
THE DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 (Public Law 101-226), signed by President Bush on December 12, 1989, requires the University to sign a certification in order to receive any Federal funds. The University is required to certify to the United States Department of Education that it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. At a minimum, this program must include the annual distribution of the following to each student and employee:

- A. Standards of conduct that clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs and alcohol by students and employees on University property or as any part of the University's activities;
- B. A description of the applicable legal sanctions under local, state, and federal law for unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol;
- C. A clear statement that the University will impose censures on students and employees (consistent with local, state and federal law) and a description of these censures, up to and including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution for violations of the "Standards of Conduct for Students";
- D. A description of any drug and alcohol counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation programs that are available to students and employees; and
- E. A description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol.

The University of Louisiana at Monroe endorses the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and seeks to provide an educational environment that will promote the abilities and opportunities of all students. To comply with the requirements of the Act and to advance the educational environment of the University the following information is presented.

DRUG POLICY MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, POSSESSION, AND USE:

The University of Louisiana Monroe prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs or anabolic steroids or controlled substances and the possession of drug paraphernalia (such as roach clips, bongs, water pipes, cocaine spoons, etc.) by University students on University owned or controlled property or at University events as set forth by this policy and defined by Louisiana Law. Law as it applies to this section of the policy refers to Louisiana R.S. 40:961 through R.S. 40:1034. The range of penalties for violations of Louisiana Law cited above is fines up to \$1,000,000 and up to life imprisonment without parole depending on the drug involved and nature of the violation.

Censures, Students Legal Aspects and Consequences:

Any student who violates these laws is subject to prosecution and punishment by civil authorities as well as disciplinary action by the university. The university may proceed against and censure on a person for the same conduct being handled by civil authorities.

Disciplinary Process:

The University of Louisiana Monroe considers any violation of this drug policy a serious offense. The continued enrollment of students not immediately suspended for violations will be dependent on the student completing sanctions imposed on a case basis. Sanctions will be imposed by the university in accordance with disciplinary procedures set forth by the Code of Student Conduct. The sanctions imposed by the University may include but are not limited to suspension held in abeyance with conditions, summary suspension, removal from university housing, and permanent suspension from the University. The severity of the sanctions imposed will correspond with the severity and/or the frequency of violations as well as the individual's willingness to receive treatment and recommit to participation in a drug-free living and learning environment.

Trafficking in Illegal Drugs:

Because the distribution of illegal drugs is a threat and danger to the health and safety of the community, when reasonable cause exists as determined by authorized officials, the university will immediately suspend alleged offenders prior to a hearing, and in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct.

Possession of Illegal Drugs and/or Drug Paraphernalia:

Sanctions for possession of illegal drugs and/or drug paraphernalia will be determined on a case basis. Eligibility for Financial Aid.

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Any student found in violation of this drug policy jeopardizes their ability to receive financial aid for which they might otherwise be eligible as defined by the conditions set forth by certain grants (e.g. Pell Grant).

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS

This information is an excerpt from *The University of Louisiana at Monroe Student Code of Conduct*, Section Five. Subsections 5.03:34 and 5.03:35 relate directly to the University's Standards of Conduct that clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs and alcohol by students on University property or as a part of University activities. Subsections 5.03:49, 5.03:50, and 5.03:51, may also apply.

Standards of Conduct for Students

- A. Each student and/or guest assumes an obligation to obey all University rules and regulations made by properly constituted authorities.
- B. The "Standards of Conduct for Students" outlines behavior expected by the University. Standards of conduct covering all aspects of human behavior cannot be written; therefore, omission of an offense from the written "Standards of Conduct for Students" does not prohibit the University from bringing charges for that offense. Municipal, Parish, State and Federal statutes cover many types of behavior not specified in University regulations.
- C. Conduct regulations for students attending the University of Louisiana at Monroe and for officially recognized student organizations are designed to create and to promote a wholesome educational environment. Student and student organization conduct in the environment of an institution of higher learning is expected to be exemplary at all times. Conduct regulations at the University require each student and student organization to exercise respect for Federal, State, Parish and Municipal laws and to conduct personal affairs and activities both on and off campus to reflect credit both to the student, to the student organization, and to the University. To promote this goal, the University does not permit the following activities:

Acts of Dishonesty, Misuse or Unauthorized Possession

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| 5.03:34 | Violation of University Drug Policy, to include: unauthorized or illegal possession, use, distribution, sale, manufacture, or transportation of narcotics. |
| 5.03:35 | Violation of University Alcohol Policy, and/or RSO Alcohol Policy. |

Finally, to preserve the educational environment of the University community, a student or student organization may be formally charged with a violation of the ULM *Code of Student Conduct* and referred to a hearing in the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability or the appropriate University Unit for possible disciplinary action

