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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) 2024 Biennial Review Report

Attached for the President's review and approval is the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) 2024 Biennial Review report. The report is required biennially (i.e., by the end of December on the even year). Upon approval, the report will be posted on the Division of Risk, Ethics, and Compliance's (DREC) website.

The TAMU 2024 report contains information for TAMU, including branch campuses TAMUG and TAMUQ. DREC coordinated the compilation of the 2024 DFSCA report. Information was provided and reviewed by the DFSCA Compliance Committee members representing TAMU campuses and other locations.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Approved:



President, Texas A&M University

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Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA)

2024 Biennial Review

Academic Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024

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Overview

Texas A&M University is committed to the prevention of abuse and illicit use of alcohol and other drugs. This report documents our biennial review of the alcohol and other drugs program to determine its effectiveness and consistency of sanction enforcement and to identify and implement any necessary changes. The university's commitment consists of multiple programs, services, and other related initiatives and enforcement efforts to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees.

Information included in this report (contributed by multiple units at various locations) reflects the many programs and activities and the unique missions, locations, needs, and circumstances. The main campus is located in College Station, Texas. However, Texas A&M University has other sites throughout Texas, several international locations, and two branch campuses in Qatar and Galveston.

Collectively, program goals are carried out through various locations, campuses, and program activities. Our program goals reflect federal guidance¹ and are as follows:

- Articulate and consistently enforce clear policies that promote an educational environment free from substance use/abuse.
- Provide ongoing education for members of the campus community for the purpose of preventing alcohol abuse and other drug use.
- Offer a reasonable level of care for substance abusers through counseling, treatment, and referral.
- Implement campus activities that promote and reinforce health, responsible living, respect for community and campus standards, individual responsibility on the campus, and intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual or ethical, and physical well-being of the members.
- Be vocal and visionary in combating the negative issues that surround alcohol and other drug use and abuse on campus.

Multiple factors impact academic excellence and student and employee success. Abuse and illicit use of drugs and alcohol correlates with increased violence, health issues, and impaired performance. Other impacts include disruption of campus safety and personal growth. Programs that prevent abuse of alcohol and other drugs are founded on needs, periodically evaluated, and improved.

Consistency in enforcing sanctions is essential to effective drug and alcohol prevention programs and services that achieve prevention goals. Texas A&M University has System Policies and Regulations, University Rules, Standard Administrative Procedures, and Student Rules that define requirements and processes regarding alcohol and other drugs. Offices with trained personnel handle violations and related sanctions. These factors reflect a commitment to compliance with laws and institutional regulatory requirements and support consistency in sanction enforcement.

Copies of the annual notifications of required information are located in Appendix A-1 through A-6 and a listing of relevant institutional policies, regulations, and rules is located in Appendix B.

¹ U.S. Department of Education "Complying with the Drug-Free schools and Campuses Regulations [Edgar Part 86] A Guide for university and College Administrators", July 2006

DFSCA Stakeholder Committee

TAMU has a DFSCA Stakeholder Committee that meets periodically to discuss illicit drug and alcohol abuse issues, trends, and initiatives. The committee's collective and collaborative efforts support the promotion and prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse. The Division of Risk, Ethics, and Compliance compiles the biennial report based on efforts reported by the committee members.

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Texas A&M University

Introduction

Texas A&M University (TAMU), the oldest public institution of higher learning in the state, opened its doors in 1876 as a small rural college with a student enrollment of six. Today, TAMU ranks as one of the largest universities in the nation, with an enrollment of 74,729 students in Academic Year (AY) 2022 and 77,369 students in AY2023. TAMU is one of a select few universities in the nation to hold land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant designations.

TAMU is recognized worldwide for building future leaders that contribute skills and service at the community, state, national, and global levels. Students engage in academic programs of excellence and have opportunities to engage in international programs and world-changing research. Service and leadership are advanced through participation in one or more of the over 1,300 student organizations on campus.

Illegal drug and alcohol use and abuse are a significant risk from a compliance and enforcement perspective and more importantly for the health and safety of our campus community. Excellence speaks to effective programs that prevent and proactively respond to illegal use and personal abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

Programs, services, and other initiatives are available at various locations such as the main campus in College Station. Other locations include the Higher Education Center in McAllen, CityCentre in Houston, School of Law in Fort Worth, and various Health Science Center (TAMHSC) locations such as Dallas, Kingsville, Round Rock, Temple, etc. TAMU also has two branch campuses located in Galveston and in Qatar.

Program and Services Inventory

Texas A&M University provides various programs, services, and outreach efforts to prevent and address alcohol and other drug issues.

University Health Services

University Health Services (UHS) provides integrated holistic healthcare to currently enrolled Texas A&M students at the flagship campus in College Station, Texas as well as throughout several embedded sites across branch campuses in the state of Texas. Healthcare encompasses a wealth of services including mental health, primary and specialty medical care, prevention and population health programming, and collegiate recovery. University Health Services offers two services that provide care to faculty, staff, and guests of the university in addition to students - 24/7 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and a crisis co-response team in partnership with the University Police department. Additionally, UHS works in close partnership with Student Life and other Division of Student Affairs key stakeholders to support initiatives toward a healthy Texas A&M community, including alcohol and other drug education prevention programs. These efforts are aimed at the micro level through direct clinical care with students as well as the macro level with campus-wide programming.

Programs (*list drug & alcohol focused programs with a brief description*)

1. Texas Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) - Texas requires all prescribers and pharmacists to review an individual patient's profile in the state PMP prior to prescribing or filling a prescription for a controlled drug to reduce the incidence of inappropriate prescribing to individuals who are seeking controlled substances. This became a state requirement in March 2019. A review of this database is documented in a patient encounter note.

2. Primary & Specialty Medical Care conducts periodic electronic health record reports of medical diagnoses for alcohol and other drug-related components to evaluate opportunities for improved data collection.
3. Primary & Specialty Medical Care proposed a continuous improvement process with valid assessment tools to screen for risky alcohol and drug use behavior and refers at-risk students to appropriate follow-up care resources.
4. Counseling & Mental Health Care conducts CCAPS, DAST, and AUDIT assessments to evaluate students' alcohol and drug use for further conversations regarding behaviors and treatment options.
5. Aggie Recovery Community provides substance free recovery space, programming, meetings, and other support services for currently enrolled students to effectively practice sobriety while seeking their college degree.

Goals

1. Clinicians and pharmacists will comply with the Texas requirements of reviewing the PMP profile for all students prescribed controlled substances.
2. Provide accurate and up-to-date information regarding alcohol and drug use, including information related to appropriate prescription use and disposal.
3. Provide effective education and clinical support to students identified with risky alcohol and other drug-related behaviors through various reporting mechanisms, consultations and referrals.
4. Evaluate students' self-reported alcohol and substance use behaviors with evidence-based assessments to guide treatment options including appropriate referral.
5. Provide substance free supports for students in recovery.

Goal Achievement and/or Outcomes

1. All controlled prescriptions filled at the UHS pharmacy had PMP profiles checked prior to dispensing the medication. Of note, minimal prescribing and filing for controlled substances occurs through UHS.
2. Data collection methods evaluated on a routine basis. Tracking mechanisms (medical record templates) updated to improve and refine data collection systems.
3. This continuous improvement program will go into effect Fall 2025.
4. Students with elevated CCAPS alcohol and drug scores were referred internally to a specialist provider to assess further for risky behavior and treatment options. Increased collaboration from the integration of medical and counseling services created effective supports for students holistically to receive treatment.
5. The Aggie Recovery Community program will go into effect Fall 2025.

Recommendations

1. Annual review of the state PMP requirement for prescribing providers and pharmacist at a staff meeting.
2. Conduct annual SOAR analysis of drug and alcohol templates within electronic health record system with appropriate team to capture innovative ideas and critical feedback on areas for data improvement.
3. Complete Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) initiative to reduce binge drinking behavior in primary care setting through implementation of continuous improvement process with assessment screening tool and referral.
4. Evaluate referral procedures between counseling and medical teams to further improve and streamline procedures and student support net.
5. Conduct SOAR analysis of Aggie Recovery Community program as it develops the program framework for its inaugural year.

Student Life

The objective of alcohol and drug programming within Student Life is to promote responsible decision-making regarding alcohol and other drug misuse to the Texas A&M University community through educational programming and resources.

Program activities include the following:

- Substance Misuse and Violence Prevention (SMVP) presentations and seminars deliver information on alcohol and other drug use to student organizations, students in classes via guest lectures by request, students who attend extended orientation programs, and among other students via PowerPoint / Mentimeter, skills development, workshops, and other interactive activities. Presentations employ a variety of modalities, including 15-minute minis up to 2-hour workshops and trainings.
- Alcohol Education Workshop (AEW), Drug Consultations and Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS) – Students who have been found responsible for a violation of the student conduct code regarding alcohol or other drugs are typically required to attend the AEW, Drug Consultations and/or BASICS. The AEW provides students with basic information regarding alcohol, its impact on individuals, and informs students on how to moderate their alcohol intake. They are also required to complete the online eCheckUP2GO assessment, which assesses their alcohol use and provides an educational profile to review. The drug consultation includes a one-on-one meeting with a trained facilitator, who uses motivational interviewing to assess the stage of change of each student while educating on drug use and its consequences. Students are required to complete a reflective essay regarding their drug use prior to their meeting and the essay is used by the facilitator to guide the conversation. BASICS is a nationally recognized program that requires each student to attend two 50-minute meetings with a staff member. Staff members use motivational interviews as a strategy to reduce high-risk drinking.
- Marijuana 101 – Student Life has contracted with 3rd Millennium Classrooms to provide an online educational opportunity for students who receive cannabis-related sanctions as a part of their Student Conduct process. This online program is provided to students primarily through the conduct process.
- National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NCAAW) and Safe Spring Week Break – NCAAW and Safe Spring Break Week aim to provide awareness of alcohol and other drug-related issues as they relate to college campuses. Events conducted include passive programming, resource tables at various locations around campus, active programs that may involve outside resources such as speakers, collaboration with alcohol and other drug-free alternatives, and collaboration with community stakeholders.
- 21st Birthday – The 21st Birthday program utilizes connection with the Registrar's Office to collect students who have turned 21. Each week a graphic is emailed to them, sharing the story of a parent who lost their Aggie to binge drinking on their 21st birthday, as well as information on making responsible choices regarding drinking around their birthday.
- Party Smart Watch Party – this program, in collaboration with other campus entities, provides an alcohol-free event to enjoy an Aggie football game with other students to build community. The event hosts food, games, the game on TV, and education built in to provide party-smart planning tips for hosting safe and responsible parties.
- Conversation Stations – This program engages students in an informal and conversational medium, by providing a snack or gift in exchange for answering a question on a white board related to alcohol, drugs, interpersonal violence, off campus living, or other related topics. These responses are cataloged and followed later in the week with educational social media postings.
- Committee Engagement – Student Life maintains representation on several coalitions and community working groups, including the Eliminate Tobacco Use in Texas Coalition and the Be A Good Neighbor Committee, with the goal of engaging community members in shared goals addressing substance misuse in the community.

Goals

- Provide student centered education, outreach, and support regarding alcohol and other substances.
- Provide education to students who are found responsible for violations of the university student alcohol policies.

Goal Achievements and/or Outcomes

- Between Academic Year (AY) 2022-2023 and AY 2023-2024, SMVP did 137 alcohol and drug related presentations and outreach events reaching 28408 students, including presentations to Orientation and Extended Orientation Groups.
- Between AY 2022-2023 and AY 2023-2024, Health Promotion intervened with 340 students through Alcohol Education Workshops, 5 students through Drug Education Workshops, and met with 5 students through the BASICS program. These numbers do not reflect “no-show” or students who started a workshop or meeting and did not complete their sanction. During this period, Student Community Standards experienced staff vacancies, which may have contributed to lower numbers of referrals during the '22-'23 and '23-24 academic years. The majority of students are referred from Student Community Standards based on violations of the Student Rules related to alcohol and/or other drug. Information collected following participation in the programs listed above shows that approximately 100% of students could articulate at least four ways a character in an alcohol-related scenario could avoid the negative impacts of alcohol use, 79% correctly identified three ways a character in an alcohol related scenario can avoid an legal charge for their actions, and 56% correctly identified right and wrong ways a character could identify a suitable drinking limit prior to a night out.

Assessment

Programs, events, and services are assessed through a variety of means periodically throughout implementation.

- Alcohol Education Workshops have a post-completion survey that is currently being used to gather information about background and factors that influence alcohol use.
- All presentations are followed by a post-survey that assesses an intention to change behavior.
- BASICS is assessed via rubric and observation by trained facilitators to establish an advancement in the Stages of Change, which is a model utilized to break down behavioral changes.

Standards

- ACHA Standards of Practice for Health Promotion in Higher Education
- Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's College Alcohol Intervention Matrix

Recommendations

Student Life has identified strategic recommendations for the upcoming academic years, to include:

- Continue to provide high quality education and outreach, addressing a wide variety of alcohol and substance misuse elements, including additional work around nicotine, vaping, cannabis, and prescription stimulant abuse. Consider opportunities for greater outreach through tailored and targeted approaches.
- Address perceptions around substance use for students at Texas A&M University.

Corps of Cadets

The Corps of Cadets is committed to fostering a safe and healthy environment for its members by addressing issues related to alcohol and drug use. We have implemented a comprehensive set of programs and goals aimed at educating and supporting students in managing and preventing substance-related incidents.

Programs

- Alcohol and Other Drug Training – The Corps of Cadets partners with Health Promotion Staff and Residence Life to educate our Corps Housing Officers for education and resources available for handling drug and alcohol related incidents.
- Cadets self-report any alcohol/drug related information during their pre-participation physical activity form. This information is reviewed by the Corps of Cadets Athletic Trainers, who resource and refer to campus and community resources as appropriate.
- Corps of Cadets staff are educated on substance abuse signs and resources on campus as part of yearly training.

Goals

Provide education and resources to both staff and students related to alcohol and drug related incidents.

Track and monitor students who exhibit concerning behavior through Cadet Care Team.

Assessment of Goals

- We randomly test a percentage of our students three times during each semester to assess for substance use.

Recommendations

- Outreach and campus partners – further explore partnerships to benefit our student and staff populations.

Athletics

Counseling and Sport Psychology Services (CSPS) within the Texas A&M Athletics Department supports the personal, academic, and athletic pursuits of all student-athletes in ways that are congruent with the overall mission of Texas A&M University.

- Counseling and Sport Psychology Services (CSPS) provides support for student-athletes specific to their use and/or concern regarding alcohol and/or other drugs. Services include providing assessments for student-athletes to learn more about their use and its impact on their life, building and maintaining motivation, learning to set personal goals, gaining strategies for leading a more balanced and satisfying life, and making choices that are congruent with their values and morals. We also provide substance use education and treatment for student-athletes that test positive on any random drug test of NCAA drug test that is congruent with the NCAA banned substance list.
- Depending on the student-athletes needs and readiness for change, specific treatment recommendations are provided. Treatment options within CSPS may include substance use education sessions, initial assessments, individual counseling, substance use support group, and self-help resources as well as services to target co-occurring psychiatric issues such as anxiety and depression. For needs that may be outside the scope of the agency's services, the student-athlete may be referred to a treatment program within or outside the community as appropriate. CSPS also helps students get connected with resources within and outside the campus community for additional support with recovery.
- Client self-report of alcohol/drug information is collected from every student-athlete, as well as at intake for individual counseling sessions.

Goals

- Provide substance use education to all student-athletes and Athletic Department Employees.
- Provide substance use education programming to student-athletes as needed, including when a student-athlete tests positive on an Athletic Department or NCAA administered drug test.
- Work to continue to make CSPS AOD resources an inclusive student-athlete resource as needed.

Goal Achievements and/or Outcomes

- *Counseling* – A licensed mental health professional at CSPA oversees individual and group counseling for substance use issues for TAMU student-athletes, and a substance use counseling training rotation is offered to CSPA post-doctoral trainees, who can participate in specialized training and supervision in providing substance use assessment and treatment for TAMU student-athletes. We provided substance use education to all student-athletes who tested positive for a NCAA banned substance, as well as provided services to all student-athletes who identified having substance use concerns.
- *Outreach* - Provided outreach and education to all student-athletes specific to substance use concerns.

Assessment

Counseling and Sport Psychology Services conducts clinical interviews and various assessment tools, including the Brief Mental Health Questionnaire, the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT), and the Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST) are used as a method of screening for unhealthy alcohol or drug use. These can help identify dependency and consequences of harmful use.

We also drug test all of our incoming student-athletes and randomly test a percentage of our student-athletes twice a month during each semester to assess for substance use.

Residence Life Programs

Residence Life (RL) offers a variety of living options for our on-campus students. Presently, Residence Life houses approximately 11,250 students and seeks to provide these students with the support needed to excel in a collegiate environment. RL personnel play an important role in the prevention of illegal use and abuse of drugs and alcohol.

The Resident Advisor (RA) staff consists of 193 undergraduate and graduate students in 27 residential communities. RA's undergo a two-week training session prior to the residence halls and apartments opening in August and 2-3 days of training for the spring semester. The following describes training provided to RAs:

- *Alcohol & Other Drug Training* – The Health Promotion staff trains the Resident Advisors (RA) on the resources available to assist them in handling alcohol and drug-related incidents, signs of possible drug and alcohol abuse and overdose, and resources available to students living in residence halls.
- *Open Doors* – This session is an opportunity for the RA staff to practice their confrontation skills in a controlled environment. The RA is introduced to different scenarios (including) with the new staff confronting the situation. They are provided with instant feedback from professional and graduate assistant staff to improve their skills.
- The Department of Residence Life partners with University Police (UPD) to coordinate training for Resident Advisors that details proper contact protocol for alcohol and drug-related incidents, as well as reinforce the identification of warning signs for alcohol and drug use. Additionally, the UPD Community Services unit is available to assist with Drug and Alcohol related programming by request.

Goals

- For the upcoming reporting cycle, Residence Life will continue to utilize our Students of Concern module within the StarRez management system, as well as our Maxient Incident Reporting system, to track students who exhibit concerning behavior and policy violations relating to alcohol and drug use and provide timely in-person follow-up and referral to campus resources.
- Residence Life will partner with the University Police Department and/or Health Promotion office to sponsor one comprehensive program, per residential area on the Texas A&M campus over the course of each semester that focuses on alcohol & drug awareness and education. Special consideration will be given to programs sponsored at the beginning of the fall semester for each reporting year to address new students transitioning into our communities.

Goal Achievements and/or Outcomes

Over the course of the last two years, the Department of Residence Life has completed several successful endeavors to provide our residential students with the proper education and training to make informed decisions about alcohol and drug usage. In our annual housing orientation information, specific policies, including our alcohol and drug policies, were highlighted for all incoming residents, prior to receiving their residential room access. Residents must complete the on-line orientation each year, prior to move -in. Residence Life continued the partnership with the University Police Department to ensure that staff members were connecting with officers during all scheduled training, so the officer could detail ramifications for Public Intoxication (PI), Minor in Possession (MIP), Driving Under the Influence (DUI), and Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) citations & arrests. Similarly, UPD officers were available to meet with each individual residence hall & university apartment staff to discuss resources available for programming in the halls about alcohol and drug-related impairment. Residence Life sponsored several successful programs in our communities, including partnering with Health Promotion to facilitate the “Rethink the Drink” program that discussed Blood Alcohol Concentration and resources to prevent binge drinking that was well attended. Resident Advisors, through a change in the Residence Life Programming Model, were required to help facilitate, advertise, and bring residents from their communities to one alcohol or drug-related educational program in consultation with our Health Promotion office per academic year, which dramatically increased the number of touchpoints with our residents. Finally, through our enhanced training and reporting mechanism in StarRez (Students of Concern), we were able to intervene in more than 50 cases over the last reporting period for students who had shared some concerning behavior relating to alcohol or drug-related incidents, before a student had a documented student rule action. The Department of Residence Life, with in the increase of Student of Concern Reports, realized there was a need for an additional fulltime staff member to assist in the processing and follow up with the Student of Concern reports. A position description was created, and the hiring process began.

Assessment

All Residence Life student programs are tracked within our database management system, StarRez. Within this system, we are able to determine the effectiveness of our programs through utilizing a built-in survey that will solicit data from the program planners (Resident Advisors). StarRez also provides an accurate system for tracking our alcohol and drug-related interventions, through the Students of Concern module. Additionally, Residence Life participates in the Skyfactor Program Assessment (Formerly the Educational Benchmarking Inc. Assessment) on a two-year rotation, so that we can accurately understand student needs relating to alcohol and drug-related education.

Standards

- Association of College & University Housing Officers – International (ACUHO-I) Standards & Ethical Principles (2017)
 - Student Learning & Development Standard E.2.: Promote and demonstrate an educational response to the impact of illegal substances, prescription drug abuse and alcohol abuse.

Recommendation

The Department of Residence Life will continue to evaluate our training and student programming expectations to determine the best course of action for mitigating alcohol and drug situations within our residential communities. Residence Life strongly believes that further efforts to provide students with active education, while ensuring our Live-in staff members are well trained to recognize the signs of alcohol and drug usage and act appropriately in alerting campus officials and following the Chain of Notification will continue to render positive outcomes for our campus community.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

ComPsych (hereinafter referred to as Guidance Resources) is the primary provider of mental health counseling service for FY2022-2023 and FY 2023-2024. This program is available to faculty, staff, and

their benefits-eligible dependents who may be experiencing personal or workplace difficulties. Services may address a variety of issues including substance abuse.

