-related substance

Federal Trafficking Penalties – Marijuana (Schedule I)

As of December 21, 2018

Description	Quantity	First Offense	Second Offense
Marijuana mixture containing detectable quantity*	1,000 kg or more mixture or 1,000 or more plants	Not less than 10 years, or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 years, or more than life. Fine of not more than \$10 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual.	If any person commits such a violation after a prior conviction for a serious drug felony or serious violent felony has become final: Not less than 15 years, or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.
Marijuana mixture containing detectable quantity*	100 kg to 999 kg mixture or 100 to 999 plants	Not less than 5 years, or more than 40 years. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 years, or more than life. Fine of not more than \$5 million if an individual, \$25 million if not an individual.	Not less than 10 years, or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual.
Marijuana	50 to 99 kg mixture or 50 to 99 plants	Not more than 20 years. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 years, or more than life. Fine of not more than \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual.	Not more than 30 years. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual.
Hashish	more than 10 kg		
Hashish Oil	more than 1 kg		
Marijuana	less than 50 kg or 1 to 49 plants	Not more than 5 years. Fine of not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual.	Not more than 10 years. Fine of not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if not an individual.
Hashish	10 kg or less		
Hashish Oil	1 kg or less		

Appendix B

Controlled Substances—Uses & Effects

DRUGS CSA SCHEDULES		COMMON OR STREET NAMES		MEDICAL USES		DEPENDENCE Physical/ Psychological		USUAL METHODS OF ADMINISTRATION		POSSIBLE EFFECTS		EFFECTS OF OVERDOSE	
NARCOTICS													
Fentanyl	II	Apache, China Girl, China Town, Dance Fever, Friend, Goodfellas, Great Bear, He-Man, Jackpot, King Ivory, Murder 8, and Tango & Cash	Analgisic and Anesthetic	High/High	Injected, smoked, sniffed, snorted, oral, spiked onto blotter paper	Relaxation, euphoria, pain relief, sedation, confusion, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, urinary retention, pupillary constriction, and respiratory depression	Changes in pupillary size, cold and clammy skin, cyanosis, coma, and respiratory failure leading to death						
Heroin	I	Big H, Black Tar, Chiva, Hell Dust, Horse, Negra, Smack, and Thunder	None	High/High	Injected, smoked, sniffed, snorted	Surge of euphoria or "rush," followed by a twilight state of sleep and wakefulness; Drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, nausea, a warm flushing of the skin, dry mouth, and heavy extremities	Slow and shallow breathing, blue lips and fingernails, clammy skin, convulsions, coma, and possible death						
Hydromorphone	II	D, Dillies, Dust, Footballs, Juice, and Smack	Analgisic	High/High	Oral, injected	Produces feelings of euphoria, relaxation, sedation, reduced anxiety, mental clouding, changes in mood, nervousness, restlessness; constipation, pupillary constriction, urinary retention, decreased coordination, loss of appetite, rash, slow or rapid heartbeat, and changes in blood pressure	Severe respiratory depression, drowsiness progressing to stupor or coma, lack of skeletal muscle tone, cold and clammy skin, constricted pupils, and reduction in blood pressure and heart rate						
Methadone	II	Amidone, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Fizzles, Mania, Pastora, Salvia, Street Methadone, and Water	Analgisic	High/High	Oral, injected	Psychological dependence, sweating, itchy skin, or sleepiness	Slow and shallow breathing, blue fingernails and lips, stomach spasms, clammy skin, convulsions, weak pulse, coma, possible death						
Morphine	II	Dreamer, Emsel, First Line, God's Drug, Hows, MS, Mister Blue, Morf, Morpho, and Unkle	Analgisic	High/High	Oral, injected	Euphoria, pain relief; decrease in hunger, and inhibition of the cough reflex	Cold and clammy skin, lowered blood pressure, sleepiness, slowed breathing, slow pulse rate, coma, and possible death						
Opium	II	Aunt Emma, Big O, Black Pill, Chandoo/Chandu, Chinese Molasses, Chinese Tobacco, and Toys	Analgisic	High/High	Oral, injected, smoked	Euphoric rush, followed by relaxation and pain relief; constipation, dry mouth and mucous membranes	Slow breathing, seizures, dizziness, weakness, loss of consciousness, coma, and possible death						
Oxycodone	II	Hilbilly Heroin, Kicker, OC, Ox, Roxy, Perc, and Oxy	Analgisic	High/High	Oral, injected	Euphoria and feelings of relaxation; Pain relief, sedation, respiratory depression, constipation, pupillary constriction, and cough suppression	Extreme drowsiness, muscle weakness, confusion, cold and clammy skin, pinpoint pupils, shallow breathing, slow heart rate, fainting, coma, and possible death						
STIMULANTS													
Amphetamines	I	Bennies, Black Beauties, Crank, Ice, Speed, and Uppers	ADHD, nasal congestion, narcolepsy	High/High	Oral (pills or powder)	Produce a sense of exhilaration, enhance self-esteem, improve mental and physical performance, increase activity, reduce appetite, extend wakefulness for prolonged period, and "get high," agitation, hostility, panic, aggression, and suicidal or homicidal tendencies; Paranoia, sometimes accompanied by both auditory and visual hallucinations; Dizziness, headache, flushed skin, chest pain with palpitations, excessive sweating, vomiting, and abdominal cramps	High fever, convulsions, and cardiovascular collapse may precede death						
Cocaine	II	Coca, Coke, Crack, Flake, Snow and Soda Cot	Topical local anesthetic	High/High	Injected, smoked, sniffed, snorted								
Khat	I, IV	Abyssinian Tea, African Salad, Caltra, Chat, Kat, and Oat	None	High/High	Oral, smoked								
Methamphetamine	II	Batu, Bikers Coffee, Black Beauties, Chalk, Chick-ken Feed, Crank, Crystal, Glass, Go-Fast, Ice, Meth, Poor Man's Cocaine, Shabu, Shards, Speed, Stove Top, Tina, Trash, Tweak, Uppers, and Yellow Bam	Obesity, ADHD	High/High	Oral, injected, smoked, sniffed, snorted								