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| 5.03:50 | Formally charged by civil authorities with the commission of a felony of such nature that the student's or student organization's continued presence at the University is potentially dangerous to the health, safety, and educational environment of the University community; or |
| 5.03:51 | When there is a strong convincing evidence that the student or student organization against whom civil authorities have not brought charges or imposed penalties has committed a felony of such nature that the student's or student organization's continued presence at the University is potentially dangerous to the health, safety, and educational environment of the University community. |

when as a result of misconduct the student or student organization is:

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| 5.03:49 | Convicted of a felony |
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Use of illegal drugs, and the illegal use of alcoholic beverages, is identified as “conduct which adversely affects the university community.” University regulations prohibit any unlawful possession, use, distribution, or sale of alcohol and other drugs by University students, faculty, staff, or guests to the University, on University-owned property and at all University sponsored activities.

ULM students are also prohibited from the illegal use of drugs or alcohol whether on or off campus.

The legal age for the consumption of alcohol is 21 years of age. Any underage student consuming alcohol is violating standards for student conduct. Additionally, excessive alcohol use can lead to additional violations, such as driving while intoxicated or public intoxication.

Students living on campus (ULM Housing) should note that “The Office of Residential Life has a zero tolerance policy when it comes to illegal drug use or possession.”

Drug Policy on Manufacture, Distribution, Possession, and Use:

The University of Louisiana Monroe prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs or anabolic steroids or controlled substances and the possession of drug paraphernalia (such as roach clips, bongs, water pipes, cocaine spoons, etc.) by University students as set forth by this policy and defined by Louisiana Law. Law as it applies to this section of the policy refers to Louisiana R.S. 40:961 through R.S. 40:1034. The range of penalties for violations of Louisiana Law cited above is fines up to \$1,000,000 and up to life imprisonment without parole depending on the drug involved and nature of the violation.

Sanctions, Students Legal Aspects and Consequences:

Any student who violates these laws or university policies is subject to prosecution and punishment by civil authorities as well as disciplinary action by the university. The university may proceed against and sanction a person for the same conduct being handled by civil authorities.

DISCIPLINARY PROCESS:

The University of Louisiana Monroe considers a violation of this drug policy a serious offense. Specifically, 5.03:34 (Section Five - Standards of Conduct for Students) - Violation of University Drug Policy, to include: Unauthorized or illegal possession, use, distribution, sale manufacture or transportation of narcotics, stimulants, depressants, barbiturates, sedatives, tranquilizers, hallucinogens, drug paraphernalia, marijuana or /or other similarly known drugs and/or chemicals.

The continued enrollment of students not immediately suspended or dismissed for violations will be dependent on the student completing sanctions imposed on a case basis. Sanctions will be imposed by the university in accordance with disciplinary procedures set forth by the Code of Student Conduct. The sanctions imposed by the University may include but not limited to the following; conditional enrollment, removal from university housing, temporary suspension, counseling, fines, drug testing and permanent suspension/dismissal/expulsion from the University. The severity of the sanctions imposed will correspond with the severity and/or the frequency of violations. Accordingly, consideration of sanctions may also be administered based on the individual’s willingness to receive treatment and recommit to participation in a drug-free living and learning environment.

TRAFFICKING IN ILLEGAL DRUGS:

Because the distribution of illegal drugs is a threat and danger to the health and safety of the community, when reasonable cause exists as determined by authorized officials, the university may immediately suspend alleged offenders prior to a hearing, and in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct.

Possession of Illegal Drugs and/or Drug Paraphernalia:

Sanctions for possession of illegal drugs and/or drug paraphernalia will be determined on a case basis.

Eligibility for Financial Aid:

Any student found in violation of this drug policy jeopardizes their ability to receive financial aid for which they might otherwise be eligible as defined by the conditions set forth by certain grants (e.g. Pell Grant).

Important Information:

Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Section

Five: Standards of Conduct for Students

SANCTIONS UNDER LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAW FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION, USE, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ILLICIT DRUGS AND ALCOHOL:

Alcohol

Louisiana law R.S. 14:93.11 states that:

1. It is unlawful to sell alcoholic beverages to any person under 21 years of age, and
2. Violation of this statute shall result in a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Lack of knowledge of the person's age shall not be a defense.

Louisiana law R.S. 14:93.13 states that:

1. It is unlawful for any person other than a parent, spouse, or legal guardian as specified in R.S.14:93.10 (2)(a)(ii), to purchase on behalf of a person under 21 years of age any alcoholic beverage, and
2. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

Drugs

Illegal Controlled Substance (pursuant to R. S. 9:2800.62.2) means cocaine, phencyclidine, heroin, or methamphetamine and any other illegal controlled dangerous substance the possession or distribution of which is a violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, R.S. 40:961 et seq.