- Counseling Services: Guidance Resources services includes referral information to employees and benefit-eligible dependents for substance abuse treatment.
- Human Resources and Organizational Effectiveness coordinates alcohol and other drug testing for TAMU. Employees may be tested for alcohol and or other drugs due to reasonable suspicion, following a job jeopardy agreement, post-accident, or because they are required to participate in alcohol and drug testing per Department of Transportation regulations.

Goals

- Provide substance abuse screening services to TAMU employees and benefit-eligible dependents.
- Provide access to resources for those clients who need outpatient or inpatient substance abuse services.
- Provide guidance and direction in the application of all state and federal laws pertaining to substance abuse in the workplace.

Goal Achievements and/or Outcomes

- Counseling – is available through GuidanceResources.

Educational Programming —From, 2023-2024, 20 employees received DOT supervisor training

*(NOTE: Prior to FY 2018, all drug and alcohol training classes (DOT, non-DOT, Alcohol & Drug Awareness, etc.) were provided by licensed psychologists staff within TAMU's in house EAP.

Currently, training is offered through our third-party administrator (TADTS-www.tadts.net) which the DER coordinates and monitors completion of training with TADTS. The DER assists with invoicing as each department pays for the employee's training. The DER completes one on one training as needed for DOT departments with TAMU.)

Assessment

Monthly utilization reports, provided by GuidanceResources, are reviewed on a semesterly basis to gauge our upcoming semesters wellness offerings and programs.

Recommendation

Review utilization reports on a semester basis to determine if additional resources/programs need to be marketed to employees.

Student and Employee Assistance - Other Locations

TAMU HSC Locations

- All TAMU HSC students regardless of their location, have free access to TELUS Health Student Support to offer additional, immediate mental health assistance.
- The Student Support app connects students with free, confidential professional counseling available 24/7 via app, telephone and web. Telus Student Support has embedded self-help and assessments available for student use related to AOD.
- LaHacienda Treatment Center - provides personal counseling and referral services for treatment if needed, or referral to local psychiatrists specializing in alcohol or drug dependency. Local psychologists are available at school expense. The Student Services/Counseling Handout has details. Services are available for health science students in College Station/Bryan, Temple - College of Medicine (for the MD Program only), and Dallas College of Medicine.
- TMA Physician Health Program - AOD programs are available because of students' professional status (free services, <http://www.texmed.org/>). Services are available to health science students

in College Station/Bryan, Dallas - College of Medicine, Round Rock – College of Medicine, and Temple – College of Medicine.

- The Professional Recovery Network is a resource for counseling faculty, students, and staff; and has AOD programs available for professional students at the College of Dentistry at Dallas and the College of Pharmacy. Information can be found at:
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Website: www.texaspharmacy.org
E-Mail: hjohnston@texaspharmacy.org
- The College of Dentistry in Dallas has AOD resources and programs available for dentists, staff, and families. “Dentist Concerned for Dentist, Staff and Families”
 - Dallas, Texas
Confidential Hot Line
Helpline: 972.991.2326
 - Greater Dallas Council on alcohol and Drug Abuse
1349 Empire Central Drive #800
Dallas, TX 75247
214.522.8600
<https://dallascouncil.org/>
- Student orientations are conducted during the summer for the College of Dentistry campus (Dallas), and during the fall and spring entry terms at the School of Public Health (McAllen). The orientation includes presentations that address AOD programs and services available to students. Both curricula include content that address drug and alcohol abuse.
- College of Medicine (COM) contracts with private psychologists located at each clinical campus city. COM students can call them directly to schedule an appointment.
- College of Pharmacy has a contract with the University of Texas HSC at Houston Employee Assistance and Work Life Program to provide services, including personal counseling and online resources to 4th-year pharmacy students during Advanced Practice Experiences with preceptors across the state wherever their experiences are located.
- College of Pharmacy students (Kingsville) have access to all TAMUK AOD programs and services.

School of Law - Fort Worth and San Antonio

- Faculty, Staff, and benefits-eligible dependents may avail themselves of all resources and services provided via the Employee Assistance Program provided by Texas A&M University – College Station. Students have access to a plethora of educational and counseling services such as Telus Health, a free confidential virtual program available 24/7.
- New Student Orientations include presentations from Law School personnel and external organizations that discuss resources available to manage the myriad of stressors students experience. Law School personnel provide an overview of internal and external counselling services for those experiencing mental health challenges or substance use and abuse concerns. Representatives from the Texas Lawyers’ Assistance Program (“TLAP”) discuss the confidential support provided to law students, including wellness programming, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care.

Mays Business School – CityCentre

Local Treatment Programs:

- Behavioral Hospital of Bellaire Detox, Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation 713.600.9500 or 800.423.0017
- Cypress Creek Hospital Chemical Dependency Treatment Detoxification 281.586.7600
- Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery Center (PaRC) 832.781.0410
- Palmer Drug Abuse Program (PDAP) 281.589.4833
- Phoenix House Prevention and Intervention Svcs of Houston / Galveston 888.671.9392 or 713.426.2637
- The Right Step 844.768.0169 (24/7 hotline)
- Houston Recovery Center-Sobering Center-24 hrs (150 N Chenevert St, Houston, TX 77002) 713.236.7800
- Way Out Recovery Program (LBGT/ HIV Recovery Services) 713.529.0037

Local Resources:

- The Helpline for Harris County residents 713.970.7000 or 1.866.970.4770
- Narcotics Anonymous of the Houston Area 713.661.4200 or 888.600.6229 (Espanol)
- Alcoholics Anonymous of the Houston Area 713.686.6300 or 713.661.6833 (Español)
- Al-Anon Family Groups-Houston Intergroup 713.683.7227
- Career and Recovery (United Way) 713.754.7000
- The Council on Recovery (United Way) 713.914.0556

Other Services and Awareness Initiatives

Some TAMU units have both programs and other services and awareness initiatives. Also, while some units do not have fully developed alcohol and drug programs, other services and awareness initiatives are available to prevent alcohol abuse and use of illegal drugs. Other efforts exist to assist students in making safe, responsible, and educated decisions regarding alcohol and other drugs. Examples are as follows:

Student Life

Additional education and outreach is provided through the following activities:

- Graduate students, student employees, peer educators, and volunteers have the opportunity to assist Student Life in planning, implementing, and evaluating alcohol and other drug-related education.
- Multiple units within Student Life provide alcohol education within their programs. The Student Life Center and Substance Misuse and Violence Prevention have literature related to alcohol and other drugs available for check out.
- Leadership within Student Life provide alcohol and other drug-related information in a variety of presentations to the University community. This includes presentations during New Student Conferences and to the Corps of Cadets.
- Student Life is initiating collaborations with academic partners to provide experiential learning opportunities for students in planning of alcohol and other drug programming to prevent drug and alcohol abuse and related violations and sanctions.

Corps of Cadets

- Corps policy guidelines specify that no one on the Quad is allowed to be in possession of illegal drugs, regardless of age or status at TAMU. Additionally, the dormitories are subject to random inspections by student leadership and the Commandant's staff.
- Testing is used to prepare and help educate cadets on the correlation between the non-abuse of drugs/alcohol, good grades, and applying for jobs after graduation; the Corps of Cadets randomly tests cadets for illegal drug use. Each cadet signs an agreement before joining the Corps of Cadets stating they agree to submit to random urinalysis testing as a requirement for membership in the Corps of Cadets.
- The Corps of Cadets emphasizes teaching the upper-class cadets to be role models and teachers to the underclassmen. The cadets are briefed twice during the school year on alcohol and other drug education and the consequences of not complying with the rules as well as the impacts of alcohol and other drug use and abuse.
- The Corps of Cadets' operating procedures include information on drug and alcohol abuse and related TAMU resources and counseling services.
- On an annual basis, cadets receive briefings on the challenges associated with drug and alcohol abuse.
- All alcohol/drug violations (on or off campus) are addressed.

Athletics

- Texas A&M Athletics Compliance Orientation - The Athletic Department requires all student-athletes to attend a mandatory yearly compliance meeting/orientation, which contains a drug and alcohol education component. Additionally, each student athlete can engage in additional educational substance abuse programs made available through the Life Skills Coordinator and/or Athletics Department. Programs could include the topics of alcohol, illegal drugs/substances, banned supplemental products, prescription drugs, TAMU and NCAA drug testing procedures

and consequences. Other educational information will be presented to student-athletes in the appropriate forums. Student-athletes are provided a copy of the TAMU Athletic Department Substance Abuse & Education Policy upon enrollment and are informed how to obtain a copy each year.

- Drug Testing - All rostered student-athletes, scholarship and non-scholarship, with participation eligibility remaining, as well as any continued aid student-athlete without eligibility remaining are subject to drug testing throughout the calendar year. Drug testing may be ordered by TAMU or the NCAA. The Athletic Director approves a standing Substance Abuse Committee that is responsible for the implementation of all drug-testing policies. The Substance Abuse Committee also hears appeals and determines sanction plans for drug policy violators as dictated by the policy.
- Safe Harbor Program - The Athletic Department conducts a Safe Harbor Program whereby a student-athlete may refer themselves for voluntary evaluation, counseling, and education to provide them a substance-free lifestyle. If the student-athlete tests positive for a banned substance during the term of the Safe Harbor Program, that positive test will not result in any punitive sanction. Should the student-athlete show continued use and if the student-athlete fails to comply with the treatment plan the student-athlete will be removed from the Safe Harbor Program and punitive sanctions will be implemented as per the TAMU Substance Abuse and Education Policy. A student-athlete is not eligible for the Safe Harbor Program after they have been informed of an impending drug test or after having received a positive TAMU or NCAA drug test. This program can only be entered twice during an athlete's time at TAMU and only once in a 12-month period.

Any student-athletes who are found to have violated the Substance Abuse and Education Policy may receive sanctions ranging from referral to the Athletic Department's Licensed Psychologist for counseling and education, to suspension from all athletic participation to loss of grant in aid privileges. Treatment will be offered for any student-athlete, including a student-athlete who is found to have violated the Substance Abuse and Education Policy.

Additional education, outreach and enforcement is provided through the following activities:

The TAMU Athletics Department, through the Sports Medicine Program and the Director of Olympic Sports Athletic Training & Physical Therapy, will require:

- Education – All first-year student-athletes will receive education regarding the Substance Abuse Policy and their expectations. Written consent will be obtained.
- Attendance of first-year student-athletes to participate in a life skills class.
- Drug Testing - All rostered student-athletes (male and female) scholarship and non-scholarship, with participation eligibility remaining as well as any continued aid student-athlete without eligibility remaining are subject to the following drug testing opportunities.
 - Announced testing - Every male and female student athlete participating in a sport at TAMU will be tested when they report for participation in the fall semester.
 - Random Testing - Occurs during the fall and spring academic year, as well as the summer sessions, for all those enrolled in school.
 - Team Testing - Each team will be subject to testing of all of its student-athletes, as a team, at any time based on TAMU or NCAA policy.
 - Reasonable Suspicion - Student-athletes may be selected for testing for reasonable suspicion at any time. Such causes for reasonable suspicion include, but are not limited to, reports of illegal drug use, legal implications for drug use, unusual behavior or academic performance, noticeable change of physical appearance (abnormal weight changes, strength gains, etc.), and previous positive drug testing.
 - Follow up testing - Student-athletes who test positive on any drug test administered by the TAMU athletic department or NCAA will be subject to follow-up testing, at any time, to determine that compliance with policy offense sanctions is being maintained.

- Referral - Referrals to the TAMU Athletics Department Licensed Psychologist, campus Student Counseling Services, local, and national service providers are made available to student-athletes and their parents.

Residence Life

Additional education, outreach and enforcement is provided through the following activities:

- Writing Incident Reports – The Resident Advisor (RA), Graduate Hall Director (GHD), and Community Managers are trained on how to document and respond to incidents that occur in the residence halls and university apartments. This includes training to identify the behaviors of students who have been drinking and how to confront the situation.
- Duty Protocol and Chain of Notification – The Resident Advisor (RA) staff is trained on the Department of Residence Life's duty protocol and chain of notification. During training, the Live-In staff learns about how to properly identify high-risk situations, how and when to call up through the chain of notification to address situations, and how to properly document the situation through Maxient (our student conduct and incident reporting software).
- Residence Life Policies – The Live-In Staff is thoroughly trained on the policies and procedures included in the Residence Hall Handbook.
- Community Development – The RA staff is introduced to the Residence Life Programming Model that is utilized by the Department of Residence Life. The model enables RA's to focus on several key educational priorities, including academics in residence, life skills and Aggie culture through individualized interactions and formal programming.
- Professional Live-In Staff & Graduate Live-In Staff Trainings: The Live-In Staff consists of 12 full time staff and 16 graduate part-time staff. The fulltime staff undergo a month-long training starting in July. The graduate staff undergo a 10-14 day training prior to the Resident Advisor Staff starting work in mid-August. The Live-In staff also attend RA Training and are able to receive a refresher on the above listed sessions. The following is a description of the Live-In Staff training:
 - Confidentiality – Aspects and recommendations from FERPA are covered in this training. In addition, Live-In staff are taught what information is personally identifiable versus directory information, as well as ways to safeguard the information. All Residence Life staff, including RAs, are required to renew their confidentiality training annually.
 - Residence Hall Policies – Live-In staff are shown where the Residence Hall Handbook and walked through the policies that impact students living in the residence halls.
 - Student Conduct Office – Live-In staff are introduced to the Student Conduct staff, and the role that this office plays in following up on Residence Life policy violations. Additionally, this training discusses the enforcement of TAMU sanctions for students found responsible for alcohol and other drug-related situations.
 - In-hall Conduct Meetings – Live-In staff are trained to administer low-level conduct issues that happen in their residence halls. They are trained on the use of appropriate sanctions for first time alcohol violations in the context of the campus culture and connection to University sanctioning standards for alcohol and other drug-related situations. The Live-In staff follow a sanctioning matrix for alcohol violations provided by the Student Conduct Office.
 - Maxient Conduct Database System – Live-In staff are introduced to the university database used to administer the conduct process in the residence halls and apartments. The live-in staff are trained to use the database to administratively process conduct cases involving alcohol. The live-in staff do not adjudicate drug offenses. Drug offenses are handled by the Student Conduct Office.

Student Activities

Education, outreach, and enforcement is provided through the following activities through the Student Organization Leadership and Development (SOLAD) area within the Department of Student Activities:

- Get Involved Event Planning Form – Texas A&M University’s online student organization management platform, Get Involved, includes a pre-event planning questionnaire as a part of its event review and approval process. As student organizations complete and submit this Event Planning Form, they are guided through critical thinking questions and responses to identify and address the laws, rules, and minimum standards for organizational risk mitigation, including specific questions regarding events with alcohol. This process allows student organization leaders to proactively identify potential and perceived risks involved in their activities and develop strategies for minimizing the impact of identified risks, and then allows advisors and SOLAD staff members to review event plans and provide feedback and recommendations as needed.
- “Officer/Advisor Essentials” Online Training Modules – The Officer/Advisor Essentials online training modules are required components of the annual student organization recognition process, and must be completed by chief student leaders, financial officers, and advisors of each Recognized Student Organization at the beginning of their annual recognition cycle. Learning outcomes for these training modules include helping the participants to understand the expectations of student organizations in operating as a Recognized Student Organization of Texas A&M University, as well as the expectations and responsibilities of student leaders and advisors in guiding and operating the organization effectively and maintaining compliance with laws, rules, and minimum standards, including those related to alcohol and other drugs.
- Student Rules Education and Compliance Consultations – Throughout the year, staff in the SOLAD office receive and respond to requests for information, advice, or support from student organization leaders and advisors related to the function and activities of their Recognized Student Organizations. Many of these requests and inquiries relate to student organization events involving alcohol and the ways in which organization leaders can manage risk appropriately and provide as safe an environment as possible in these scenarios. In these conversations, staff are providing context relating to the laws governing alcohol use, purchase, and provision, educating students about the applicable Texas A&M University Student Rules, specifically Student Rule Appendix VIII that addresses the alcohol rules that apply to student organizations, and sharing recommendations and advice for appropriate risk mitigation strategies for events such as BYOB and/or third-party vendor guidelines.
- Student organization driven efforts - A number of student organizations have developed strategies for proactively addressing alcohol and other drug issues within their organizations. For example, staff from the Department of Student Community Standards take part in training student leaders involved with extended orientation programs (i.e. Fish Camp, T-Camp, and Howdy Camp) while also providing educational programs to incoming students who attend these extended orientation programs (addressed as a program under Student Life). Additionally, CARPOOL is a student-run safe ride program that provides members of the community with a free, safe alternative to drinking and driving, while also partnering with the Offices of the Dean of Student Life and the University Police Department to provide required training programs for all CARPOOL members each semester.

Additional education on risk management is provided through the following activities through the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life area within the Department of Student Activities.

- As a part of the Department of Student Activities, Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) serves the ever-changing student membership of TAMU fraternities and sororities, which are nationally chartered Greek-Letter organizations. Professional staff develop and provide services and educational information to prospective members, chapter members, student leaders, chapter advisors, volunteers, and alumni. Information, services, and programs focus on responsible decision-making, risk management services, alcohol and other drug prevention programs while promoting the development of personal and organizational leadership skills. Grounded in research and fraternity/sorority life program best practices, FSL staff members provide risk management programs that are described below.
 - Event Planning – guided by TAMU’s event planning process and individual Greek governing council requirements, FSL advisors assist students and advisors in the proactive identification

of possible and obvious risks associated with chapter and council activities. Using a facilitator model and national fraternal policies, FSL advisors work with fraternity/sorority chapter leadership to develop plans and approaches for minimizing the impact of associated risks.

- Fraternity and Sorority Life's Officer Orientation Retreat – Each retreat provides risk management information specific to national fraternity and sorority requirements, insurance policies and Greek governing council policies, and is facilitated by a full-time FSL staff member. Key points included but are not limited to the following: University Student Rule Section 24, Student Conduct Code Appendix VI, Hazing; Appendix VIII, Alcohol Rules and Laws that Apply to Recognized Student Organizations; Greek organization accountability process (i.e. investigation process, Judicial Board process); Alcohol & Hazing, Title IX - Harassment & Sexual Violence.
- Hazing Prevention Workshop – a comprehensive anti-hazing presentation that lightly touches on alcohol awareness and bystander intervention. Each fraternity/sorority new member and/or prospective member is required to attend a 60 minute presentation that focuses on the realities of hazing, alcohol abuse, and harassment prior to the beginning of their membership.
- Wristbands for age identification – are provided free to fraternity/sorority chapters for social events when they complete the pre-event planning on-line process in Get Involved (must have advisor approval) and meet with an FSL staff member prior to their event. The wristbands are sponsored by both FSL and other offices or departments on campus that promote alcohol awareness and/or safety programs on campus (i.e. Alcohol and Drug Education Programs, CARPOOL).
- Online Training Modules – Several online training modules are provided for student organization leaders and advisors that address AOD education and awareness. The “Officer/Advisor Essentials” modules are required components of the annual student organization recognition process, and must be completed by chief student leaders, financial officers, and advisors of each Recognized Student Organization at the beginning of their annual recognition cycle. Learning outcomes for these training modules include helping the participants to understand the expectations and responsibilities of student leaders and advisors in guiding and operating the organization effectively and maintaining compliance with laws, rules, and standards, including those related to alcohol and other drugs. A new “Responding to Alcohol & Other Drug Usage” module has also been developed and published in partnership with the Health Promotion office addressing how to respond and care for fellow Aggies who may be misusing alcohol and other drugs. This module outlines how AOD substances interact with the body and mind, the signs to know if someone may be experiencing health issues, and resources for student leaders and advisors on how to respond most effectively when they experience these issues within the realm of their organization membership, events, or programs.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Beginning with the 2021-2022 award year, having a drug conviction while receiving federal (Title IV) financial aid no longer impacts a student's federal financial aid eligibility. However, students who are receiving funds from certain state aid programs, such as the Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant, must certify annually, prior to the disbursement of funds, that they have not been convicted of a felony or crime involving a controlled substance.

As part of the Department of Education's Program Participation Agreement (PPA), TAMU must make a certification statement, which is signed by the President of TAMU. This statement in the PPA stipulates that, if an employee is found to have a drug or alcohol related issue, TAMU must have programs and procedures in place to assist that employee. The Employee Assistance Program satisfies the employee portion of the PPA. The PPA must be completed and renewed every five years as part of maintaining eligibility for administering financial aid programs.

College of Pharmacy

College of Pharmacy offers PHAR 810 - Psychiatry and Addiction - this course addresses AOD programs and is taught during the 3rd year.

The PharmD program requires experiential education within IPPE and APPE rotations to include a curriculum that educates students on drug awareness and abuse indicators in order to consult the patient.

Additional enforcement is provided through the following activities:

- All new and continuing students in the College of Pharmacy are required to complete a 10-panel drug screen on an annual basis and submit the results to the Rangel College of Pharmacy.

