

University of Louisiana Monroe Alcohol Policy

The University is committed to the health, safety and well-being of each member of the University of Louisiana at Monroe community. In order to further student learning, development and success and to promote the University's academic mission, ULM fosters an environment of personal and collective responsibility and respectful citizenship. This means that all members of the university community – students, faculty, and staff – have a role in safeguarding a healthy learning environment free of the consequences of alcohol misuse. The University also strives to create a culture that supports students who do not use alcohol and students who use alcohol in a safe, legal and responsible fashion.

Legal Background

Members of the ULM community are expected to abide by all federal, state and local laws. Including those governing alcohol consumption and distribution. Under Louisiana law, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to purchase alcohol or to possess alcohol in a public space. It is also illegal for anyone to furnish alcohol to an individual under the age of 21.

While it is not the responsibility of most ULM officials to enforce state law, it is the responsibility of the University Police Department, and accordingly they enforce all state alcohol laws when they encounter violations. All community members should understand the law and, as individuals', ensure that they themselves do not violate it.

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of all University community members to ensure that the University does not, through their actions, violate the law. Accordingly, official University functions, including events held by Recognized Student Organizations, are not allowed to provide alcohol to those under 21 years of age, and no University funds may be used to purchase alcohol for that purpose. Violations of this requirement can result in both criminal prosecution and University disciplinary action.

Responsible Alcohol Use

ULM students, faculty and staff are expected to behave responsibly, both in the classroom and outside, both on campus and off. The University is especially concerned about the misuse of distilled alcohol products (e.g. hard alcohol) and the dangers that arise from that misuse.

All students should understand the physical and behavioral effects of alcohol misuse, and should avoid such misuse themselves. In addition, they are expected to do their part to ensure the safety of fellow students whom they perceive to be engaged in reckless drinking behavior or to be suffering from its consequences.

The University provides educational resources to assure that students, faculty and staff understand the effects of alcohol misuse and know how to respond when they perceive others to be engaged in dangerous behavior.

Students, faculty and staff are expected to make healthy, responsible choices concerning their personal use of alcohol and the University supports them in this endeavor through education and other resources. The University sponsors activities and programs focused on students who choose not to drink or to drink lightly, as well as resources and services to assist students who need help for themselves or others related to alcohol use.

Residence Halls, Suites and Apartments

The University does not allow the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Residence Halls, Suites or Apartments located on University property

General Provisions

The University does not allow the possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages on campus or in any parking areas on campus except for designated events and in designated areas.

- Non-Alcoholic beverages (other than water) and non-salty food must be readily available and provided in sufficient quantities throughout the event.
- Wrist bands must be provided by UPD for individuals who are 21 years of age or older.

- Alcohol sales must end 45 minutes before the scheduled event is over.
- Alcohol beverages of bulk quantity or common source (kegs, jungle juice, etc.) may not be purchased, accepted as a donation or used under any circumstances. This provision also applies to third-party vendors.
- Open parties (those with unrestricted access) are prohibited.
- ULM student groups may only serve Beer and Wine at their events on campus.
- BYOB events on campus are prohibited.
- Student Organizations must register all on-campus events on “*Wingspan*,” the on-line organizational website.
- Student Organizations must have their faculty/staff advisor present for the duration of the event at all on-campus events where alcohol is present.

Insurance

If alcohol is to be served at an event, a general liability policy shall be endorsed to provide liquor liability and coverage for the event. ULM must be named a co-insured on the policy. If alcohol is to be sold, a third-party licensed vendor must be retained.

ULM does not have a license to sell alcohol.

Security (University Police)

All (public/non-university) events where alcohol is present will require University Police officer(s) to be present. Major university events and student events where alcohol is available will be required to have a university police presence. The number of officers needed will be determined by the venue director and UPD.

Intimate university events (by invitation only) may be excluded from this policy with approval from the President or Vice President for Student Affairs.

Recognized Student Organizations will follow the RSO’s On-Campus/Off-campus Alcohol and Amnesty Policy. (pg. 102)

Authority, Application and Enforcement

Responsibility for application for the Student Alcohol Policy resides with the Vice President for Student Affairs. The Dean of Students, The Office of Student Life and Leadership, ULM Counseling Center, Residential Life, Human Resources, University Police and community agencies will work together to coordinate and implement alcohol programming for the university community.

The University Police Department enforces federal, state and local laws for our students, faculty, staff, community members, guests and visitors.