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

- 1st conviction: fined not more than \$500 and/or imprisoned in the Parish Jail for not more than 6 months.
- 2nd conviction: fined not more than \$2000 and/or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than 5 years.

SCHEDULE I DRUGS

- Possession: fined not more than \$5000 and/or imprisoned for not less than 4 years and not more than 10 years.
- Distribution: fined up to \$15,000 and/or sentenced from 5 years to life imprisonment without benefit of probation, or suspension of sentence.

SCHEDULE II DRUGS

- Possession: fined not more than \$5000 and/or not more than 5 years in prison.
- Distribution: fined not more than \$15,000 and/or not less than 5 years in prison, but no more than 30 years.

SCHEDULE III DRUGS

- Possession: fined up to \$5000 and/or not more than 5 years in prison.
- Distribution: fined not more than \$15,000 and/or not more than 10 years in prison.

SCHEDULE IV DRUGS

- Possession: fined not more than \$5000 and/or not more than 5 years in prison.
- Distribution: fined not more than \$15,000 and/or not more than 10 years in prison.

SCHEDULE V DRUGS

- Possession: fined not more than \$5000 and/or not more than 5 years in prison.
- Distribution: fined not more than \$5000 and/or not more than 5 years in prison.

Any person found responsible of distributing to any student involved in any public or private elementary, secondary, vocational-technical training, special, or post- secondary school or institution in Louisiana shall, upon conviction, be punished by a term of imprisonment of not more than twice that authorized by the applicable provisions or payment of not more than twice the fine authorized.

Censures for Personal Use/Abuse of Drugs/Alcohol

Students who are involved with the use and/or abuse of drugs/alcohol will be censured by the University. Censures will include any of the following from the Collegiate Due Process System:

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| 6.01:02 | University Community Service |
| 6.01:03 | Discretionary Sanctions |
| 6.01:04 | Disciplinary Probation |
| 6.01:05 | Indefinite Disciplinary Probation |
| 6.01:06 | Counseling |
| 6.01:09 | Restitution |
| 6.01:10 | Forfeiture of rights and privileges |
| 6.01:11 | Suspension of eligibility for official athletic or nonathletic extracurricular activities |
| 6.01:19 | Suspension from the University |
| 6.01:21 | Permanent Dismissal from the University |
| 6.01:22 | Expulsion from the University |
| 6.01:25 | Mandatory off-campus housing |
| 6.01:26 | Drug testing |

A student who has been initially convicted by a Civilian Court (City, Parish, State, Federal) where the offense involves drugs/alcohol and the offense has a maximum penalty of one (1) year or more confinement may be dismissed from the University.

THE ULM COUNSELING CENTER'S POLICY/PROCEDURES REGARDING ALCOHOL & DRUGS:

Students experiencing drug and alcohol difficulties are encouraged to seek counseling on campus as a beginning step. The abuse of alcohol and drugs is regarded at the ULM Counseling Center as a personal crisis requiring special services as provided by a trained professional in drug and alcohol treatment.

In the event a student is referred to the ULM Counseling Center due to problem behavior on-campus as a result of drug or alcohol usage, counseling then becomes mandatory and follow-up sessions are held.

The lines of communication between the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability and the ULM Counseling Center remain open and are often the source by which students are referred. When it is deemed necessary, based on the counselor's opinion that outside referral be made, the ULM Counseling Center then takes on the role of secondary caregiver working in conjunction with either the attending counselor, therapist, psychiatrist, or doctor. Some places of referral are local Alcohol Anonymous groups, Monroe Alcohol and Drug Abuse Clinic, Northeast Louisiana Behavioral Health Services and any other sanctioned groups who might meet the student's needs.

Effort on the part of the ULM Counseling Center is made to help students identify a group they will be comfortable with and to see that a smooth transition is made. Students are encouraged to initiate the additional calls for help and to participate actively in the receiving of treatment. It has been found at the Counseling Center that such action can be both therapeutic and a sign of the client's acknowledgment of a possible drug problem; this is often the first step toward making a recovery.

At all times a file is kept on the client indicating services the client is receiving and a statement granting the Counseling Center permission to communicate with outside facilities. The Counseling Center operates under the alcohol guidelines set forth in the "Student Handbook" and adheres to issues of confidentiality as set forth in the

American Counseling Association. Material is made available through outreach presentations, literature placed in the office and an updated listing of community services and support groups.

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) of 1989 - also known as the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act - requires institutions of higher education to establish policies that address unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs. The DFSCA also requires the establishment of a drug and alcohol prevention program.