Adverse findings, or refusal to comply shall be evaluated by the Credentialing Committee who recommends a course of action to the Dean consistent with Rangel College of Pharmacy Policy.

College of Dentistry

Additional enforcement is provided through the following activities:

- All incoming students are required to have an alcohol/drug screening.
- Subject to periodic random drug/alcohol screening

College of Medicine

Prior to matriculation into the College of Medicine, students are required to perform and pass a drug screening.

A two-week Chemical Dependence Block is required of clinical students during their Psychiatry rotation. Services are available for Dallas - Dentistry and the College of Medicine, Round Rock - College of Medicine), and Houston - College of Medicine

School of Engineering Medicine

Prior to being accepted into the College of Medicine, students are required to perform and pass a drug screening.

School of Public Health

The Texas A&M Opioid Task Force was established in January 2018 consisting of representation from all five Health Science Center components (dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and public health) as well as the Texas A&M Coastal Bend Health Education Center. Its mission is to serve as a focal point for research, education, and practice issues that are critical in addressing the opioid epidemic and its impact on the multiple levels of the socioecological model (i.e. individual, interpersonal, organizational/institutional, community, policy/enabling environment).

Higher Education Center at McAllen (HECM)

The HECM Assistant Provost (956-271-1342) and/or the HECM Executive Director (956-279-8268) and the Office of the Dean of Student Life (979-845-3111) at the main campus are committed to promoting responsible decision-making regarding alcohol and other drugs through educational programming, resources, and referrals for Program students.

The HECM supports student mental health with an onsite Professional Counselor III (956-271-1366) through University Health Services. The Professional Counselor III offers workshops and informational programs to the HECM student body. Additionally, the TELUS Health Student Support app is available to all HECM students (Link: [TELUS Health Student Support App](#)) for online support provided by licensed counselors.

Through the Student Health & Wellness initiative, programming with Mother's Against Drunk Driving and the McAllen Police Department is conducted to provide local insight on the impacts of drug and substance use/abuse.

Institute of Biosciences and Technology

PhD Medical Science Majors:

Deer Oaks EAP Services - The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offers free and confidential assessments, referrals, and counseling.

- Website: www.deeroaks.com
- E-mail: eap@deeroaks.com
- 24-Hour Phone Number: 1-888-993-7650
- National Relay Number: (800) 877-8339

Engineering Academies

The Texas A&M Engineering Academies were launched in 2015 and is the FIRST transition program of its kind in the United States. Students are co-enrolled with Texas A&M University and one of 10 partner institutions across the state (i.e. Blinn College, Austin Community Colleges, Alamo Colleges, Dallas College, Houston Community Colleges, Midland College, Tarrant County College, South Texas College, Tyler Junior College, and Collin College). After one to two years, students transition to Texas A&M to complete their degree – they are not transfer students nor do they have to submit another transfer application since they were already admitted to Texas A&M. In partnership with the other 7 institutions the Engineering Academies offer students the same access to programs, information, and workshops available to College Station students in addition to providing them access to their local on-site DFSCA offices and programs at the aforementioned partner institutions.

School of Law (Fort Worth and San Antonio):

Fort Worth Resources

- Telus Health Student Support
Phone: 866.576.1410
Website: <https://studentsupport.telushealth.com/us/signup>
This confidential and free counseling program is available to Texas A&M University students to provide -- confidential, real-time virtual counseling available 24/7 via chat and phone; scheduled, short-term counseling appointments via telehealth with a licensed counselor; extensive on-demand content library; support in your language.
- Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)
Phone: 1.800.343.8527 (call or text)
Website: <https://www.tlaphelps.org/law-students>
TLAP provides confidential support to law students for problems with stress, anxiety, depression, substance use, and other mental health disorders. TLAP works with all 10 Texas law schools to provide students with wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care.
- Professional Counselor for In-Residence Law Students for the Fort Worth degree programs
Phone: 817.212.4115
Website: <https://caps.tamu.edu/student-portal-log-in/>
Counseling services provided by the embedded counselor for in-residence students of the Fort Worth law degree programs will include confidential, free-of-charge, short-term, in-person, and/or online personal counseling.
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Hotline
Phone: 1.800.662.4357
TTY: 1.800.487.4889
Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to

advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

SAMHSA's National Helpline is a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders.

- Narcotics Anonymous
Phone: 1.817.335.6360
Website for Fort Worth: www.fwana.org
Website: <https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>
- Alcoholics Anonymous
Phone: 1.817.332.3533
Phone: 1.800.369.1602
Website for Fort Worth: www.fortworthaa.org
Website: <https://aa-intergroup.org/>
- Recovery Resource Council
2700 Airport Freeway | Fort Worth, TX 76111
Phone: 1.817.332.6329
Website: www.RecoveryCouncil.org
The mission of Recovery Resource Council is to promote wellness and recovery from alcohol, substance use disorders, and trauma. Building on a core value of Making Meaningful Change, Recovery Resource Council has been serving North Texas since 1946 with an established a pathway to substance abuse screening and mental, behavioral health treatment services for low income, uninsured, or under-insured youth and adults.
- MHMR of Tarrant County – Addiction
3840 Hulen St., North Tower | Fort Worth, TX
Phone: 1.817.335.3022
Website: www.mhmrtarrant.org
- The Salvation Army of Fort Worth
Adult Rehabilitation Center | 2901 NE 28th St. | Fort Worth, TX
Phone: 1.817.834.6271
Website: https://www.salvationarmydfw.org/p/services/addiction_recovery
- Volunteers of America
4700 S. Riverside Dr. | Fort Worth, TX 76119
Phone: 1.817.534.3432
Website: <https://voatx.org/dfw>
Volunteers of America Texas is a faith-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the vulnerable reach their full potential.
- Volunteers of America
2401 Scott Ave. | Ft. Worth, TX 76103
Phone: 1.817.369.8443
Website: <https://voatx.org/dfw>
Volunteers of America Texas is a faith-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the vulnerable reach their full potential."

San Antonio Resources

- Telus Health Student Support
Phone: 866.576.1410
Website: <https://studentsupport.telushealth.com/us/signup>

This confidential and free counseling program is available to Texas A&M University students to provide -- confidential, real-time virtual counseling available 24/7 via chat and phone; scheduled, short-term counseling appointments via telehealth with a licensed counselor; extensive on-demand content library; support in your language.

- Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP)
Phone: 1.800.343.8527 (call or text)
Website: <https://www.tlaphelps.org/law-students>
TLAP provides confidential support to law students for problems with stress, anxiety, depression, substance use, and other mental health disorders. TLAP works with all 10 Texas law schools to provide students with wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care.
- Volunteers of America
Living in Good Health Treatment (LIGHT) Program
6487 Whitby Rd., Bldg. 12
San Antonio, TX 78240
Phone: 1.210.558.0731
Website: [Volunteers of America - Living in Good Healthy Treatment - LIGHT • San Antonio, TX • RehabNow](#)
Volunteers of America Texas is a faith-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the vulnerable reach their full potential.
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Hotline
Phone: 1.800.662.4357
Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>
- The Salvation Army of San Antonio
Adult Rehabilitation Center | 1324 S. Flores St. | San Antonio, TX 78204
Phone: 1.210.223.6877
Website: [Social Services - San Antonio Area Command \(salvationarmysanantonio.org\)](http://salvationarmysanantonio.org)

Mays Business School CityCentre (MBS CityCentre):

For professional students in the Mays Professional academic programs (CityCentre in Houston), the student assistance services are coordinated with TAMU.

- Students at MBS CityCentre are eligible to participate in programs at TAMU in College Station that address drug and alcohol counseling, resources, education, assessment, referrals, etc. Students may receive services through Student Life, including Student Counseling Services and the Alcohol and Drug Education Programs.
- Faculty and staff at MBS CityCentre closely interact and may observe students experiencing personal difficulties and stress that negatively impact student or work team performance. Faculty and program staff may also receive reports from students and from teammates regarding life experiences and stress that negatively impact academic progress. Efforts are made and information on resources may be provided to assist students manage stress in healthy ways and successfully complete their academic programs.
- The Helpline for Harris County residents 713.970.7000 or 1.866.970.4770

Veterinary Education, Research, & Outreach

- Students at VERO can access individual counseling, group counseling and crisis intervention services at West Texas A&M University Student Counseling Service Center. [Counseling Services | WTAMU](#).
- There are additional counseling services for VERO students from CAPS that is available through the satellite office of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. <https://vetmed.tamu.edu/counseling/>

Bush School at Washington, D.C.

The Director of Enrollment Management, Career and Student Services (202-733-0009) at the Bush School Washington, DC is committed to promoting responsible decision-making regarding alcohol and other drugs through educational programming, resources, and referrals. Counseling programs and services are provided to students at Bush School Washington, DC through the Deer Oaks Student Assistance Program (1-866-329-4148) and My Student Support Program (My SSP @ TAMU) (1-866-408-2828).

University Police

Education, outreach, and enforcement is provided through the following activities:

The University Police Department (UPD) enforces alcohol and other drug laws. UPD also tracks alcohol and other drug violations that occur on and adjacent to campus and offers programs to the campus community on drug and alcohol laws.

Alcohol and other drug law violations are tracked and reported by UPD as part of the Annual Security Report required by the Clery Act. The numbers of alcohol and other drug arrests and referrals to student disciplinary officials are reported for a three-year period. The Annual Security Report also contains a section on TAMU's alcohol and other drug policies. UPD offers two main informational activities on alcohol and other drug laws in its outreach to students.

- "Alcohol and the Law" focuses on Texas state laws and institutional rules and regulations pertaining to alcohol. Students receive information regarding the penalties and consequences for violating state alcohol laws, and institutional rules and regulations. Students also receive information on the effects of alcohol, responsible decision making and available prevention resources.
- "Drugs and the Law" focuses on Texas state laws and institutional rules and regulations pertaining to drugs. Students receive information regarding the penalties and consequences for violating state drug laws, university rules, and system regulations. Students also receive information on the effects of drugs, drug identification, and available prevention recourses.

Employee Assistance Programs

Each new employee also receives an electronic copy of the System Policy 34.02, *Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, Regulation 34.02.01, *Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs* and University Rule 34.02.01.M1, *Substance Abuse Prevention Rule*. An acknowledgement of receipt of the materials is required.

If employees are also regulated by Department of Transportation (DOT) rules, they also receive electronic copies of University rules and procedures 34.02.01.M2 *Substance Abuse Prevention for DOT-Regulated Employees* and 34.02.99.M2.01 ***Post-Accident Testing Instructions***. *Update policy to reflect that all criteria must be met in order to test under DOT rules. You cannot test" just in case" circumstances changes. This is a misrepresentation of the test and a violation. If you conduct testing in "all post-accident circumstances" as a matter of company policy, it must be done using a non-DOT form and represented as a non-DOT test to the driver. The results of these non-DOT tests hold no DOT consequences. If circumstances change and a DOT post-accident test is required, these non-DOT tests cannot be substituted to satisfy the DOT requirements. The driver must be sent again for another round of tests. **TAMU DOT departments want the driver tested in the event the driver doesn't meet the DOT criteria, therefore the need to update the policy to reflect testing. In order for reasonable suspicion testing

to be completed at the time of an accident it would require some indication of a link between witnessed behavior and substance abuse before a test can be requested. For DOT purposes post-accident testing is mandatory when certain criteria are met such as a fatality occurs, regardless of fault, the driver receives a traffic citation and injury occurs to anyone requiring medical attention away from the accident site or the driver receives a traffic citation and damage occurs to any vehicle requiring it to be towed away from the accident site.

Departments who have employees required to complete alcohol and other drug testing per DOT regulations are also provided an educational handout describing DOT alcohol and other drug testing requirements. Each department is encouraged to distribute the information to each new employee and annually thereafter.

Sanction Enforcement

The biennial report includes a review of consistent enforcement of sanctions. A student or employee found responsible of noncompliance with federal or state laws or institutional policies, regulations, and/or rules regarding alcohol or other drug policies has committed a violation and is subject to sanctions commensurate with the offenses and any aggravating and mitigating circumstances.

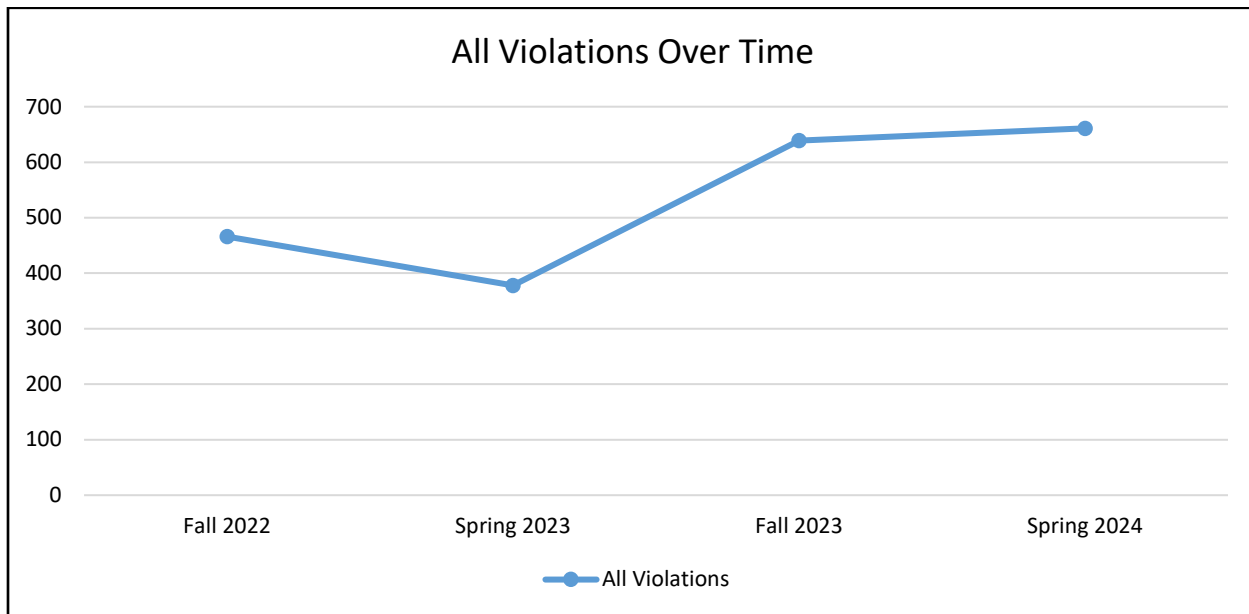
Disciplinary action in cases involving drug-related violations by students may result in suspension, or expulsion from TAMU. Cases involving employees result in disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination. Severity of sanctions will depend upon the nature and seriousness of each case.

Department of Student Community Standards

The Student Conduct Office handles alleged violations of university rules and/or student rules on Texas A&M University premises. Violations of any state or federal law pertaining to controlled substances that occur off campus and are not associated with a connected activity may also result in conduct charges in situations where the continued presence of the individual on campus is likely to interfere with the educational process and/or the orderly operation of Texas A&M University. Texas A&M University conduct proceedings will comply with the procedures outlined in the university rules and procedures as well as the student rules. Any conduct action imposed by Texas A&M University may precede and be in addition to any penalty imposed by authorities off campus.

The chart below provides the number of total violations for the fall and spring semesters of the Academic Year (AY) 2022-2023 and AY 2023-2024 academic years. For charts included in this section, the numbers represent individual charges of policies where a student accepted and/or was found responsible². Multiple charges may apply to the same individual.

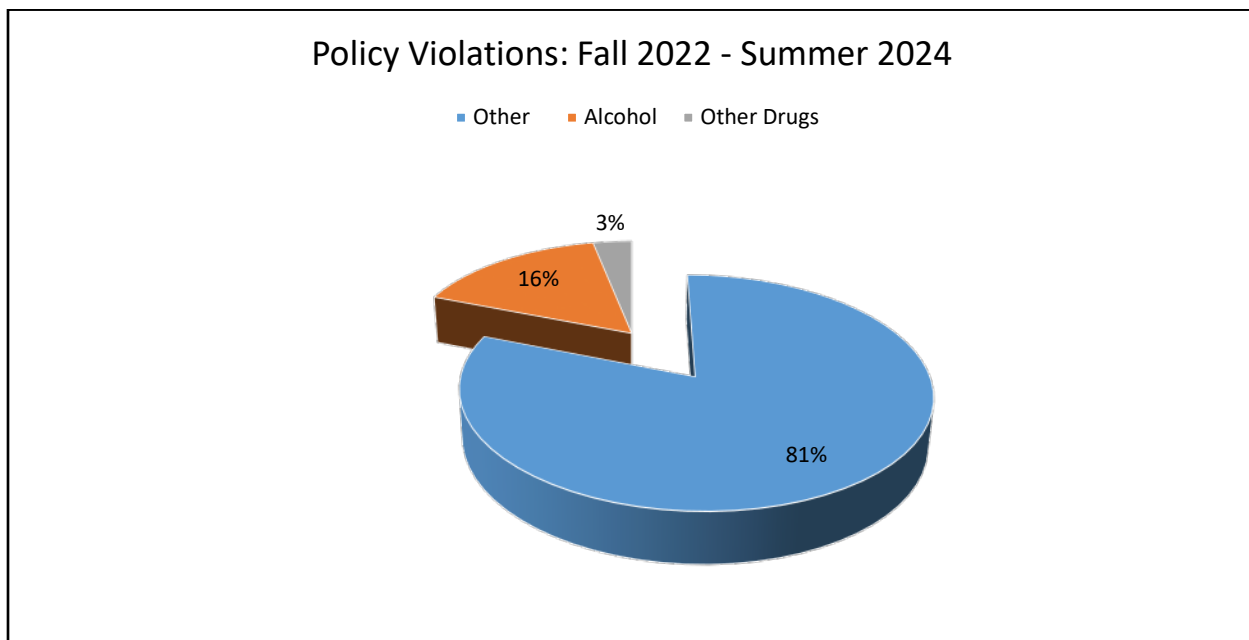
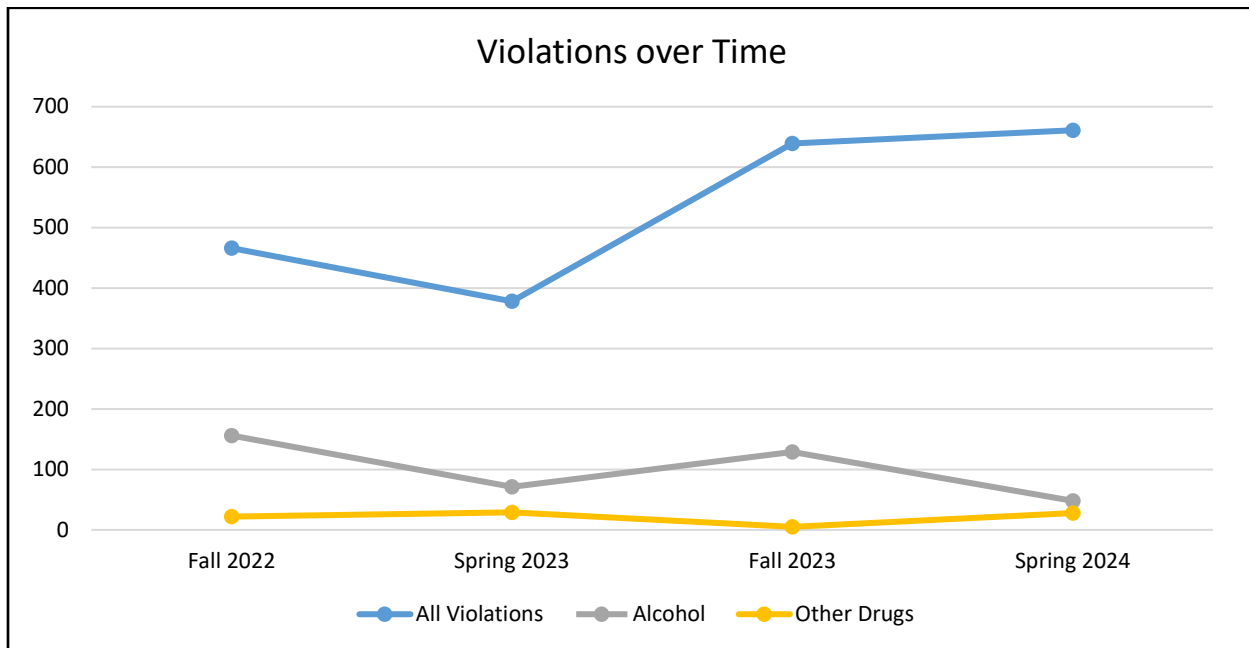
² During this biennial cycle some changes occurred in the administration of the Student Rules impacting the number of violations. In previous biennial reviews, total violation numbers included sexual misconduct cases.



As it relates to alcohol incidents specifically, those incidents accounted for approximately 16% of the total number of conduct violations seen by Student Conduct Office during this time. As it pertains to violations of the illegal drugs policy, that number of violations accounted for approximately 3% of the total number of cases seen in Student Conduct Office.

The following table and charts provide specific numbers relating to alcohol and other drug violations as they relate to other policy violations.