DEPRESSANTS

Barbiturates	II, III, IV	Barbs, Block Busters, Christmas Trees, Coof Balls, Pinks, Red Devils, Red & Blues, and Yellow Jackets	Anesthetic, anticonvulsant, hypnotic, sedative	High/High	Oral, injected	
Benzodiazepines	IV	Benzos and Downers	Sedative, anxiety, seizures	Low/Low	Oral, injected	Causes amnesia, leaving no memory of events that occur while under the influence, reduce reaction time, impair mental functioning and judgment, and cause confusion.
GHB	I, III	Easy Lay, G, Georgia Home Boy, GHB, Goop, Grievous Bodily Harm, Liquid Ecstasy, Liquid X, and Scoop	None	High/High	Oral	
Rohypnol	IV	Circles, Forget-Me-Pli, La Rocha, Lunch Money Drug, Mexican Valium, Roaches, Roopies, Roathas Dos, Rohypnol, Row-Shay, Ruffles, and Wolfies	None	Low/Low	Oral	

HALLUCINOGENS

		MEDICAL USES	USUAL METHODS OF ADMINISTRATION	POSSIBLE EFFECTS	EFFECTS OF OVERDOSE
Ecstasy/MDMA	I	Adam, Beans, Clarity, Disco Biscuit, E, Eve, Go, Hug Drug, Lover's Speed, MDMA, Peace, STP, X, and XTC	None	Sensory effects include perceptual distortions that vary with dose, setting, and mood. Psychic effects include distortions of thought associated with time and space.	Elevated heart rate, increased blood pressure, and dilated pupils.
Ketamine	III	Cat Tranquilizer or Valium, Jet K, Kit Kat, Purple, Special K, Super K, and Vitamin K	Anesthetic		
LSD	I	Acid, Blotter Acid, Dots, Meadow Yellow, and Window Pane	None		
Peyote & Mescaline	I	Buttons, Cactus, Mesc, and Peyoto	None		
Psilocybin	I	Magic Mushrooms, Mushrooms, Shrooms	None		
MARIJUANA/CANABIS and Marijuana Concentrates - THC-Extracts	I, III	Aunt Mary, BC Bug, Blunts, Boom, Chronic, Dope, Gangsta, Ganja, Grass, Hash, Herb, Hydro, Indo, Joint, Kif, Mary Jane, Mola, Pot, Reefer, Skunk, Weed, 7 10, Wax, Ear Wax, Honey Oil, Budder, BHO, Dabs and Black Glass	None	Sedation, blood shot eyes, increased appetite, lower blood pressure, increased heart rate	Unknown

STEROIDS

	III	Arnolds, Juice, Pumpers, Roids, Stackers, and Weight Gainers	Testosterone deficiency	Oral, injected, topical	Side effects include: Acne, early sexual development, stunted growth, deepened female voice, increased facial & body hair, menstrual irregularities, reduced sperm count, sterility, male pattern baldness, enlarged male breast tissue, prostate cancer
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INHALANTS

		Gluey Huff, Rush, and Whippets	None	Sniffing, snorting, bagging, huffing	Weight loss, muscle weakness, disorientation, irritability, depression
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DRUGS OF CONCERN

*THESE DRUGS ARE NOT CURRENTLY REGULATED BY THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT, but pose risks to individuals who abuse them.					
DXM*		CCC, Dex, DXM, Poor Man's PCP, Robo, Rojo, Skittles, Triple C, and Velvet	Cough Suppressant	Oral	Side effects include confusion, inappropriate laughter, agitation, paranoia, hallucinations, over-excitability, lethargy, loss of coordination, slurred speech, sweating, hypertension

Kratom

		Maria Pastora, Sally-D, Salvia	None	Oral	Nausea, itching, sweating, dry mouth, constipation, increased urination, tachycardia, vomiting, drowsiness, and loss of appetite.
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DESIGNER DRUGS

Bath Salts*		Bliss, Blue Silk, Cloud Nine, Drone, Energy-1, Ivory Wave, Lunar Wave, Meow Meow, Ocean Burst, Pure Ivory, Purple Wave, Red Dove, Snow Leopard, Stardust, Vanilla Sky, White Dove, White Knight, White Lightening	None	Oral, injected, smoked, snuffed, snorted	Side effects include: paranoia, hypertension, hyperthermia, rapid heartbeat, sweating, teeth grinding, palpitations, seizures, hallucinations, delusions, headaches, death
K2/Spice		Spice, K2, Blaze, RedX Dawn, Paradise, Demon, Black Magic, Crazy Clown	None	Oral, smoked, vaporized	Side effects include: loss of coordination, dizziness, slurred speech, lack of coordination

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