All members of the ULM community are encouraged to review the information on the following pages. This information is distributed on an annual basis.

Students, faculty, and staff may request information on the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act by contacting the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability at 318-342-5230.

HEALTH RISKS:

Specific serious health risks are associated with the use of alcohol and illicit drugs. Some of the major risks are listed below.

Addiction and accidents can occur as a result of impaired ability and judgment. Alcohol poisoning and overdose is also possible when used with other depressants. Damage to a developing fetus, heart and liver may also occur.

Marijuana

Marijuana impairs short-term memory concentration, learning, thinking, and physical coordination. It may exert a toxic effect on brain nerve cells and thus produces euphoria and memory loss. Marijuana joints appear to produce approximately the same lung damage and potential cancer risk as smoking 5 times as many cigarettes. Use can increase the risk of emphysema as well. It also can interfere with judgment, attention span, concentration, and overall intellectual performance. It may cause psychological dependence and compromise the immune system. Marijuana impairs driving ability.

Cocaine

Use can cause addiction, cardiovascular system damage including heart attack, brain damage, seizures, lung damage, severe depression, paranoia, and psychosis. Similar risks are associated with other stimulants, such as speed and uppers.

Nicotine

Tobacco smoke contains thousands of chemical compounds, many of which are known to cause cancer. Nicotine, which is a central nervous system stimulant, produces an increase in heart and respiration rates, blood pressure, adrenaline production and metabolism. People can rapidly become physically and psychologically dependent on tobacco. Compromises the immune system.

Inhalants

Inhalants are a diverse group of chemicals that easily evaporate and can cause intoxication when their vapors are inhaled. Most inhalants are central nervous system depressants. Use of these drugs slows down many body functions. High doses can cause severe breathing failure and sudden death. Chronic abuse of some of these chemicals can lead to irreversible liver damage and other health problems.

Prescription Drug Abuse

Prescription drug abuse may cause adverse reactions, dependency, withdrawal, and overdose.

TREATMENT OPTIONS:

A variety of resources exist for alcohol and other drug prevention education, counseling and referral. For detailed information concerning these resources available from the University and community agencies, students may contact the ULM Counseling Center at 318-342-5220. Faculty and staff members may contact the Department of Human Resources 318-342-5140.

Community Resources:

New Day Recovery 1416

Natchitoches St,

West Monroe, LA 71291

318-855-8773

Palmetto Addiction Recovery Center

86 Palmetto Rd,

Rayville, LA 71269

318-728-2970

Rayville Recovery 307

Hayes St.

Rayville, LA 71269

318-728-5488

St. Francis Medical Center - North

3421 Medical Park Dr.

Monroe, LA 71203

318-966-1946

St. Francis Medical Center - Downtown 309

Jackson St.

Monroe, LA 71201

318-966-4000

University Health - Conway

(formerly LSU/EA Conway Medical Center) 4864

Jackson St.

Monroe, LA 71201

318-330-7000

Glenwood Medical Center 503

McMillan Rd.

West Monroe, LA 71291

318-329-4200

Affinity Walk-In Clinic

2408 Broadmoor Blvd, Suite 2

Monroe, LA 71201

318-807-0525

Confidential Resources:

ULM Counseling Center

Across from Madison Hall

1140 University Avenue

318-342-5220

Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic

Strauss Hall # 112

318-342-5678

mft@ulm.edu

ULM Health Clinic (Affinity)

Across from Madison Hall 1140

University Avenue

318-342-1651

INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT AND COUNSELING FOR ULM STUDENTS:

- Early intervention, assessment, education, and referral
- Educational sessions for those concerned about alcohol or other drug use
- Student Services (Mandatory) referrals
- Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI) – personalized screen for substance dependence disorder

- Harm reduction training

Educational Programs:

- Speakers on a wide variety of topics related to drug and alcohol use
- Substance Abuse Workshops
- Alcohol, drug, and marijuana use programs

Events:

- Alcohol and drug awareness activities
- Health Fairs
- Drunk Driving Awareness & Driver Safety Activities (Drunk Goggles)

University Resources:

- ULM Health Clinic (Affinity) - 318-342-1651
Medical and counseling services
- Counseling and Testing Services - 318-342-5220
Professional, confidential consultation/screenings and counseling services
- ULM Police Department - 318-342-5350
Presentations on legal aspects of alcohol and other drug use and related issues
- Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability (OSAA) - 318-342-5230
Address Student Code of Conduct, enforces policies and procedures, and provides students with resources necessary to resolve personal disputes.
- Human Resource Department - 318-342-5140
Services, guidance, education, and training (faculty and staff), counseling referrals, enforces policies and procedures for staff; assistance with disciplinary action for staff; Online resources, education and training.