	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024	Total
ALL	466	378	55	639	661	141	2340
ALCOHOL	156	71	6	129	48	50	460
%	33.48%	18.78%	10.91%	20.19%	7.26%	35.46%	19.66%
DRUGS	18	29	7	5	28	0	91
%	0.11%	7.67%	12.73%	0.78%	4.24%	0.00%	3.88%



As in most prior biennial cycles, alcohol violations are more prevalent in the fall semester. In part, this may be attributed to the number of home football games that occur during fall semester. The University Police Department, along with other law enforcement agencies, take a proactive stance in addressing apparent violations of alcohol laws and policies. Some violations are referred to the Student Conduct Office.

Violations of the illegal drugs and controlled substances policy are more reflective of the previous report. For this biennial cycle, the spring semesters have a similar numbers of drug violations from previous years.

A variety of sanctions are typically assigned for violations of institutional alcohol policy. The most common sanction affecting a student's status is Conduct Review. The Conduct Review status in combination with educational requirements and intervention provides an educational tone versus a consequence or punitive model. When necessary, Conduct Probation may be implemented, which is the next sanction affecting a student's status with highest frequency. Conduct Probation places a student "not in good standing" with TAMU for the duration of the sanction and restricts a student from holding a leadership

position within a student organization, as well as, representing Texas A&M University off campus. It may also impact the student's ability to receive a Texas A&M University administered scholarship.

Students are generally assigned a variety of additional educational sanctions in addition to a review or probationary period. These most often fall under the category of Educational Requirements and include having the student attend an Alcohol Education Workshop or Drug Education Workshop, and/or complete a reflective writing assignment. Depending on their affiliation, students who live in on-campus residence halls or who are members of the Corps of Cadets may also be assigned sanctions that impact their standing within those organizations. These sanctions generally include residence hall or Corps probationary statuses and educational requirements.

For more severe violations of the alcohol policy and for many violations of the illegal drugs and controlled substances policy, students face the potential of being separated from school (suspended or expelled) because of the violation.

Corps of Cadets

The Corps of Cadets co-adjudicates all violations of university standards with the Office of Community Standards. Any cadet found in violation of the Corps of Cadets Alcohol and Drug Policy may receive sanctions ranging from Corps' restricted weekends to dismissal from the Corps of Cadets. Additionally, any cadet who applies to rejoin the Corps of Cadets after a period of suspension due to drug abuse may be required to submit "negative result" drug tests (taken at their own expense) prior to reapplication. The cadet may also be required to continue to test negative (at their own expense) after being readmitted to the Corps of Cadets.

Student Activities

Student Activities adjudicates alleged rule violations by all recognized student organizations, including fraternities and sororities that are affiliated with a Greek governing council (National Pan-Hellenic Council, Collegiate Panhellenic Council, Inter-fraternity Council or Multicultural Greek Council). By way of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Student Conduct Office (Department of Student Community Standards), and Department of Student Activities, all alleged rule violations by student organizations are investigated by individuals assigned by the Department of Student Community Standards or the Department of Student Activities utilizing a pool of trained investigators (training provided by the Department of Student Community Standards). All student organization investigation reports are sent to the Director of Student Activities or designee for review and action as appropriate.

If information in a report is found to be credible and appears to identify violations of Student Rules for Student Organizations, the Student Organization Accountability Process is utilized. The Student Organization Accountability Process utilizes a hearing (either an administrative or board process) that allows for the determination of organizational responsibility for a violation of Student Rules. Student organizations found in violation of a Student Rule are sanctioned according to an educational philosophy that is designed to assist the organization in addressing existing/current cultural or leadership issues, while also helping them to use the experience to develop and enhance the organization. Individual students involved in the same incident may be adjudicated by the Student Conduct Office as appropriate.

Six organizations were found responsible for alcohol related rule violations during the AY 2022-2023 school year and seven organizations were found responsible during the AY 2023-2024 school year. Sanctions ranged from a letter of reprimand for the organization to organizational conduct probation such that the organization was not in good standing and included secondary sanctions such as the restriction of alcohol use at events, educational programming, and officer training and transition requirements.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

Org. Type	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
Gen Orgs	1	1	0	1	3	0
Fraternities	1	4	0	1	1	0
Sororities	0	1	0	1	0	0

Employee Assistance Program

Human Resources and Organizational Effectiveness coordinates alcohol and other drug testing for TAMU. Employees may be tested for alcohol and or other drugs due to reasonable suspicion, following a job jeopardy agreement, post-accident, or because they are required to participate in alcohol and other drug testing per Department of Transportation regulations.

Employees who violate System substance abuse policy or regulation or the TAMU rules are subject to discipline up to and including termination. Employees in violation of the policy, regulation or rule if not terminated, may be asked to sign a job jeopardy agreement which requires completion of a substance abuse evaluation, requirement to follow all evaluation recommendations, a negative return to duty test, and submission to follow-up alcohol and other drug testing for a two-year period (up to five years for Department of Transportation violations). Employees completing an alcohol or other drug test found to be positive are also subject to discipline up to and including termination. For an employee to remain employed, the employee must sign a job jeopardy agreement following a positive test result and follow all requirements.

From FY 2022-FY 2024, over 1,100 queries (limited and annual) have been completed with no driving violations being found from employees or prospective employees. Violations of *positive tests* and *refusals to test* are reported to the DOT Clearinghouse by the MRO and/or our Third-Party Administrator. Per DOT guidelines a *refusal to test* is equivalent to testing positive which stays in the DOT Clearinghouse for five years from the date of the violation determination or until the successful completion of the return to duty process. At this time three violations (3 refusals to tests) remain active violations as reported with the DOT Clearinghouse.

Listed below is a statistical summary of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and Fiscal Year 2023-2024 alcohol and drug testing program. The statistics reflect the Department of Transportation requirements that **50%** of the pool is tested for **controlled substances** and **10%** of the pool is tested for **alcohol**. Variances in the total number of tests conducted reflect the normal fluctuation in the number of employees in the testing pool.

Department of Transportation Alcohol/Drug Tests

Category	Alcohol FY 2022-2023	Alcohol FY 2023-2024	Drug FY 2022-2023	Drug FY 2023-2024
Pre-employment	N/A	N/A	208	227
Random	54	68	189	245
Post-Accident	1	0	1	0
Reasonable Suspicion	0	0	0	2
Return-to-duty	0	0	0	0
Follow-up	0	0	0	0
Fiscal Year Total	55	68	398	474
Total Number of Positive Tests	0	0	2	4
Total Number of Refusals to Test	0	0	1	0

Non-Department of Transportation Alcohol/Drug Tests

Category	Alcohol FY 2022-2023	Alcohol FY 2023-2024	Drug FY 2022-2023	Drug FY 2023-2024
Reasonable Suspicion	0	0	1	1
Follow Up	0	0	0	0
Return-to-duty	0	0	0	0
Post-Accident	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Positive Tests	0	0	1	0

Combined Testing Metrics

Totals	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Number of Alcohol and Drug Tests	453	542
Total Number of Positive Tests	2	4
Total Number of Refusal to Test	0	0

During FY 2022-2023, 3 employees were terminated and during FY 2023-2024, 4 employees were terminated following receipt of positive test results or upon refusal to test. *(Note that of the employees terminated for FY 2023 and FY 2024, both included 2 employees that test positive during the PE process, totaling 4 that were not offered employment due to a positive test.)

Residence Life

Based on the information from the last two academic reporting year cycles, Residence Life alcohol violations have stayed relatively consistent. The exception would be a drop in alcohol and drug cases during COVID. Students left campus and continued classes online. We believe this is due to the regularity and uniformity of our training measures for our residential staff over the last two reporting cycles for recognizing and reporting behaviors associated with alcohol and drug use. Many of our reports from this cycle involved staff members confronting students who were returning to our communities from off-site social engagements, rather than addressing in-room violations or safety inspection violations. Our staff members are much more consistent in their knowledge of alcohol and drug-related incidents, from hosting additional educational programs, completing student follow-ups (Students of Concern Reports), and going through experiential training exercises at the beginning of each semester to learn more about these cases. The Residence Life alcohol case numbers are included in the numbers share by the Student Conduct Office

Residence Hall Reported Alcohol Violations: AY 2022-2023 and AY 2023-2024

Student Rule Violation	2022-2023	2023-2024
24.4.13 - Alcohol	26	44

University Police Department

Provides law enforcement and security services to all components of TAMU including the academic campus and a variety of satellite facilities throughout the Brazos County. UPD annually reports arrest and disciplinary actions for the prior two years. This includes incidents that meet the definition of liquor law violations and drug law violations as defined by the Clery Act. Alcohol and other drug statistics for the TAMU College Station campus are listed in the tables below.

TAMU College Station September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023 Arrests and Disciplinary Actions

Violations	On-Campus Arrests	On-Campus Disciplinary Actions	Non-Campus Arrests	Non-Campus Disciplinary Actions	Public Property Arrests	Public Property Disciplinary Actions	Dorms/Residential Facilities Arrests	Dorms/Residential Facilities Disciplinary Actions
Drug Law Violations	196	30	0	4	40	0	22	19
Liquor Law Violations	160	174	0	0	11	0	19	170

TAMU College Station September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 Arrests and Disciplinary Actions

Violations	On-Campus Arrests	On-Campus Disciplinary Actions	Non-Campus Arrests	Non-Campus Disciplinary Actions	Public Property Arrests	Public Property Disciplinary Actions	Dorms/Residential Facilities Arrests	Dorms/Residential Facilities Disciplinary Actions
Drug Law Violations	80	20	10	10	0	0	22	4
Liquor Law Violations	103	78	9	78	0	0	4	0

****Crimes reported in the Dorms/Residential Facilities column are included in the On-Campus category. Dorms/Residential Facilities column is a subset of the On-Campus category.**

Clery Annual Security Report with statistics for all TAMU locations can be viewed at <https://orec.tamu.edu/clery/annual-security-report/>

Alcohol and Other Drug – TAMU Fatalities

There were no alcohol and other drug-related fatalities reported during academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

Sanction Frequency - Students

The following tables contain sanction frequency pertaining to alcohol and other drug violations. Any sanction frequency noted under the Alcohol column is the number of times that sanction was implemented when a student was found responsible for any University policy relating to alcohol. These violations may not be violations of the law. The same is true for any numbers listed under the Other Drug column. Furthermore, some sanctions may be included in both the Alcohol and the Other Drug column as a student may have been found responsible for violating both an alcohol and other drug policy. Also, multiple sanctions may be imposed for a single violation.

The following are examples of how the numbers were counted:

- A student is found responsible for violating the alcohol policy. The student is sanctioned to Conduct Probation, the Alcohol Education Workshop and the Ethics and Decision-Making Workshop. This is counted as 1 under Conduct Probation and 2 under Educational Requirements in the Alcohol column.
- A student is found responsible for both the University alcohol and illegal drugs and controlled substances policies. The student receives a Suspension with a period of Conduct Review upon return to the University. The student is also required to do a Drug Assessment with Student

Counseling Service, attend the Alcohol Education Workshop and the Drug Education Workshop. This is counted as 1 under Suspension, 1 under Conduct Probation, and 3 under Educational Requirements in both the Alcohol and the Other Drugs columns.

- A student in the Corps of Cadets goes through a Urine Analysis screening and has a positive result for marijuana. The student goes through the conduct process and is found responsible for a violation of drugs policy in *The Standard*. The student receives a Corps Suspension, is required to do a Drug Assessment with Student Counseling Service and complete Drug BASICS with Alcohol and Drug Education Programs. This is counted as 1 under Corps Suspension and 2 educational requirements under the Other Drugs Column.
- A student violates the University alcohol policy as well as the Residence Life alcohol policy and receives Conduct Probation and the Alcohol Education Workshop. This is counted as 2 violations under Conduct Probation and 2 violations under Educational Requirements under the Alcohol column.

Sanction Frequency: Fall 2022 and Spring 2024
(Number of Alcohol or Other Drug Violations and Type of Sanction)

Sanction Frequency: Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

	Fall 2022		Spring 2023	
Number of Alcohol or Other Drug Violations				
Sanction	Alcohol Related	Other Drug Related	Alcohol Related	Other Drug Related
Expulsion	0	0	0	0
Suspension	2	1	0	0
Deferred suspension	0	1	0	0
Conduct probation	32	8	12	5
Conduct review	89	10	45	24
Loss of campus housing privilege	2	0	0	0
Deferred loss of campus housing	0	0	0	0
Campus housing probation	16	5	9	1
Enrollment block	0	0	0	0
Reprimand	12	1	9	0
Restriction	1	0	0	0
Community service	0	0	0	0
Corps Status	17	0	4	0
Restitution	1	0	0	0
Educational Requirements				
Alcohol Education	110	4	50	0
Drug Education	4	13	3	25
Reflection	17	4	13	6
Meet with Administrator	2	2	0	1
Other	129	19	65	28

Sanction Frequency: Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

	Fall 2023		Spring 2024	
Number of Alcohol or Other Drug Violations				
Sanction	Alcohol Related	Other Drug Related	Alcohol Related	Other Drug Related
Expulsion	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0
Deferred suspension	0	0	0	0
Conduct probation	23	0	8	1
Conduct review	99	10	26	11
Loss of campus housing privilege	0	0	0	0
Deferred loss of campus housing	0	0	0	0
Campus housing probation	8	0	2	1
Enrollment block	0	0	0	0
Reprimand	6	0	8	0
Restriction	0	0	0	0
Community service	0	0	0	0
Corps Status	3	0	3	0
Restitution	2	0	1	0
Educational Requirements				
Alcohol Education	107	5	25	0
Drug Education	5	3	0	9
Reflection	17	1	10	4
Meet with Administrator	0	0	0	0
Other	134	6	33	9

Texas A&M University has system policies and regulations and university rules and standard administrative procedures that specify requirements and processes regarding use and abuse of alcohol and illegal drugs. Offices with trained personnel handle alleged violations to provide consistent enforcement of sanctions.

Texas A&M University at Qatar

Introduction

Texas A&M University's branch campus in Qatar offers four undergraduate degree programs:

1. Chemical Engineering
2. Mechanical Engineering
3. Electrical Engineering
4. Petroleum Engineering

Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ) also offers a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering.

Enrollment was about 700 total students in Fall 2022. The branch campus is housed in a 595,000 square-foot engineering building that is owned by the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) and controlled by Texas A&M University. All of TAMUQ's academic and administrative functions are located within the TAMUQ Engineering Building. Though predominantly a commuter campus, 74 (Fall 2022 semester) total students live in student housing in Education City that is owned and operated by QF. The student housing is not under the control of TAMUQ.

TAMUQ is located within Education City, a 2,500-acre multi-institution complex in Doha, Qatar, which is a complex with monitored access that sits on the outskirts of Doha owned and controlled by QF. QF is a private, non-profit organization that serves the people of Qatar by supporting and operating programs in three core mission areas: education, science and research, and community development. QF strives to nurture the future leaders of Qatar. By example and by sharing its experience, QF also contributes to human development nationally, regionally, and internationally. In all of its activities, QF promotes a culture of excellence in Qatar and furthers its role in supporting an innovative and open society that aspires to develop sustainable human capacity, social, and economic prosperity for a knowledge-based economy.

- TAMUQ employees fall into two categories – one that is paid in the Texas A&M University (TAMU) payroll system (Workday) and another that is paid through a local payroll process. The TAMUQ employees who are paid through the TAMU payroll system (faculty, US taxpayers, or those with titles of Director or above) receive an annual notification to review information regarding federal and state laws that affect them in the workplace (see Appendix A-5). The notice referenced above contains links to the System Policy, System Regulation and University Rule addressing substance abuse prevention. University Rule 34.02.01.M1, Section 8., states that an employee's health insurance coverage may cover some or all of the expenses of treatment for alcohol or drug problems. However, there is very limited coverage for addictive conditions available in Qatar for these types of services.

The insurance provided to our locally paid employees includes very limited coverage for these services. In addition, the cultural issues related to alcohol abuse and use of illegal substances in a Middle Eastern country like Qatar have resulted in no known issues in this area for our large number of Muslim employees.

- For students it is important to consider the context of the Qatar campus and the cultural sensitivities that exist around the consumption of alcohol and the use of illegal drugs. In Qatar, a student would have to possess a liquor permit to buy alcohol for personal consumption at home. Students are not issued liquor permits and therefore, it is illegal for them to drink at home, regardless of their age. Students may drink at local bars/restaurants pending they are of legal drinking age and have their passport or Qatari ID. Drug use is strictly forbidden in this country and there are severe consequences for those caught violating existing laws. No formal programs related to drug and alcohol abuse prevention are offered at TAMUQ because this activity would be deemed offensive and culturally inappropriate. Any issues individual students may have related to substance abuse are dealt with in strictest confidence with our psychologist.

Drug and Alcohol Programs and Other

A presentation about awareness and resource information was provided at Aggie Life 101: New Student Orientation in fall 2022 and 2023. Additionally, an email providing a list of useful resources, related to alcohol and drug-related issues, was sent after the 12th Class Day of each fall semester (2022 and 2023).

TAMUQ's Employee Assistance Program is available for employees, including psychological counseling. It includes telephone counseling, life management services (financial, legal, divorce, etc.), managerial coaching and wellness coaching.

Goals

Provide a list of available university and applicable community resources, and how to seek them, to TAMUQ students and employees.

Sanction Enforcement

There were no employee or student violations, or fatalities related to drug and alcohol use during AY 2022-2023 and AY 2023-2024.

In the event of a drug or alcohol issue, sanctions would be enforced in accordance with TAMU rules and procedures, and conduct/disciplinary processes. There may be other sanctions for violations under Qatar law.

Texas A&M University at Galveston

Texas A&M Galveston is a special-purpose institution of higher education for undergraduate and graduate instruction in marine and maritime studies in science, engineering and business, and for research and public service related to the general field of marine resources. The institution is under the management and control of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with degrees offered under the name and authority of Texas A&M University at College Station.

Texas A&M University at Galveston houses the Texas A&M Maritime Academy, one of six maritime academies in the U.S. preparing graduates for licensing as officers in the American Merchant marine.

TAMUG Drug and Alcohol Program Review Members

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Counseling Career & Ability Services

The Office of Counseling Career & Ability Services provides Personal Counseling, Career Counseling, Substance Abuse Education and Counseling, Disability Services, Veterans Services, and Health and Wellness Services to the TAMUG campus community. Charged with measuring the campus climate on alcohol and other drug usage, and providing the campus with research-based, educational information, the Office of Counseling & Career Services provides alcohol and other drug information to the campus community. Educational information is disseminated through workshops, trained student leaders (Peer Educators), seminars, social media, presentations to classes and student groups, information tables, and promotions throughout the year.

The Counseling office maintains a resource library (including books, journals, and computer programs on various substance abuse related topics) which is maintained in the relaxation room, in the Office of Counseling and Career Services. Additionally, confidential counseling sessions are offered by licensed professional counselors.

Programs

- Substance Abuse Evaluation and Education Program - The Office of Counseling & Career Services offers a Substance Abuse Evaluation and Education Program to TAMUG students. The goal of this program is to promote safe, healthy choices and responsible decision making related to alcohol and other drugs. Students may self-refer, or they may be referred by the University Conduct Board to complete the Substance Abuse Evaluation and Education Program. This program can be modified to meet the unique needs of each student but typically includes a counseling appointment, an assessment (Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory/SASSI), an educational component, and may include a referral to a community-based substance abuse meeting (AA/NA) and reflection paper or assignment. Further screening and/or counseling by a licensed professional counselor or an appropriate community resource referral is available as needed. Time commitment varies depending on the student's progress, but the program usually takes at least 3 hours to complete. For more information, contact the Office of Counseling & Career Services (409)740-4736.

- Ethical Decision Making (EDM) course – In cooperation with the office of Community Standards, the Counseling & Career staff continues to oversee instruction of this module. This course is offered as part of the substance abuse education program and is often offered separately as part of the sanctioning process. This course consists of a PowerPoint presentation, group discussion, select videos and a pretest/posttest.

Current Programs

Counseling Service goals will be achieved through the following programs and services:

- *Outreach* - Outreach programming on a variety of alcohol and other drug issues is provided to the campus community as time and interest dictate. These are offered by Peer Educators and Counseling staff through information tables, small group discussion, and lecture format.
- *CORE Survey* – Surveys were suspended during the COVID semesters and will resume in the spring of 2023.
- *Counseling* – (Substance Abuse Counselor) provides individual counseling for substance abuse issues at TAMUG.
- *Substance Abuse Screening* – All students referred or sanctioned to the counseling office for alcohol or substance abuse related issues are administered the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI)
- *Referral* - Referrals to local and national service providers are routinely provided to students and their parents. Community resource referrals to private practice substance abuse counselors or groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) or Narcotics Anonymous (NA) may be made in appropriate situations.

Measurement

The criteria for success will be Global Affective Functioning scores assigned by the therapist. Scores will be used to ascertain pre and post intervention level of ability to carry out everyday tasks. All students referred or sanctioned to the counseling office for alcohol or substance abuse related issues are administered the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI) and evaluated for possible dependence issues.

On-Going Programs

Pre-Cruise Alcohol and Substance Abuse Training

All Cadets scheduled for a training cruise are required to attend mandatory Pre-Cruise Alcohol and Substance Abuse Training. The training two-hour training is conducted by the Coordinator of Alcohol and Drug Education Program as well as faculty, staff, and administrators of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy, the Office of the Commandant, and the Division of Student Affairs. Information specific to the University's policy and the Corps' rules on alcohol and drug violations that occur while on summer cruise is also presented.

Goals

- Aid in the reduction of alcohol and other drug use on TAMUG's Campus.
- Provide a safe and confidential place for students to seek help for issues and concerns related to substance use.
- Raise awareness through intervention & education of substance abuse health-related issues.

Goal Achievements and/or Outcomes

Student Counseling Services goals will be achieved through the following programs and services:

- *Outreach* - Outreach programming on a variety of alcohol and other drug issues is provided to the campus community as time and interest dictate. These services are offered by the Peer Educators and Counseling Staff through information tables, small group discussion, social media, and lecture format. The Office of Counseling and Career Services partners with other departments on campus (HR, Diversity Services, and Residence Life) to reach as many students as possible.

- *Education*-Educational programming is scheduled at strategic times throughout the year. Annual programs include Safe Spring Break, Red Ribbon Week, Gig 'Em Week, National Drug Facts Week, and RX Takeback. These programs cover different topics including tobacco use, binge drinking, drunk and distracted driving, prescription drug abuse and substance abuse.
- *Counseling* – TAMUG has 3 licensed professional counselors and one intern who counsel and educate on substance abuse issues. Crisis Services available as needed.
- *Referral* - Referrals to local and national service providers are routinely provided to students and their parents. Community resource referrals to private practice substance abuse counselors or groups made in appropriate situations.
- *Networking/Collaboration*-The Office of Counseling and Career Services works with various community agencies to provide comprehensive support services to students. Some of the agencies that provide support to TAMUG students include: AA/NA, UTMB, Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol (BACODA), Transforming Galveston, U in the Driver Seat, the Gulf Coast Center, DARS, Tobacco Task Force, and St. Vincent's House.

Assessment

All students referred or sanctioned to the counseling office for alcohol or substance abuse related issues are administered the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI) and evaluated for possible dependence issues.

AOD Education Statistics 2022-2024 Biennium

- 21 AOD education course counseling office visits during the 2022-23 assessment period. This accounted for .007% % of 3,029 total office visits.
- 16 AOD education course counseling office visits during the 2023-24 assessment period. This accounted for >005% % of 3,217 total office visits.

Alcohol Education Course

- Total # of Students = 37
- Pretest Average = 75%
- Post Average = 99%
- Showed a 34% improvement of knowledge learned after taking the Alcohol Education Course

Based on the Pretest scores students lack awareness/knowledge about the following:

- How alcohol effects the brain/nervous system
- The definition of BAC and its' implications
- The Texas Laws on Alcohol/DUI
- Drinking Behaviors on Campus and National Averages
- The Danger of Alcohol Combined w/other Drugs

Implications for improvement

- We can improve programming, workshops, and events to educate students in knowledge gaps based on our results.
- In individual counseling sessions add educational components about the effects of drugs and alcohol as it relates to health, wellness, academics, and career implications.
- We can include information in New Student Conference presentations with freshmen students where appropriate to do so, as it relates to safety and wellness.

Recommendations

- Work with Community Standards office to fine tune AOD related sanctions and educational components.
- Counseling staff will resume professional development in AOD related areas post COVID.

- Continue to enhance and refine prevention activities with incoming freshman/transfer students to address issues cogent to the new student populations.
- Engage community agencies in AOD education programs.

Other

Additional education, outreach and referrals are provided through the following activities:

- New/Transfer Students attend sessions that include alcohol, drug, and sexual assault information. These presentations are presented by the Office of Counseling and Career Services, Student Life, and the Resource and Crisis Center.
- A TAMUG counselor continues to attend community-based resource sharing and networking meetings in an effort to learn about resources, classes, and services that are being provided in the community (Galveston County Community Resource Coordination Group). This information is then made available to staff, faculty, and students-as appropriate.

Campus Recreation

The Campus Recreation Department commits to Aggies learning for a lifetime by providing safe programs promoting wellness of mind, body, and spirit while fostering a sense of connection which enriches the education of our students and the campus community.

Programs

The Department of Campus Recreation features six programmatic areas: Intramural Sports, Club Sports, Outdoor Program, Aquatics, Fitness, and Student Wellness. The mission of Campus Recreation will be achieved through the current ongoing programs:

Intramural Sports

The Intramural Sports program offers the campus community the opportunity to compete in 17 Men's, Women's, and/or Co-Rec leagues or tournaments. Intramural sports are open to all currently enrolled students as well as TAMUG faculty and staff. There are no registration fees charged for participation. Intramural sports take place on campus during evening hours. Intramural Sports are intentionally scheduled in the evening times to provide students with a safe, on campus, alternative to alcohol use. There are rules in place that ensure students do not compete under the influence.

Club Sports

The Club Sports program includes 9 different club sports and provides students with the chance to focus on a particular sport or recreational activity, and in many cases compete in or pursue that activity at a higher level. There are strict behavioral expectations that must be followed to participate in club sports and travel with the team, stipulating that no alcohol or drug use can be associated with any club sports travel or events. Students who participate in Club Sports must agree to these guidelines and refrain from the use of drugs or alcohol while engaged with their club through practices, matches and weekend events.

Fitness

The Fitness program allows students and Campus Recreation members to participate in free group exercise classes, small group training, and fitness orientations. Participants in fitness programming learn about nutrition and how consumption of illicit substances will affect the body's performance and general functions. Education is provided with the intent of providing knowledge about substances and changing attitudes about participating in problematic behaviors.

Student Wellness

The Student Wellness program creates educational opportunities for students around the 8 dimensions of the wellness wheel - Spiritual, Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, Environmental, Social, Financial, & Occupational.

- Peer Educators

-The Peer educators are full time students that assist their peers in making a successful academic and social transition into college life. Peer Educators provide outreach, support and training to help students become familiar with university resources and the campus culture, develop social relationships and help build a sense of community.

-The peer educators have several staple programs including “Safe Sex Bingo”, “Painting with Bob Ross”, “Safe Spring Break” and “Destress Fest”. Peer educator programs take place at various times during the semester and all aim at promoting wellness. Programs like “Safe Sex Bingo” and “Painting with Bob Ross” are intentionally planned for Thursday evenings or other high stress times of the semester - popular times for students to “go out”, to provide a safe, on campus activity for students. The Safe Spring Break and Safe Mardi Gras programs in particular provide education about alcohol consumption and seek to encourage students to avoid participating in alcohol consumption and drug use. During Safe Spring Break and Safe Mardi Gras, students receive information about safe drinking practices. Peer Educators have also introduced new programs to educate students about the dangers of using prescription medications in conjunction with alcohol and other illicit substances.

Peer Educators also distribute resource bags at various events throughout the semester with information about safe alcohol practices and resources for students coping with alcohol dependence.

- Student Wellness Action Group (SWAG)

The Student Wellness Action Group (SWAG) is comprised of professionals from the division of student affairs and student representatives from SGA and Peer Educators. SWAG meets bi-weekly to share resources and develop programming to enhance student well-being. SWAG is working to provide Narcan and Narcan training opportunities to campus leaders. SWAG also seeks to connect students with their student health services and provide understanding of how students can access their resources.

- Health Fair

Each semester, community health and wellness partners are invited to campus for the Health Fair. At the fair, students can connect with resources and learn about ways to improve their health or seek treatment. A number of drug and alcohol awareness and educational organizations including but not limited to Alcoholics Anonymous and Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol (BACODA) participate in the fair and connect students with treatment or education.

Measurement

Success will be determined by assessing multiple surveys distributed to students via Qualtrics. Campus Recreation creates a general survey each semester that assesses the department as a whole and each programmatic area. This survey is incentivized to students and has grown every semester in its reach, providing more accurate data. After the survey period closes, Campus Recreation reviews and discusses the results of the survey.

Goals

1. To provide students with activities that promote health, wellbeing, and lifelong learning.
2. To provide students with a safe and healthy alternative to recreational drug and alcohol use and promotes active citizenship.
3. Empower students to access health resources and develop skills to live healthy lifestyles.

Goal Achievements and/or Outcomes

- 1) *Student Recreational Activity Engagement*- Due to a wide range of offerings available, students will be able to identify an area of interest or passion and then engage in an on-campus recreational activity that compliments their identified area of interest at least once a week.

- 2) *Alternate activities to drug/alcohol use*- Campus Rec. will provide events at strategic times, to give students an alternative to recreational drug and alcohol use. (i.e. “Rec After Dark” being strategically planned for a Friday night at 8-10pm on a bi-week for football, when most students have planned to stay in Galveston, as opposed to traveling for a football game.) Campus Recreation also host a March Madness watch party in the gymnasium with free food and soft drinks as well as mini games in between match ups and at half time.
- 3) *Physical Fitness and Health Promotion*- Educational opportunities, new services offered and improved facilities will encourage students to continue or begin a leisure time physical activity. Peer educator programs serve as on campus health promotion. Peer educators use tabling events to engage with students and provide information, fun activities to provide drug and alcohol-free events for their peers, and other passive methods of programming also serve as health promotion on campus.

Assessment

Attendance - Attendance of campus recreation activities and use of services is tracked through “Fusion”, professional staff records, and attendance sheets.

Campus Recreation General Survey and Program Survey - Surveys are distributed to students following campus recreation participation.

Intentional Conversations - Professional staff members will seek out opportunities to have intentional conversations with both student workers and program participants to gauge the effectiveness of the programs offered.

Recommendations

New programs should continue to be developed to engage more students in leisure time physical activity, as well as programs that will provide a safe and healthy alternative to recreational drug and alcohol use. Programs should be strategically developed and implemented at “high risk” times for drug and alcohol use. Programs should also focus on positive reinforcement of healthy behaviors and use “social norming” to encourage students to choose healthy leisure time activities. In addition to continually adding new programs, marketing strategies, like social media campaigns, should be employed to increase participation of already existing events and programs that provide safe and beneficial alternatives to recreational drug and alcohol use.

Campus Living & Learning

The Texas A&M University at Galveston residential community consists of more than 1400 residents from Texas, the broader United States, and overseas. The Campus Living & Learning portfolio includes Residence Life and Operations, the Office of Community Standards, Summer Camps and Conferences, the campus CARE Team, all Living-Learning Communities, and the Healthy Relationships Committee. The initiatives from Campus Living & Learning span efforts that are structural and programmatic. The residence halls are a dynamic and diverse community that provide a healthy living and learning community and encourage both scholastic and personal development. In addition, many opportunities exist for residents to become involved in leadership positions exclusive to campus residents, including within the Residence Hall Association, Hall Councils and as Community Leaders. The residence hall area has a zero-tolerance policy concerning drugs or alcohol with rules forbidding alcohol and drug possession and use; indeed, a resident even being present when drugs or alcohol are used typically results in conduct sanctions.

Programs

Programming is primarily done as one of the many strategies within the recently developed Student Affairs divisional curriculum known as Journey, which has a comprehensive set of guidelines that allows each program to build on the learning goals from the last. High-quality, learning-outcome based programming is designed by professional staff and put on with the help of paraprofessional staff. Programming often is explicitly aimed at drug/alcohol safety and education, but more often programming done is designed as a counter-programming tactic, provided during evenings and weekends, aimed at

giving students alternative options to those where alcohol/drug/less healthy events are going on. But also, under Journey, Campus Living & Learning staff and student-staff are strongly encouraged to spend time intentionally supporting other programming offered on campus by advertising, encouraging or incentivizing student participation, and by physically showing up to support events elsewhere on campus.

Fall Programs (created and produced by CL&L Staff)

- **Fall Fest-** a program held in conjunction with student organizations to host members of the Galveston community and students for games and fun. This alcohol alternative programming functions as a way for students to serve the community and engage in alcohol and drug free activities on campus. It spans the campus community with significant portions of student community-led events.
 - **Residence Hall Trick or Treat Trail** - Led by the Residence Hall Association (RHA), 15-20 RHA members lead campus visitors in groups of 8-16 students through the Trick or Treat Trail located outside, unless following rain plan to give them candy as a safe trick-or-treat alternative to the communities within the City of Galveston.
 - **Festival** - Led by Student Government Association (SGA) - all student associations, groups, and clubs hoping to receive SGA funding participate by producing booths by which visiting children can play games and do activities to earn candy and trinkets.
 - **Additional support** - needs for security, wayfinding, infrastructure and support, as well as Haunted House, and other rotating offerings within the event are offered by other supporting organizations such as the CORPS of Cadets, and “Movin’ and Groovin’” a student-led leadership organization.
- **Counter-programming**
 - Self-Expression through Painting in Collaboration with RHA
 - Serenity Room for those participants who might need a calming location to color and grab candy organized by Student Assistance Services.
 - Additionally, flyers are passed out with Safe Halloween information at all front desks with candy for the students to learn about how to make safe choices if they choose to drink during the Halloween weekend.
 - An Alcohol Safety email is also sent out by the Office of Community Standards the week leading up to Halloween and Biker Rally.
- Participation in **Midnight Yell** activities engage students each week in tradition programming while providing an opportunity for students to be social in an alcohol and drug free environment.

Spring Programs

- **Mardi Gras-** During the Mardi Gras season CL&L hosts different events yearly to help make our students aware of the dangers of alcohol and provide safety information to have when attending Mardi Gras festivities such as Mardi Gras Mixology and Mardi Gras Safety Bags.
 - **Mardi Gras Mixology-** Mardi Gras Mixology is a program that has been held since 2019 with the purpose of promoting alcohol safety and providing students with resources during Galveston's Mardi Gras Celebration. The program itself is a mini competition between students and student organizations to create nonalcoholic beverages for students to try. The students/student organizations creating the drinks are given gummy bears with the purpose of "spiking" the drinks. The purpose of the spiking is to remind students to always pay attention to their drinks and to not leave them behind. This program draws many students each year. As a result of this program, students are able to apply learning to decision making.
 - **Security Awareness Programming-** A coordinated series of media is released on a schedule by various stakeholders on campus such as the Director of Campus Living & Learning's "Do's and Don'ts List", the Chief of Police's "Safe Campus" missive.
 - **Safe Mardi Gras Bags-** 1000+ bags were assembled containing various items meant to encourage safety for students considering attending Mardi Gras events, including but not

limited to ride-share coupons, top-ten lists of important campus resources with contact information, glow sticks, safe-sex items, whistle/noise-maker, etc.

- **Health Initiatives** - Targeted at the CORPS of Cadets community, a series of programs, both passive and active, were targeted at educating and encouraging men's health (the CORPS is over 90% male-identifying) and re-setting norms around healthy behavior. Drug and alcohol education was and is absolutely a major portion of each of these events.
 - **STD/STI Testing**- Local community groups came to offer free testing and education for all major STD/STI's or other illnesses contracted via shared drug paraphernalia. Student and professional staff leadership led the event while also pledging publicly to participate by also getting tested in an effort to encourage and re-set healthy community norms.

Goals

As a result of the student experience at Texas A&M University at Galveston, students will be leaders of character serving globally.

Goal Achievements and/or Selected Outcomes from Journey

1. **Self-Discovery (1.1-1.4):** Becoming leaders of character requires students to understand themselves before they understand others. By developing their personal core values, students will gather insight into their purpose and passion.
2. **Lifelong Learning (2.2 & 2.4):** Curiosity fosters lifelong learning to unlock potential. Students will experience learning opportunities to positively impact current and future communities.
3. **Cultural Competence (3.1-3.2):** Through learning of others' culture, students will contribute to a more just and equitable world. Understanding cultural perspectives is a critical skill to be successful and impactful in a global society.
4. **Active Citizenship (4.1-4.3):** Active citizenship is a keystone of democracy. Aggies will demonstrate leadership in their communities through mentorship and service.

Assessment

Assessment through Campus Living & Learning is done in a myriad of ways.

1. **Surveys:** CL&L has two standard surveys per year - a needs assessment completed during the first full month of the academic year (September) and a satisfaction survey completed at the end of each semester.
2. **Intentional Conversations (1:1s):** Each Community Leader/Company Commander is required to have two directed conversations with each of the residents within their community. CL's/CO's keep a log of the conversation, record answers, and report them to their Housing Coordinators.
3. **Individual program assessment:** Each building-wide program is required to have selected learning outcomes/goals and are measured for efficacy. Our curriculum allows for flexibility in assessing outcomes but requires that there be some form of assessment.

Recommendations

Continue to contribute to the development of our divisional curriculum and utilize assessment collection to improve and refine our programming and services.

Other

Additional education is provided through the following activities:

Community Leader Training: Community Leaders are selected after an extensive application and interview process and undergo approximately 60 hours of training before starting work. The training includes orientation to university rules, disciplinary procedures, mediation, programming, office procedures, first aid, Title IX training, QPR, and more. The training is provided by departments across campus to include the police department, counseling, student life, student activities, admissions, and of course Campus Living & Learning. Community Leaders and Company Commanders are required to assist with programming for campus residents through the operation of our divisional curriculum. Most of the programs are active but passive programs are allowed particularly in the form of educational bulletin boards and flyers. One of the major goals of our programming is connecting the residents and

providing healthy social opportunities during their collegiate experience. Additionally, student leaders were given the option to attend Narcan training this fall through Community Overdose Response and Recovery Effort (CORRE).

Texas A&M Maritime Academy

The Texas A&M Maritime Academy summer sea term is a unique 67 day at-sea educational event. Maritime Academy license candidates are required to accumulate a set number of at sea training days aboard a MARAD training vessel. Our current vessel, TS KENNEDY, houses up to 350 cadets in berthing areas of varying sized from 2 per room to large 60 person berthing spaces. The ship serves as a classroom in and of itself in addition to providing traditional classroom space. The ship visits several ports during the summer sea term where cadets are allowed liberty ashore. There is a zero-tolerance policy on board for drugs and alcohol very similar to the residence halls ashore.

Programs

Programming is conducted throughout the sea term preparation and execution in accordance with the Journey curriculum program, augmented by extensive pre-sail briefings covering alcohol policy, behavior expectations on board and in foreign ports and a review of the counseling and guidance available during the sea term. A drug testing program is mandated by the US Coast Guard and is administered by the commandant's staff. Alcohol breathalyzers are used if required in accordance with rules expressed in the Summer Sea Term Manual.

Goals

Identical to shoreside Campus Living and Learning. Students will be leaders of character serving globally.

Assessment

Summer sea term student leadership is regimented according to the Ship Operations manual. Cadet leaders are, by necessity, in close contact with their peers and underclass cadets daily. Cadet leaders meet with each other and members of the Commandant's staff weekly during the sea term to address any issues needing attention.

Recommendations

Develop standardized contact recording requirements for Cadets leaders to better track the health of the on-board community throughout the sea term.

Campus Police Department

The Campus Police Department provides law enforcement services to all components of the Galveston campus including the academic campus and one-off campus facility located at 8701 Teichman Road, in the City of Galveston.

Programs

- Campus Police participates in programs put on by student affairs, the counseling office, and the Corps of Cadets. We regularly give presentations to incoming cadets in the maritime program as well as first-year students just arriving to the university.
- During the recent racial unrest, Campus Police participated in the "listening sessions" produced by campus student groups.
- In addition, the police department participated in a diversity training and testing program through the counseling office, as we all sought better understanding of others.
- During this time of COVID-19, Officers frequently talk to students in small groups about drugs and alcohol on campus and attempt to forge a more trusting relationship.

Drug Specific Training

- Campus Police collaborated with Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol, Serenity Light Recovery, and Texas A&M University Counseling to host a training session on the administration of Naloxone, the opioid overdose reversal drug. This training was intended for first responders, counselors, social workers who might be in position to directly assist an opioid overdose victim. There were ninety-seven attendees at this event.
- Campus Police successfully completed a follow-up/Re-certification class on the administration of Naloxone (Narcan) to remain compliant with the two-year training requirement.

Goals

Campus Police has one main goal. They protect and serve Texas A&M University members at Galveston and provide a safe environment so they can pursue their goals and dreams. They provide instruction and security training to campus members so they can help keep themselves and the people around them safe. Officers strive to locate and intervene in unsafe behaviors before they become critical. Their goal is to catch the behavior early and use the violation as an opportunity to help the student or staff member overcome the poor choices they made. Communication with other members of the team is critical for success during these situations.

Goal Achievements and/or Outcomes

Covid-19 has changed the way the police interact with campus members and the way they conduct routine business with the public. In addition, it has slowed the reporting of minor crimes and suspicious activity. The Campus Police will continue to use its partnership with other agencies to pursue lawful investigations and interventions in alcohol and drug related cases for the wellbeing of our campus community.

The University Police Department has achieved its goal and as a result, The Galveston campus is relatively crime free. They continue to work toward a more trusting, more constructive, and peaceful relationship with campus members.

Assessment

The Department is presently working on a State Certification. A twenty-four-hour police dispatch is needed, but not imminent. The police department continues having difficulty maintaining a full staff of police officers. The Police Department is in the process of hiring one police officer, which makes the department three officers short from being fully staffed. The Chief of Police and two Sergeants manage the Police Department, each with over twenty-five plus years of service and experience. Major and minor crime is low, and the campus police department has excellent relations with the local population, local Law Enforcement Agencies, and the criminal justice system, including the Galveston County District Attorney's office. Recently the police department made purchases of two ballistic shields and two rifle plated ballistic vests to supplement their equipment while on duty.

TAMUG Human Resources / Employee Assistance Programs

Programs

ComPsych (hereinafter referred to as GuidanceResources) is the primary provider of mental health counseling services for FY2022-2023 and FY 2022-2023. This program is available to faculty, staff, and their household members who may be experiencing personal or workplace difficulties. Services may address a variety of issues including substance abuse.

- Counselling Services: Guidance Resources includes referral information to employees and their household members for substance abuse treatment.
- Human Resources and Organization Effectiveness (centralized across Texas A&M with resources located at TAMUG) coordinates alcohol and other drug testing for TAMU. Employees

may be tested for alcohol and/or drugs due to reasonable suspicion, following a job jeopardy agreement, or because they are required to participate in alcohol and drug testing per Department of Transportation regulations or Coast Guard regulations which require DOT testing.

GuidanceResources has an extensive network of providers in Galveston, Galveston County and the Houston metropolitan area. These counselors maintain close professional relationships with other community mental health and substance abuse providers so they can take advantage of local resources and make appropriate referrals if necessary. EAP counselors are able to provide referral information to individuals for substance abuse treatment in person, over the phone, or through email. GuidanceResources services are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Goals

- Provide substance abuse screening services to TAMU employees and their household members.
- Provide access to resources for those clients who need outpatient or inpatient substance abuse services.
- Provide guidance and direction in the application of all state and federal laws pertaining to substance abuse in the workplace.

Goal Achievements and/or Outcomes

- Counseling – Utilization statistical reports from Guidance Resources show how many alcohol related services were provided each month.
- Educational Programming – HROE provided special requests or scheduled educational programming including one-on-one supervisory training as it relates to reasonable suspicion testing for alcohol and/or other drugs.

Assessment

Monthly utilization reports provided by GuidanceResources are reviewed on a semesterly basis to gauge our upcoming semesters wellness offerings and programs.

Recommendations

Review utilization on a quarterly basis to determine if additional resources/programs need to be marketed to employees.

Other

Each new employee also receives an electronic copy of the System Policy 34.02, *Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, Regulation 34.02.01, *Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs* and University Rule 34.02.01.M1, *Substance Abuse Prevention Rule*. An acknowledgement of receipt of the materials is required.

If employees are also regulated by Department of Transportation (DOT) rules, they also receive electronic copies of University rules and procedures 34.02.01.M2 *Substance Abuse Prevention for DOT-Regulated Employees* and 34.02.99.M2.01 *Post-Accident Testing Instructions*.

Departments who have employees required to complete alcohol and other drug testing per DOT regulations are also provided an educational handout describing DOT alcohol and other drug testing requirements. Each department is encouraged to distribute the information to each new employee and annually thereafter.

Sanction Enforcement

Human Resources

Human Resources and Organizational Effectiveness coordinates alcohol and other drug testing for TAMUG. Employees may be tested for alcohol and or other drugs due to reasonable suspicion, following a job jeopardy agreement, or because they are required to participate in alcohol and other drug testing per Department of Transportation regulations or Coast Guard requirements. Primarily at TAMUG, these

employees include licensed maritime personnel required to complete DOT testing per Coast Guard licensing requirements, and bus drivers who support our summer Sea Camp operations.

Employees who violate System substance abuse policy or regulation or the TAMU rules are subject to discipline up to and including termination. Employees in violation of the policy, regulation or rule if not terminated, may be asked to sign a job jeopardy agreement which requires completion of a substance abuse evaluation, requirement to follow all evaluation recommendations and submission to alcohol and other drug testing for a two-year period (five years for Department of Transportation violations). Employees completing an alcohol or other drug test found to be positive are also subject to discipline up to and including termination. For an employee to remain employed, the employee must sign a job jeopardy agreement following a positive test result and follow all requirements.

Violations of *positive tests* and *refusals to test* are reported to the DOT Clearinghouse by the MRO and/or our Third-Party Administrator. Per DOT guidelines a *refusal to test* is equivalent to testing positive which stays in the DOT Clearinghouse for five years from the date of the violation determination or until the successful completion of the return to duty process. At this time there are no active violations as reported with the DOT Clearinghouse.

Listed below is a statistical summary of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and Fiscal Year 2023-2024 alcohol and drug testing program. The statistics reflect the Department of Transportation requirements that **50%** of the pool is tested for **controlled substances** and **10%** of the pool is tested for **alcohol**. Variances in the total number of tests conducted reflect the normal fluctuation in the number of employees in the testing pool.

Department of Transportation Alcohol/Drug Tests

Category	Alcohol FY 2022-2023	Alcohol FY 2022-2023	Drug FY 2023-2024	Drug FY 2023-2024
Pre-employment	N/A	N/A	7	7
Random	1	2	11	16
Post-Accident	0	0	0	0
Reasonable Suspicion	0	0	0	0
Return-to-duty	0	0	0	0
Follow-up	0	0	0	0
Fiscal Year Total	1	2	18	23
Total Number of Positive Tests	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Refusals to Test	0	0	0	0

Non-Department of Transportation Alcohol/Drug Tests

Category	Alcohol FY 2022-2023	Alcohol FY 2022-2023	Drug FY 2023-2024	Drug FY 2023-2024
Reasonable Suspicion	0	0	0	0
Follow Up	0	0	0	0
Return-to-duty	0	0	0	0
Post-Accident	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Positive Tests	0	0	0	0

Totals for FY 2022 and FY 2023

Totals	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Total Number of Alcohol and Drug Tests	19	25
Total Number of Positive Tests	0	0
Total Number of Refusal to Test	0	0

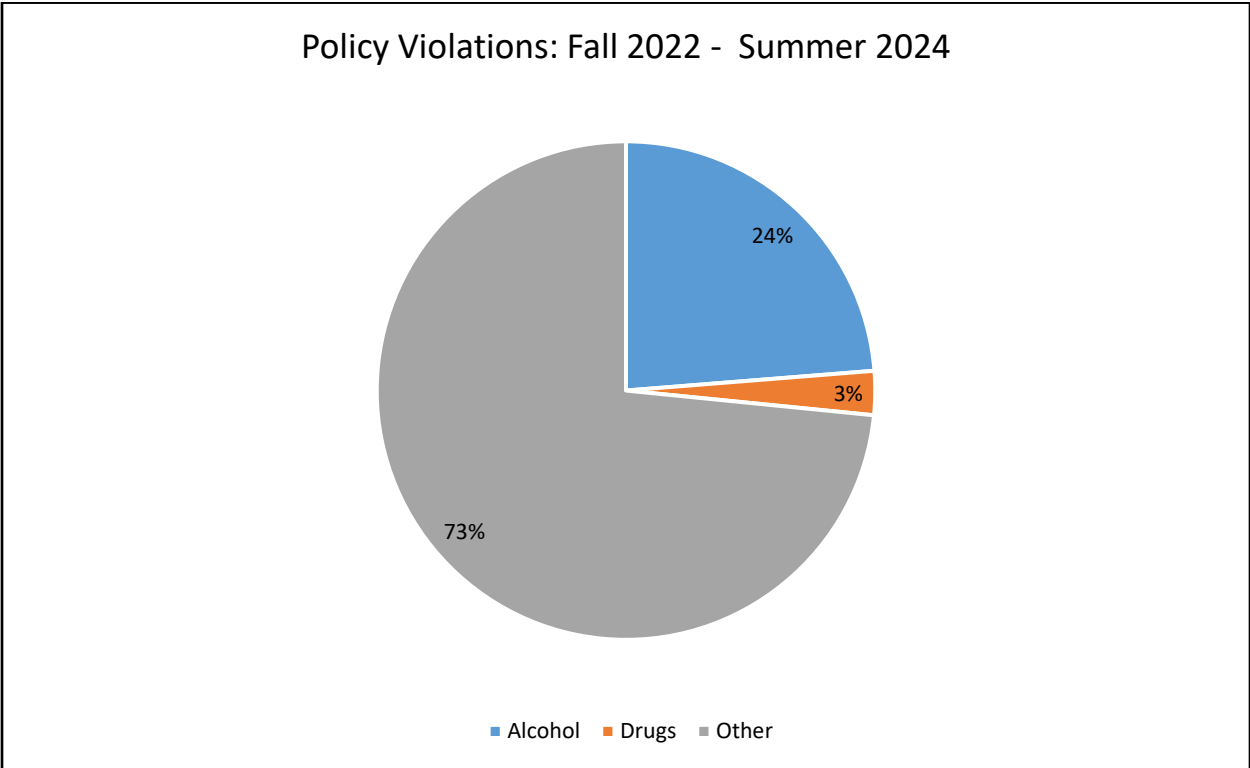
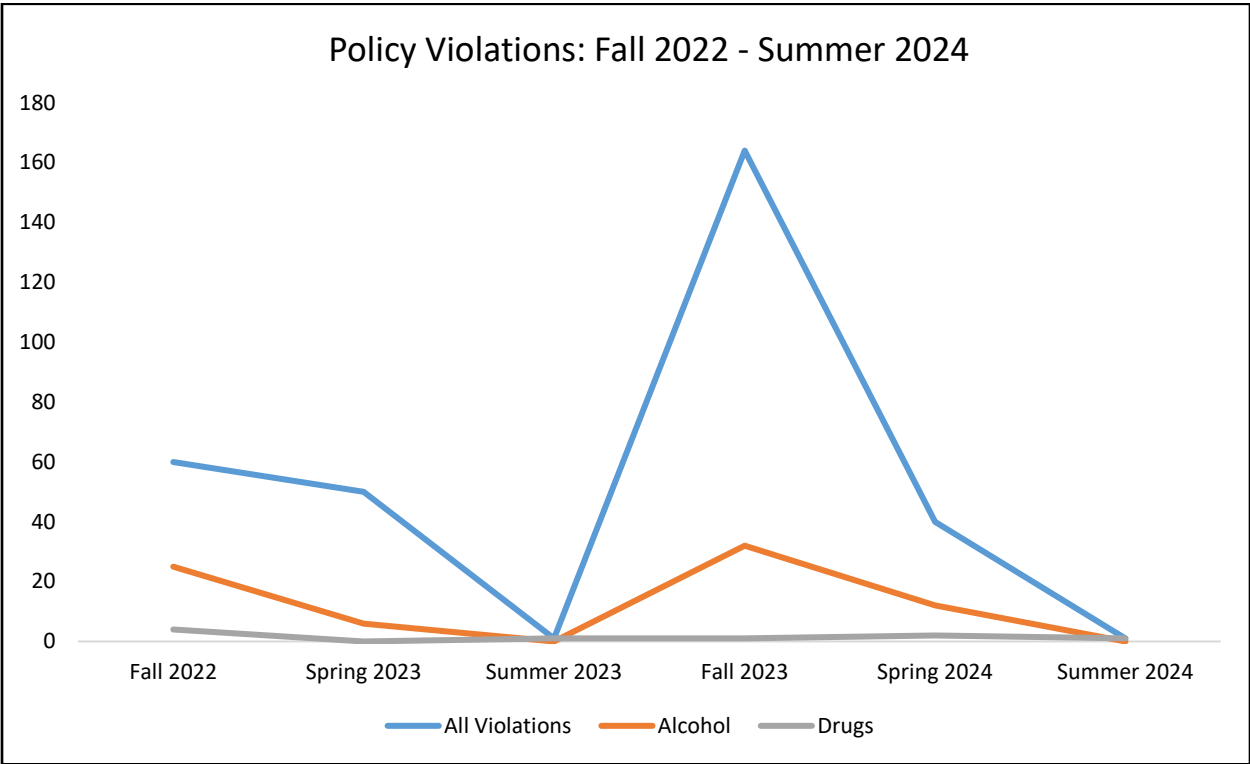
**Campus Living & Learning/Community Standards
Alcohol and Other Drug Violations 2022-2024**

Types of Violations & Percentages	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024	Total
All Violations	60	50	1	164	40	1	316
Alcohol	25	6	0	32	12	0	75
Alcohol Percentage	42%	12%	0%	20%	30%	0%	24%
Drugs	4	0	1	1	2	1	9
Drugs Percentage	7%	0%	100%	1%	5%	100%	3%
Other							232

Sanction Frequency: Fall 2022 and Spring 2023
(Number of Alcohol or Other Drug Violations and Type of Sanction)
Sanction Frequency: Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

Sanction	Fall 2022 Alcohol Related	Fall 2022 Other Drug Related	Spring 2023 Alcohol Related	Spring 2023 Other Drug Related
Expulsion	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0
Deferred suspension	0	0	0	0
Conduct probation	0	4	0	0
Conduct review	18	29	6	0
Loss of campus housing privilege	0	0	0	0
Deferred loss of campus housing	0	0	0	0
Campus housing probation	0	0	0	0
Enrollment block	0	0	0	0
Reprimand	0	0	0	0
Restriction	0	0	0	0
Community service	0	0	0	0
Corps Status	0	0	2	0
Restitution	0	0	0	0
Educational Requirements				
Alcohol Education	18	0	6	0
Drug Education	2	4	0	0
Reflection	0	0	0	0
Meet with Administrator	25	4	6	0
Other	15	2	6	0

Students found responsible for AOD violations are sanctioned with SASSI Assessment and AOD education course overseen by our Counseling staff. Parental notification is also a required sanction for all violations. Other sanctions such as community service, ethical decision-making course (EDM) administered by our counseling staff, and other educational sanctions may be applied as appropriate. Administrative sanctions such as Conduct Review and Conduct Probation may also be applied.



Campus Police Department

Alcohol and Drug Related incidents 2022-2023

During the AY2022-AY2023 biennium, the TAMUG Police department addressed:

- Minor in possession of Alcohol: 61 Referrals, 0 Arrests.
- Minor in consumption of Alcohol: 3 Referrals, 0 Arrests.
- Possession of Marijuana: 10 Referrals, 0 Arrests.
- Possession of Controlled Substance: 4 Referrals, 0 Arrests.
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: 4 Referrals, 0 Arrests.
- Minor in Possession of Tobacco: 3 Referrals, 0 Arrests.
- Student Rule Violation – Alcohol: 2 Referrals.

Alcohol and Other Drug – TAMU Fatalities

There were no alcohol and other drug-related fatalities reported during academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

Alcohol and other drug law violations are tracked and reported by the campus police department as part of the Annual Security Report required by the Clery Act.

The Clery Annual Security Report with statistics for TAMUG can be viewed at

<https://tamuorec.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/GalvestonAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Summary

TAMU provides effective programs for students, faculty, and staff to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distributions of illicit drugs and alcohol and the related health and safety risks. The Drug and Alcohol Program Committee coordinated a DFSCA biennial review for academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. The review was conducted by personnel with alcohol and other drug program responsibilities for each TAMU campus. As one reviews this report, strengths are like those found in the previous report. The programs provided for students, staff and faculty have not fundamentally changed over the course of the last two years. The committee is certain the strengths of the programs offered continue to remain for the campus community, even during such a challenging time. In discussion, the committee validated these strengths remain and are committed to maintaining them over the course of the next reporting period.

Summarized below are key strengths and challenges. Also, included is a recommendation related to strengthening the effectiveness of the university's alcohol and other drug programs.

Strengths

- **Comprehensive Guidance:** System policies and regulations, University rules and SAPs, Student Rules, departmental procedures, and notifications are provided to students and employees (faculty and staff) for guidance on alcohol and other drug abuse and related conduct/disciplinary actions.
- **DFSCA Stakeholder Committee:** A DFSCA Stakeholder Committee was established, comprising university leadership and experts. The committee meets periodically to collaborate, communicate, and review strategies and activities surrounding AOD.
- **AOD Assessments:** AOD-related assessments are available for students to learn more about their use and its impact on their lives.
- **Early Intervention:** Residence Life has implemented a Students of Concern reporting system for early student intervention around AOD issues.
- **Culture of Reporting:** TAMU maintains and supports a culture of reporting through existing systems (e.g., peer reporting, student and employee self-reporting, and community incident reporting).
- **Educational Initiatives:** Various units, such as the Office of Health Promotion, provide programming and education that emphasize the correlation between drug and alcohol use and sexual violence.
- **Training and Awareness:** Education and awareness training is available for both students and employees.
- **Safety Programs:** TAMU campuses and related communities promote safety through various programs/services (e.g., CARPOOL, Corps escorts, and UPD escorts).
- **Assistance Options:** Students and employees have access to various assistance options, including public and community resources, third-party services, and employer programs.
- **Risk Management:** Risk management tools and training are available for student organizations through the Department of Student Activities.
- **Health Services:** Assessments are available to students through Counseling and Psychological Services, Student Health Services, and EAP.
- **Biennial Review:** During the biennial review, discussions highlighted ongoing challenges and potential enhancements to the programs offered. The committee will address these challenges over the next two years.

Challenges

- **Targeted Education:** With multiple campuses and locations, continued effort is needed to develop and deliver education targeted to specific audiences in different locations.
- **Responsible Drinking:** Social messaging and local activities involving college student drinking present ongoing challenges in promoting moderate and responsible drinking.
- **Distant Education:** As distant education opportunities expand, identifying and communicating available community resources for referrals remains a challenge.
- **Data Management:** With numerous programs and services and a large student and employee base, exploring automated options to gather, track, and analyze pertinent data effectively and efficiently is challenging.
- **Resource Adequacy:** Identifying gaps and adjusting to changes to ensure resources are adequate and modified to meet the core academic mission and needs related to alcohol and other drug education is challenging.
- **Remote Learning:** The global pandemic and the resulting increase in remote learning and working environments pose challenges in identifying specific needs and providing resources.

Recommendations

Future efforts to revise and strengthen the effectiveness of alcohol and other drug programs include the following recommendations:

- **Committee Collaboration:** Collaborate with key personnel from various campuses and locations to:
 - Identify and review programs and services to pinpoint gaps, opportunities, emerging trends, and resource needs.
 - Implement modifications to address identified gaps, emerging trends, and reallocate resources as needed.
 - Improve the promotion of AOD services.
 - Increase the frequency of DFSCA meetings with community members.
 - Explore IT options to enhance tracking of information and data received from third-party vendors.
 - Establish partnerships between stakeholder groups to improve educational offerings and referrals.

Appendices

Appendix A - Annual Distribution of Notices

Annual notices are distributed to TAMU employees and students through the campus email system.

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Appendix B - Alcohol and Other Drug Laws and Policies

Appendix A–1: Texas A&M University Employee Notice

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAAP) Notice – for Employees

Texas A&M University is committed to protecting the health and safety of its employees. Because alcohol and drug abuse is a significant problem in the United States, Texas A&M University is concerned about substance abuse on our campuses. The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration reports that approximately 13.4 million people in the United States have an alcohol problem and 3.2 million have abused or are dependent on illegal drugs. Substance abuse not only disrupts the workplace, but also endangers the lives of those on our campuses.

Alcohol & Drug Program

Texas A&M University formally established an alcohol and drug program to address substance abuse prevention and treatment and comply with Federal Regulations such as the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991. The program provides education, early intervention and referral of employees with substance abuse problems. The university rule details who is covered by these Acts and establishes the procedures for random alcohol and drug testing, identifies counseling and support programs available, and specifies the consequences for substance abuse by employees.

Standards of Conduct

All Texas A&M University employees are expected to comply with federal, state and local drug laws as well as System Policies, and University Rules and Procedures. Employees are also required to abide by System Policy 34.02: Drug and Alcohol Abuse, System Regulation 34.02.01: Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs and University Rule 34.02.01.M1: Substance Abuse Prevention. Employees are prohibited from the manufacturing, possession, controlling, selling, transmitting, using, being under the influence or being a party to any illegal drug or controlled substance use on University premises or at any of its activities, including but not limited to University sponsored on or off campus activities and professional meetings attended by employees.

In Texas, 21 years of age is the legal drinking age and when an individual can purchase alcoholic beverages.

Disciplinary Sanctions

An employee who violates any of the System Policies, University Rules and Procedures, local, state or federal laws will be subject to University disciplinary actions, up to and including suspension without pay, transfer, demotion, reduction in salary, termination, and/or referral for prosecution.

Legal Sanctions

An employee who violates any of these alcohol or drug laws will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and will be subject to prosecution in accordance with the law. Legal sanctions for violation of local, state and federal laws may include, but not be limited to fines, probation, jail or prison sentences.

Misdemeanor charges

Misdemeanor Charge	Sanctions/Penalties
Minor in Possession (MIP)	Class C Misdemeanor
Public Intoxication	Class C Misdemeanor
Driving Under the Influence	Class C Misdemeanor

Misdemeanor Charge	Sanctions/Penalties
Driving While Intoxicated	Class B Misdemeanor
Providing Alcohol to a Minor or Purchasing Alcohol	Class A Misdemeanor
Open Container of Alcohol in a	Class C Misdemeanor
Possession of a Dangerous	Class A Misdemeanor
Providing a Dangerous Drug to Another Person	State Jail Felony
Consumption of alcohol after	City Ordinance

Sanctions/penalties:

Class C Misdemeanor: Can include fine up to \$500, community service, alcohol education classes, and 30 days up to 180-day driver's license suspension.

Class B Misdemeanor: Can include fine up to \$2000, community service, and 72-hour minimum confinement.

Class A Misdemeanor: Can include fine up to \$4000, up to 1 year in jail, and 180-day driver's license suspension. State Jail Felony: Can include fine up to \$10,000 and 180 days to 2 years in jail.

Federal drug laws/penalties:

The possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs is prohibited by federal law. Under federal law (DEA, Title 21, Section 844), for simple possession of a controlled substance, one may be imprisoned for up to one year and/or fined up to \$1,000.00. For subsequent offenses, one may be imprisoned for up to three years and/or fined up to \$5,000.00. Under federal law, one may be fined up to \$8,000,000.00 and/or may be sentenced from not less than 10 years up to life in prison for trafficking in drugs. For violations of other federal drug laws, one may receive life in prison or the death penalty.

Federal Trafficking Penalties for Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V - <https://www.dea.gov/drug-scheduling>

Qatar laws/penalties: The possession, use, distribution, importing or manufacturing of Narcotic Drugs and Dangerous Psychotropic Substances (NDDPS) is prohibited by State of Qatar Law No. (9). Under Law No. (9) Art. 35, for simple possession of NDDPS, one may be imprisoned for up to fifteen (15) years and fined up to 200,000 QR. For subsequent offenses, one may be imprisoned for up to twenty (20) years and fined up to 400,000 QR. Under Law No. (9) Art. 34, one may be fined up to 300,000 QR and may be sentenced from not less than ten (10) years up to twenty (20) years in prison for trafficking in drugs. For violations of other State of Qatar drug laws, one may receive life in prison or the death penalty.

Narcotic Substances Schedule 1
Qatar Narcotic Drug Penalties
Qatar Alcohol Penalties

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Illicit Drugs and the Abuse of Alcohol

Alcohol abuse is a prime contributor to suicide, homicide, and motor vehicle accidents and deaths. Approximately 150,000 deaths each year can be directly attributed to alcohol abuse. Alcohol and drug abuse can also lead to chemical dependency, premature death through overdose, brain damage, gastritis, anemia, and other physical problems.

The use of illicit drugs can result in a wide range of health problems, including seizures, heart problems, liver diseases, chronic brain dysfunctions, HIV/AIDS, other diseases and infections, and death. Substance abuse can also cause addiction, memory loss, hallucinations, and paranoia.

Alcohol: Effects of use include slurred speech, drowsiness, headaches, impaired judgment, decreased perception and coordination, distorted vision and hearing, vomiting, breathing difficulties, unconsciousness, coma, blackouts, toxic psychosis, physical dependence, neurological and liver damage, fetal alcohol syndrome, vitamin B1 deficiency, sexual problems, cancer, physical dependence

Amphetamines: Also known as uppers, speed, meth, crack, crystal, ice, pep pills. Effects of use include increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, dry mouth, loss of appetite, restlessness, irritability, anxiety, delusions, hallucinations, heart problems, hypertension, irritability, insomnia, toxic psychosis, physical dependence.

Barbiturates and Tranquilizers: Also known as barbs, bluebirds, blues, yellow jackets, red devils, roofies, rohypnol, ruffies, tranqs, mickey, flying v's. Effects of use include slurred speech, muscle relaxation, dizziness, decreased motor control, severe withdrawal symptoms, possible convulsions, toxic psychosis, depression, physical dependence.

Cocaine: Also known as coke, crack, snow, powder, blow, rock. Effects of use include loss of appetite increased blood pressure and heart rate, contracted blood vessels, nausea, hyper-stimulation, anxiety, paranoia, increased hostility, increased rate of breathing, muscle spasms and convulsions, dilated pupils, disturbed sleep, psychosis, chronic cough, nasal passage injury, kidney, liver and lung damage.

Marijuana/Cannabis: Also known as pot, grass, dope, weed, joint, bud, reefer, doobie, roach. Effects of use include sensory distortion, poor coordination of movement, slowed reaction time, panic, anxiety, bronchitis, lethargy, shortened attention span, suppressed immune system, personality changes, cancer, psychological dependence, physical dependence possible for some.

Morphine/Opiates: Also known as M, morf, duramorph, Miss Emma, monkey, roxanol, white stuff. Effects of use can include euphoria, increased body temperature, dry mouth, "heavy" feeling in arms and legs, constipation, loss of appetite, collapsed veins, heart infections, liver disease, depressed respiration, pneumonia and other pulmonary complications, physical dependence, psychological dependence.

Emotional consequences of alcohol and drug abuse are often minimized. These substances can cause personality changes which contribute to problems in dealing with family and co-workers. The personality changes may seriously impair a person and these changes can lead to psychological problems and mental illnesses. Substance abuse may also disrupt effectiveness on the job, reduce motivation, cause legal and financial problems and contribute to social problems.

For additional health risks associated with alcohol and drug abuse:

- Department of Justice, Drugs of Abuse
<https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/sites/getsmartaboutdrugs.com/files/publications/Drugs%20of%20Abuse%202020-Web%20Version-508%20compliant.pdf>
- National Institute of Alcohol Abuse, and Alcoholism, Alcohol 's Effect on the Body
<http://niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health/alcohols-effects-body>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Fact Sheets- Alcohol Use and Your Health
<http://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/alcohol-use.htm>
- National Institute on Drug Abuse <https://easyread.drugabuse.gov/>

Counseling Services for Employees

Work/Life Solutions Program offers counseling, work-life assistance and crisis intervention services for a broad range of reasons including alcohol and drug abuse. The confidential services are available to employees as well as their household family members.

Active employees call 1-866-301-9623 (available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year) or visit <https://employees.tamu.edu/eap>.

For TAMU at Qatar employees: In addition to the services provided by TAMU, a Qatar Employee Assistance Program provides all faculty, staff and eligible dependents confidential counseling services. Contact TAMUQ HR or Mary Allen at Supervisionma@yahoo.com or call cell: 3364-8655 to access this service.

Community Resources

- Brazos Valley Intergroup: Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon: 979.353.2538, <http://bvig.org/>
- National Helpline/SAMHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) 1.800.662.4357
- Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol & Substance Abuse: 979.846.3560 or 1.866.448.1699 <http://bvcasa.org/>
- Narcotics Anonymous of Brazos Valley: 979.822.9094 or 979.219.8262, <https://bvana.org/>
- MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley: 979.822.6467, 979.361.9815 or 1.800.282.6467, <https://mhmrabv.org/>
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Crisis Line: 1.888.522.8262
- Hearing-impaired individuals can access these resources by using TTY telephones to call Relay Texas at 1.800.735.2989
- Texas Addiction Hotline: 866.210.1303

TAMU at Qatar Resources:

- Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon: +974 6691 9443 (male enquirers); +974 5559 7512 (female enquirers)
- ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) +974 5505 9124 Dean
- Narcotics Anonymous in Qatar: +97433917099; nainqatar@gmail.com

Appendix A–2: Texas A&M University Student Notice

February 2024

Dear Student:

Texas A&M University is committed to the elimination of alcohol abuse and illicit drug use. Alcohol abuse and illicit drug use disrupt the special environment of personal growth that all universities seek to develop. We all must help prevent alcohol abuse and illicit drug use from negatively affecting our living and learning environment.

For information on University policy, health risks, and legal sanctions associated with alcohol and other drug abuse, go to orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/DAAPP-Students.pdf. Also included is information on intervention, assessments, counseling, and referrals through campus programs. Please note that this message contains information for all of our Texas A&M University locations resulting in a lengthy document. Take a moment to review the message to find the information pertinent to you and your campus location.

You are receiving this document in accordance with the Federal Government requirements of the Drug Free Schools and Community Act Amendments of 1989 and the Higher Education Opportunity Act. All students must receive a copy of this policy. Please consider saving this email as it contains valuable information that may be of assistance to you or a friend.



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2024 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAPP) Notice – for Students

Prevention of Alcohol Abuse & Illicit Drug Use at Texas A&M University

Standards of Conduct University Drug Policies

All members of the University community are expected to abide by state and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances and illegal drugs. "Controlled substances" refers to those drugs and substances whose possession, sale, or delivery results in criminal sanctions under the Texas Controlled Substances Act, as well as substances which possess a chemical structure similar to that of a controlled substance (e.g., "designer drugs").

In addition to legal considerations, Texas A&M University Student Rule 24.4.12, *Drugs* prohibits "the act of using, possessing, being under the influence of, manufacturing, or distributing illegal drugs or illegally obtained/possessed controlled substances."

University Alcohol Policies

Individuals must be at least 21 years old to purchase alcoholic beverages. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is restricted. Texas A&M University Student Rule 24.4.13, *Alcohol* states that "alcohol use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages (except as expressly authorized by University regulations), is prohibited on Texas A&M University premises and University sponsored events." University sponsored events include institution-sponsored on or off campus activities, such as officially sanctioned field trips, activities of a student organization recognized by the institution (such as fraternities or sororities), and institutional-sponsored activities abroad. Student organizations that sponsor activities where alcohol is served, must have the approval of their (faculty/staff) advisor and abide by established University rules.

Students, ages 21 or older, who choose to consume alcoholic beverages in residence hall rooms are expected to do so in moderation to ensure residents' rights to privacy, sleep, and study. The following behaviors are reasons for appropriate student conduct or remedial action by the University: loud or disruptive behavior, interference with the cleanliness of the residence halls, or drinking habits that are injurious to the health or education of an individual or those around them.

Legal Sanctions

A student who violates any of these alcohol or drug laws may be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and will be subject to prosecution in accordance with the law. Legal sanctions for violation of local, state and federal laws may include, but not limited to: fines, probation, jail or prison sentences.

State Laws

- **Public Intoxication** - A person commits an offense if the person appears in a public place while intoxicated to the degree that the person may endanger the person or another. (Texas Penal Code 49.02).
 - punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00, and a permanent criminal conviction. After two convictions, repeat offenders can be charged with a *Class B Misdemeanor*, facing up to 180 days in jail and a \$2,000.00 fine.
- **Possession of Alcoholic Beverage in Motor Vehicle "Open Container"** - A person commits an offense if the person knowingly possesses an open container in a passenger area of a motor vehicle that is located on a public highway, regardless of whether the vehicle is being operated or is stopped or parked. Possession by a person of one or more open containers in a single criminal episode is a single offense. (Texas Penal Code 49.031).
 - *Class C Misdemeanor* punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.
- **Driving While Intoxicated** - A person commits an offense if the person is intoxicated while operating a motor vehicle in a public place. (Texas Penal code 49.04).
 - Note that a person may also be convicted of offenses if intoxicated while driving with a child passenger in the vehicle, operating a plane, or boating. (Texas Penal code 49.045 - .06).
 - Up to a *3rd Degree Felony* - Punishment includes imprisonment no less than 2 years and no more than 10 years and a fine of up to \$10,000.
 - **Administrative License Revocation; Implied Consent:** After being arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, failing or refusing the Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) test can result in license revocation.

- Driver's license may be suspended for 180 days to 2 years.
 - Revocation may NOT be probated and there is a \$125 reinstatement fee. An appeal process is available.
- **Intoxication Assault** - A person commits an offense if the person, by accident or mistake while operating an aircraft, watercraft, or amusement ride while intoxicated, or while operating a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated, by reason of that intoxication causes serious bodily injury to another. (Texas Penal Code 49.07).
 - *Third degree felony* - Punishment includes imprisonment no less than 2 years and no more than 10 years and a fine of up to \$10,000.
- **Intoxication Manslaughter** - A person commits an offense if the person: (1) operates a motor vehicle in a public place, operates an aircraft, a watercraft, or an amusement ride, or assembles a mobile amusement ride; and (2) is intoxicated and by reason of that intoxication causes the death of another by accident or mistake. (Texas Penal Code 49.08)
 - *Second degree felony* - Punishment includes imprisonment no less than 2 years and no more than 20 years and a fine of up to \$10,000.
- **Purchase of Alcohol by a Minor / Attempt to Purchase Alcohol by a Minor** - A minor commits an offense if the minor purchases or attempts to purchase an alcoholic beverage. (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.02-106.25)
 - The offenses are punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement. The court may also mandate community service and suspend the driver's license of the convicted individual. Additionally, the court may mandate attendance at an alcohol awareness course.
- **Sale To Minors** - A person commits an offense if with criminal negligence they sell an alcoholic beverage to a minor. (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.03)
 - The offense is a *Class A Misdemeanor* punishable by a fine of up to \$4,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 1 year; or both the fine and confinement.
- **Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor** - A minor commits an offense if he consumes an alcoholic beverage. (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.04)
 - The offense is a *Class C Misdemeanor* punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement. The court may also mandate community service and suspend the driver's license of the convicted individual. Additionally, the court may mandate attendance at an alcohol awareness course.
- **Driving or Operating Watercraft Under the Influence of Alcohol by Minor** - A minor commits an offense if the minor operates a motor vehicle in a public place, or a watercraft, while having any detectable amount of alcohol in the minor's system. (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.041).
 - The offense is a *Class C Misdemeanor* punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$2,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement. In addition, the court shall order community service to be performed.
- **Possession of Alcohol by a Minor** - A minor commits an offense if he possesses an alcoholic beverage. (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.05).
 - The offense is a *Class C Misdemeanor* punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement. The court may also mandate community service and suspend the driver's license of the convicted individual. Additionally, the court may mandate attendance at an alcohol awareness course.

- **Purchase of Alcohol for a Minor - Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor** - A person commits an offense if he purchases an alcoholic beverage for or gives or makes available an alcoholic beverage to a minor with criminal negligence. (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.06).
 - The offense is a *Class A Misdemeanor* punishable by a fine of up to \$4,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 1 year; or both the fine and confinement. The court may also mandate community service and suspend the driver's license of the convicted individual. Additionally, the court may mandate attendance at an alcohol awareness course.
- **Misrepresentation of Age by a Minor** - A minor commits an offense if he falsely states that he is 21 years of age or older or presents any document that indicates he is 21 years of age or older to a person engaged in selling or serving alcoholic beverages. (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.07).
 - The offense is a *Class C Misdemeanor* punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement. The court may also mandate community service and suspend the driver's license of the convicted individual. Additionally, the court may mandate attendance at an alcohol awareness course.
- **Possession of a Controlled Substances** - A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally possesses a material, compound, mixture, or preparation containing the controlled substance, which are divided into Penalty Groups 1 through 4. (Texas Health and Safety Code – Health & Safety Code 481.101 – 481.106).
 - Punishable up to a Felony of the 1st Degree with imprisonment for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years, and a fine not to exceed \$50,000.
 - **Note: Penalty Group 2 - Possession of THC (Marijuana) in Vape Pens, Wax, Dab etc.**
 - Less than 1 gram: State Jail Felony (6 months – 2 Years in state jail, and a fine up to \$10,000)
 - 1 to 4 grams: 3rd Degree Felony (2 – 10 years in state prison, and a fine up to \$10,000)
 - 4 to 400 grams: 2nd Degree Felony (2 – 20 years in state prison, and a fine up to \$10,000)
 - More than 400 grams: 1st Degree Felony (5 to 99 years or life in state prison, and a fine not to exceed \$50,000)
- **Manufacture, Delivery, or Possession of Miscellaneous Substances** - The manufacture, delivery, or possession of a controlled substance (as defined by the Texas Controlled Substances Act).
 - Punishable by prison time up to 2 to 10 years and a fine of up to \$10,000. (Texas Health and Safety Code 481.119).
- **Delivery of Marijuana** - A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally delivers marijuana.
 - Such offense is punishable by a fine up to \$100,000 and/or prison term of life or not more than 99 years. (Tex. Health & Safety Code 481.120).
- **Possession of Marijuana** - A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally possesses a usable quantity of marijuana.
 - This offense is punishable by a Class B misdemeanor if the amount of marihuana possessed is two ounces or less; a fine not to exceed \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both such fine and confinement. With punishment up to a felony of the second degree if the amount of marihuana possessed is 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds; with imprisonment for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years, and a fine not to exceed \$50,000. (Tex. Health & Safety Code 481.121).

- **Delivery of Controlled Substance or Marijuana to Child** - A person commits an offense if the person knowingly delivers a controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1, 1-A, 2, or 3 (of the Texas Controlled Substances Act) or knowingly delivers marijuana and the person delivers the controlled substance or marijuana to a person who is a child or who is enrolled in a public or private primary or secondary school.
 - This offense is punishable as a felony in the second degree. Punishable by a range from 2 to 20 years in prison and a maximum fine of up to \$10,000. (Tex. Health & Safety Code 481.122).
- **Possession or Delivery of Drug Paraphernalia** - Section (a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally uses or possesses with intent to use drug paraphernalia to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, or conceal a controlled substance in violation of this chapter or to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance; or Section (b) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally delivers, possesses with intent to deliver, or manufactures with intent to deliver drug paraphernalia knowing that the person who receives or who is intended to receive the drug paraphernalia intends that it be used to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, or conceal a controlled substance in violation of this chapter or to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance; or Section (c) A person commits an offense if the person commits an offense under Subsection (b), is 18 years of age or older, and the person who receives or who is intended to receive the drug paraphernalia is younger than 18 years of age and at least three years younger than the actor. (Tex. Health & Safety Code 481.125).
 - An offense under Subsection (a) is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
 - An offense under Subsection (b) is a Class A misdemeanor, punishment of up to a year in county jail and/or a fine of up to \$4,000, unless it is shown on the trial of a defendant that the defendant has previously been convicted under Subsection (b) or (c), in which event the offense is punishable by confinement in jail for a term of not more than one year or less than 90 days.
 - An offense under Subsection (c) is a state jail felony, punishment of jail time of at least 180 days and no more than two years, and a fine which cannot surpass \$2,000.
- **Drug Free Zone** - Drug related offenses have increased penalties if the offense occurs in a “drug free zone.” Drug free zones include institutions of higher education, youth centers, schools (and other facilities) and the areas surrounding such locations.
 - Penalties include fines that may be doubled and minimum jail terms that may be raised. (Tex. Health & Safety Code 481.134).

Local City Ordinances related to alcohol and other drugs.

College Station

- **Sec. 4-2 Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in Northgate Central Business District** - (b) Public consumption and possession. In the Northgate Central Business District, it shall be unlawful to possess an open container or publicly consume an alcoholic beverage. (d)(1) Non-City property. This section shall not be applicable to buildings not owned or controlled by the City, residential structures, or licensed premises located in the Northgate Central Business District or the possession of open containers or consumption of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

- **Sec. 86-115 Alcoholic beverages and public intoxication in city parks –**
 - (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to bring into, possess or consume any alcoholic or malt beverages on or in any public park, or loiter in an intoxicated condition in such park located within the city limits.
 - (b) Upon application to the city manager, or his or her duly authorized representative, any person may obtain a use permit to bring in, possess and consume alcoholic or malt beverages on or in the areas described in subsection (a) of this section. All use permit fees, deposits or bonds shall be set by resolution of the city council and are on file in the city secretary's office.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- **Sec. 8-444 Offenses -**
 - (b) It shall be unlawful to sell, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages in a non-permitted area.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- **Sec. 8-689 Conduct of Drivers –**
 - (3) Not inhale or consume any alcoholic beverage, drug, or other substance that could adversely affect their ability to operate a pedicab.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- **Glass bottles and containers are prohibited in city parks and certain designated locations.**
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- **Alcohol may be consumed in city parks by adults 21 years of age or older -** If you have a function where alcohol is served, neither the alcohol nor anything else can be sold without a TABC license.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Bryan

- **Sec. 6-2 Sale of Alcoholic Beverages; Hours –**
 - (b) It shall be unlawful for any person in the city to sell, offer to sell, or deliver beer or to sell or offer for sale a mixed alcoholic beverage between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day and between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and noon on Sunday, except that beer or a mixed alcoholic beverage may be served to a customer between 10:00 a.m. and noon on Sunday during the service of food to a customer.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- **Sec. 6-3 Possession, consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places; hours -** It shall be unlawful for any person in the city to consume or possess with intent to consume an alcoholic beverage in a public place at any time on Sunday between 2:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon and on any other day between 2:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- **Sec. 6-26 Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited in Certain Public Places –**
 - (A) A person commits an offense if he or she consumes an alcoholic beverage in or on any public street, right-of-way, sidewalk, or pedestrian way located in the Downtown Bryan Area.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Austin

- **Sec. 4-11-59 Alcoholic Beverage Consumption Areas –**
 - (A) A permit holder shall designate, subject to the approval of the director, the portions of the premises on which the consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted. A designated area:

- (1) must be located and designed to minimize adverse effects on adjacent property;
 - (2) may include the interior of a building or a deck, patio, or garden; and
 - (3) must exclude parking areas.
- (B) A person may not consume, and a permit holder, a manager, or an employee of a BYOB venue may not allow the consumption of, an alcoholic beverage outside of a designated area.
- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Brenham

- **Sec. 19-6 Alcoholic Beverages** - It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any alcoholic beverage in, or to carry or bring any alcoholic beverage into, the Blue Bell Aquatic Center.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Canyon

- **Sec. 96.01 Alcoholic Beverages in City Park or City-Owned Building –**
 - (A) The possession or consumption of alcohol is prohibited in city parks or buildings except as permitted in sections 98.13 and 98.15 of this code.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- **Sec. 96.02 City Recreational Vehicle Park –**
 - (D) The Director of Park Services for the city shall prepare and post a sign within the park advising those persons using the park of the rules relating to disruptive, destructive, or violent conduct, littering, operation of vehicles within the park; destruction of trees or shrubs within the park; public consumption of alcohol or other intoxicating substances within the park; limitation of stay within the park; regulations relating to animals allowed to roam at large; use of the dump stations; and any city ordinances pertaining to use of the property by visitors to the park. The Park rules shall be approved by the City Commission and may be revised as necessary.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- **Sec. 98.13 Events with Alcohol** - (A) Any event providing for alcohol sales or consumption shall have a valid permit or license to sell or serve alcoholic beverages issued by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and shall follow all TABC rules and regulations associated with the permit. (B) At any such event the event sponsor shall designate an area for the use of members of the public who elect to bring their own beer or wine to the event and do not purchase beer or wine from the licensee. Members of the public of lawful age may bring beer or wine to special events provided that no glass containers are permitted, and no alcohol consumption is permitted in the city's aquatic park or on playgrounds.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Corpus Christi

- **Sec. 4-1 Alcoholic Beverages on Public School Property** - It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, use, or consume any alcoholic beverage, as defined by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, in or on any public-school property within the city limits.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- **Sec. 4-2 Hours During which Consumption or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Place Prohibited** - It shall be unlawful for any person in the city to consume any alcoholic beverage in any public place or for any person to possess any alcoholic beverage in any public place for the purpose of consuming the same in such public place at any time on Sunday between the hours of 2:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon, and on all other days at any time between the hours of 2:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

- Penalty upon conviction for violating this section shall be a fine up to fifty dollars (\$50.00).

- **Sec. 4-8 Open Containers and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited in Certain Public Places**

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(a) Definitions:

Corpus Christi Central Business District shall mean the area contained within the map submitted to Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for approval, a copy of which is on file with the city secretary and incorporated here by reference, with the boundaries beginning on Buford, at the intersection with Shoreline, then west to Alameda, north to Lipan, west to Josephine, north to the alley way between Mestina and Leopard, then west on the alley way to Coke Street, then south to Commanche, then west to Palm Drive, then north to Up River Road, then west to the Woodlawn Shopping Center, then southwest to the southerly point of the Woodlawn Shopping Center, then northwest to the intersection of Elmore and Leopard to include the Woodlawn Shopping Center, then east on Leopard to Oliver Ct., then northeast to the Oliver Ct. dead-end and along the property line to Buddy Lawrence, then southeast to Nueces Bay Blvd., to include the shopping center and U.S. Post Office, then north to the northside frontage road on Interstate 37, then east to Ramirez, then northwest to Waco, then northeast to West Broadway, to include the Old Bayview Cemetery, then along West Broadway, then north from the end of Stillman Road to Harbor Drive, then east on Harbor Drive to Chaparral Street, then to the midway point of the Harbor Bridge, then east into the Corpus Christi Bay to include the spoil island off the barge dock, continuing south to include all the T-Heads, then to Shoreline Drive, just before McGee Beach, and south to the point of beginning at Buford.

Open container shall mean a container that is no longer sealed.

(b) A person commits an offense if he or she possesses an open container of or consumes an alcoholic beverage within the Corpus Christi Central Business District.

(c) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (b) of this section that the person:

- (1) Was in attendance at an event that was authorized by the city manager or the city manager's designee;
- (2) Was within the area of an establishment licensed by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for alcohol consumption on the premises;
- (3) Was inside a motor vehicle;
- (4) Was inside a building not owned or controlled by the city; or
- (5) Was inside a residential structure or on residential property with the owner's consent.

(d) If a person possesses or has in his possession an open container specifically made for the purpose of containing an alcoholic beverage and labeled as containing an alcoholic beverage, it shall be presumed that any content therein is an alcoholic beverage.

(e) Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit or otherwise control the manufacture, sale, distribution, transportation, or possession of alcoholic beverages, except to the extent allowed by state law.

- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Dallas

- **Sec. 6-6.1 Open Containers and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited in Certain Public Places**

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(a) A person commits an offense if he consumes an alcoholic beverage outside the Dallas central area on:

- (1) any property owned or leased by the city; or
- (2) a public street or any public place within 18 feet of a public street.

(b) A person commits an offense if he possesses an open container of or consumes an alcoholic beverage on a public street, public alley, or public sidewalk within 1,000 feet of the property line of a facility that is a public or private school, including a parochial school, that provides all or any part of prekindergarten through twelfth grade.

- (c) A person commits an offense if he possesses an open container of or consumes an alcoholic beverage within the Dallas central area.
- (d) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section that the person:
 - (1) was attending a special event:
 - (A) that was authorized by the city; and
 - (B) for which a valid permit or license to sell or serve alcoholic beverages was issued by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;
 - (2) was within the area of an establishment licensed by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for alcohol consumption on the premises.
 - (3) is able to prove a defense to prosecution under Section 32-11.3(b) of this code;
 - (4) was in a motor vehicle;
 - (5) was inside a building not owned or controlled by the city; or
 - (6) was inside a residential structure.
- (e) Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit or otherwise control the manufacture, sale, distribution, transportation, or possession of alcoholic beverages, except to the extent allowed by state law.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Fort Worth

- **Sec. 4-5 Possession or Consumption Near Homeless Shelters or Substance Abuse Centers -**

- (a) No person may possess an open container or consume an alcoholic beverage on a public street, public alley or public sidewalk within 1,000 feet of the property line of a homeless shelter that is not located in a central business district or a substance abuse treatment center that is not located in the central business district.
- (b) Special temporary events/activities/festivals approved by the city council and events/activities/festivals lasting no longer than three days that are open to the public for the purpose of providing entertainment/food and/or sales of merchandise are exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) above.
- (c) For purposes of this section, the following definitions will apply.
 - CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT* - A compact and contiguous geographical area of a municipality used for commercial purposes that has historically been the primary location in the municipality where business has been transacted.
 - HOMELESS SHELTER* - A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter or other facility that is designed to provide temporary living accommodations to individuals who lack a fixed regular and adequate residence.
 - OPEN CONTAINER* - A container that is no longer sealed or the meaning assigned by Tex Alcoholic Beverage Code § 109.35, whichever is more restrictive.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

- **Sec. 4-6 Possession or Consumption of Alcohol In Certain Public Places -**

- (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this section the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:
 - OPEN CONTAINER. A container that is no longer sealed.
 - WEST 7TH AREA. The area as depicted in Appendix A to this chapter.
- (b) A person commits an offense if he possesses an open container of, or consumes, an alcoholic beverage in or on any public street, sidewalk, alley or pedestrian way located in the West 7th Area as defined in this section.
- (c) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (b) if the person:
 - (1) Was attending a special event that was authorized by the City and for which a valid permit or license to sell or serve alcoholic beverages was issued by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;
 - (2) Was inside a building not owned or controlled by the City;
 - (3) Was inside a residential structure;

- (4) Was within the area of an establishment licensed by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for alcohol consumption on the premises;
- (5) Was within the area authorized for a sidewalk cafe as described in Article IX, Chapter 20, evidenced by a properly issued permit.
- (d) Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit or otherwise control the manufacture, sale, distribution, transportation, or possession of alcoholic beverages, except to the extent allowed by state law.
- (e) Each violation of Section 4-6 is a Class C Misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

* Link to map can be found at https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/ftworth/latest/ftworth_tx/0-0-0-4386

- **Sec. 24-17 Alcoholic Beverages - Prohibited in Ball Fields –**

- (a) No person may possess an open container or consume an alcoholic beverage on a public street, public alley or public sidewalk within 1,000 feet of the property line of a homeless shelter that is not located in a central business district or a substance abuse treatment center that is not located in the central business district.
- (b) Special temporary events/activities/festivals approved by the city council and events/activities/festivals lasting no longer than three days that are open to the public for the purpose of providing entertainment/food and/or sales of merchandise are exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) above.
- (c) For purposes of this section, the following definitions will apply.
 - CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.* A compact and contiguous geographical area of a municipality used for commercial purposes that has historically been the primary location in the municipality where business has been transacted.
 - HOMELESS SHELTER.* A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter or other facility that is designed to provide temporary living accommodations to individuals who lack a fixed regular and adequate residence.
 - OPEN CONTAINER.* A container that is no longer sealed or the meaning assigned by Tex Alcoholic Beverage Code § 109.35, whichever is more restrictive.
- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Galveston

- **Sec. 4-5 Prohibited Consumption Areas –**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any alcoholic beverage upon the public sidewalks and rights-of-way adjacent to and contiguous with Seawall Boulevard, including any appurtenances thereto.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume an alcoholic beverage between the mean low tide line and the vegetation line between the eastern right-of-way of 16-Mile Road and the north edge of the roadway of Farm to Market Road 3005 and the San Luis Pass-Vacek Bridge.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume an alcoholic beverage between 10th Street and 61st Street upon the area between the mean low tide line and Seawall Boulevard.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume an alcoholic beverage upon the area commonly known as "Stewart Beach," as described by and under the control of the park board of trustees.
- (e) The park board with city manager approval, may authorize with conditions the consumption of alcoholic beverages for designated special events. (f) Nothing herein shall be construed to be applicable to any area or premise duly permitted and licensed by the state pursuant to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.
- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

- **26-4 Alcoholic Beverages** - It shall be unlawful for any person to consume, carry or bring any alcoholic beverage in or upon any park or playground in the city without a written permit from the director of parks and recreation.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Houston

- **Sec. 3.3 Alcohol in central business district –**

(a) In this section, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed in this subsection:

Central business district means the area depicted as the central business district of the city on the map that was adopted by city council Resolution No. 93-109* and was approved by order of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission dated January 25, 1994, true copies of which map, resolution and order are on file in the office of the city secretary.

*It should be noted that reference to Resolution No. 93-109 should reference Resolution No. 93-103.

Licensed premises means the premises of any place for which a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission permit or license has been issued that allows on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Open container means an alcoholic beverage container that is no longer sealed.

Special event lot means a lot leased or licensed by the owner, operator, manager or management team of a sports venue through an agreement with the lot owner and where the lot is under the control of the owner, operator, manager or management team of the sports venue during an event authorized by them.

Sports venue means a stadium, arena, ballpark, parking lot, or other related property in the central business district that is owned, operated, or project managed by the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to be in possession of an open container in the central business district.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the public consumption of any alcoholic beverage in the central business district.

(d) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the alleged offense took place in a motor vehicle; in a building not owned or controlled by the city; in a residential structure; on the premises of a sports venue or special event lot during the hours authorized by the owner, operator, manager or management team of the sports venue; or on licensed premises that are situated in the central business district.

- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Kingsville

- **Sec. 9-8-11 Liquor in Public Parks Prohibited, Exception -**

(A) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to consume or possess any alcoholic beverage or beverages in any public park within the corporate limits of the city.

(B) In the event a person, persons, or corporation shall lease or rent park facilities managed by the City for public or private use and shall desire to serve or permit alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises, in addition to the requirements for Special Use Permit Agreements in §9-8-8, the following rules shall apply:

(1) (a) An application shall be made to the Parks & Recreation Director which shall contain the following:

- 1.The person or persons responsible for the use of the building.
- 2.The purpose for which the building is to be used.
- 3.The number of persons expected to attend the function for which the building let.
- 4.The type of beverages to be sold or consumed on the premises.
- 5.The type of security that will be provided by the applicant.

- 6.The hours such beverages will be sold or consumed on the premises.
 - 7.The person whose license will be used for the sale of any alcoholic beverage.
 - 8.The applicant shall sign a statement that all applicable state laws will be complied with before any alcoholic beverages are sold or consumed on the premises.
 - 9.Proof of Liability and Liquor Liability Insurance naming City of Kingsville as additionally insured, security plan, and proof of staffing certification by TABC.
- (b) If the City Manager deems that the public interest shall be served by the issuance of a permit for such purposes, then the City Manager may issue a permit and such permit shall contain the rules applicable to same.
- (2) In addition to the items enumerated above, the City Manager may make such additional requirements as they deem necessary for the safety and well-being of the persons attending such function.
- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

McAllen

- **Sec. 6-3 Sale, Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages During Extended Hours –**
 - (a) It shall be lawful for the holder of a mixed beverage permit within the corporate limits of the city to acquire a mixed beverage late hours permit and under such mixed beverage late.
 - (b) It shall be unlawful for any person within the corporate limits of the city to consume or possess with intent to consume an alcoholic beverage in a public place at any time on Sunday between 1:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon or on any other day between 12:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., provided, however, it shall not be unlawful for a person to consume or possess with intent to consume an alcoholic beverage if such alcoholic beverage is within the confines and limits of the premises on which a mixed beverage late hours permit has been issued during the extended hours granted by subsection (a).
 - (c) A violation of subsection (b) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.00.
 - (d) The penalty provided for in subsection (c) should not be construed as exclusive, and the city hereby provides that any other remedy available to it in the enforcement of this section, in law or in equity, is not intended to be, is not to be, and is not foreclosed by the provision of such penalty.
- **Sec. 6-4 McAllen Nature Center; Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited –**
 - (a) The property previously known as the Valley Botanical Gardens or McAllen Botanical Gardens, shall be known and referred to as the McAllen Nature Center.
 - (b) No person shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverages in the McAllen Nature Center at any time.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- **Sec. 6-5 Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in the Central Business District –**
 - (a) CBD is defined as that area of the city lying within the boundaries of Business 83, Houston Avenue, 18th (Bicentennial) and Tenth Street.
 - (b) Open container means a container that is no longer sealed which contains an alcoholic beverage.
 - (c) Pedestrian shall mean any person standing, walking, or traversing any public roadway, park, sidewalk or alley, including public and private parking lots located within the CBD.
 - (d) It shall be unlawful for a pedestrian to possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage or to consume an alcoholic beverage in the CBD.

- (e) This section does not prohibit the legal possession of an open container or the consumption of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles, buildings not owned or controlled by the city, residential structures or licensed premises located within the CBD, or anywhere within the Entertainment and Cultural Overlay District established under chapter 138 of this Code, whenever city manager or designee has issued a special events permit allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages, the possession by pedestrians of open containers of alcoholic beverages, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages at any location specified in said permit, which shall be made subject to such reasonable conditions and requirements as are deemed necessary and proper to maintain the health, safety and welfare of persons within and in the vicinity of the specified locations.

- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

- **Sec. 74-77 Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited –**

- (a) Athletic events. No person may possess or consume alcoholic beverages in a city-owned or controlled park or recreational facility during the time in which an organized athletic activity is being conducted at that park or recreational facility, whether or not such athletic activity is organized by the city or any other person.

- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Midland

- **Sec. 5-4-6 Consumption in Certain Places Prohibited –**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any alcoholic beverage (as defined in V.T.C.A., Alcoholic Beverage Code § 1.04(1)) in or upon any motor vehicle when the said motor vehicle is upon a public highway, road, street, alley, or sidewalk within the City.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any alcoholic beverage (as defined in V.T.C.A., Alcoholic Beverage Code § 1.04(1)) in or upon any public highway, road, street, alley or sidewalk within the City.
- (c) The possession of an alcoholic beverage, not in the original unopened container, shall be prima facie evidence of consumption for purposes of subsection (A) and subsection (B) above. Provided, however, that this Section shall not apply to any alcoholic beverage that is locked in the trunk of a motor vehicle in such a manner as to be inaccessible from the interior or to any person riding in such vehicle.
- (d) Provided, however, that the provisions of subsection (B) above shall not apply to any public highway, road, street, alley or sidewalk within the City that has been temporarily closed to public use for vehicular or pedestrian traffic by order of the City Council for special events and for special civic occasions.

- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

- **Sec. 9-5-20 Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages –**

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any alcoholic beverage (as defined in V.T.C.A., Alcoholic Beverage Code § 1.04(1)) while in or upon Hogan Park and any of the public parks listed in Section 9-5-18 of this Chapter, with the exception of those portions of Hogan Park and Ulmer Park, set forth in Subsection (B) of this Section. The possession of an alcoholic beverage not in the original unopened container shall be prima facie evidence of consumption for purposes of this Section.

- (B) Consumption

1. The consumption of alcoholic beverages within the golf course and Christensen Stadium at Hogan Park shall be allowed, subject to applicable state law and ordinances of the City.
 2. The consumption of beer, and no other alcoholic beverage, shall be allowed within the main picnic area at Hogan Park, being that area surrounded by a fence and designated as the main picnic area by appropriate signs and markings, and within 100 feet of the picnic tables at Ulmer Park, subject to the following conditions:

Beer must be dispensed from a metal keg, and only paper or plastic cups may be used for the consumption of same.

(b) Use of the main picnic area for activities which include the possession and consumption of beer shall be limited to groups of 50 persons or more which have first obtained a reservation permit from the Parks Division office for the use of such area. Such permit shall be issued on a first come, first served basis. The Parks office may issue permits to smaller groups on any days that are not reserved by 50 or more persons, again on the first come, first served basis.
 3. The consumption of beer, but no other alcoholic beverage, shall be allowed within the Bill Williams Softball Complex at Hogan Park consisting of fields A, B, C, D, E and F which are all enclosed within a common fence and identified by appropriate signs, but only on the days during which national championship tournaments or state tournaments are being conducted within said complex. National Championship Tournaments are defined as being open to member teams from the sponsoring association or organization and at least 80 percent of the competing teams are from outside the State of Texas. State Tournaments are defined as tournaments which are open to all member teams in the State of Texas of the sponsoring association or organization that has at least 60 percent of the competing teams are from outside Midland County, Texas and where the opportunity exists for the champion to compete in other tournaments at a regional, bi-regional or national level.
- (C) The consumption and possession of beer and wine, and no other alcoholic beverages, will be permitted within Centennial Plaza subject to applicable state and local law and regulations promulgated by the Midland Center advisory board, and upon written approval by Midland Center management.
- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Round Rock

- **Sec. 4-5 Unlawful to Drink or Possess Intoxicating Liquors Within Certain Areas –**

- (a) Ball fields. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to carry, possess, or drink any alcoholic or intoxicating beverage in any city-owned or - operated baseball or softball field while a person or persons of non-drinking age are participating in organized league play.
 - (b) Swimming pool areas. Except as provided herein, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to carry, possess, or drink any alcoholic or intoxicating beverage in any city-owned and - operated swimming pool area. The foregoing prohibition shall not apply to any swimming pool owned by the city, but operated or managed by a third party under contract with the city.
 - (c) Park areas. Permits. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell any alcoholic or intoxicating beverage in any city-owned or -operated park without first obtaining a permit therefor from the chief of police. The decision of the chief of police to grant or deny any such permit shall be appealable to the city council.
- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

San Antonio

• Sec. 4-4 Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in The Central Business District –

(a) In this section, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed in this subsection:

1. Central business district means the area depicted as the central business district of the city on the map attached to the ordinance from which this section derives, which is to be submitted for approval to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and upon said approval, true copies of which map, resolution and order shall be placed on file in the office of the city clerk and which describe the area as follows:

Beginning at South San Marcos Street at its intersection with West Commerce Street, south to its intersection with Matamoros Street, east to its intersection with the Union Pacific Railway, south to South Alamo Street, north to its intersection with East Durango Boulevard, east to South Cherry Street, north to its intersection with East Commerce Street, east to its intersection with North Mesquite Street, north to its intersection with Burleson Street, west to its intersection with Austin Street, north to its intersection with Casa Blanca Street, west to Newell Avenue, southwest to East Elmira Street, west to the intersection of West Elmira and the westbound service road of Interstate Highway 10, underneath Interstate Highway 10, then westbound from the intersection of the Interstate Highway 10 eastbound service road and Perez Street to its intersection with North Frio Street, south to its intersection with West Martin Street, west to its intersection with North San Marcos Street, south to its intersection with West Commerce Street.

2. Licensed premises means the premises of any place for which a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission permit or license has been issued that allows on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages.
3. Open container means an alcoholic beverage container that is no longer sealed.

(b) A person commits an offense if the person:

1. Is within the central business district, as defined by subsection (a)(1), and
2. Possesses an open container or engages in the public consumption of any alcoholic beverage.

(c) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the alleged offense took place in a motor vehicle, in a building not owned or controlled by the city, in a residential structure or on a licensed premise that is situated in the central business district.

(d) Except as set out herein, this section does not prohibit or otherwise control the manufacture, sale, distribution, transportation or possession of alcoholic beverages.

- Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

• Sec. 4-4.3 Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Or Near Public Streets in The King William Area of the Central Business District –

(a) A person commits an offense if the person:

- (1) Is on a public street or on public property within twelve (12) feet of a public street in the King William area of the central business district, as defined by subsection (b), and
- (2) Possesses a container for an alcoholic beverage that is not sealed (an "open container") or consumes an alcoholic beverage.

- (b) For purposes of this section, the "King William area" of the central business district is defined as follows: beginning at the intersection of East Durango Boulevard and the east bank of the San Antonio River; thence, south and east following the east bank of the San Antonio River to its intersection with the Southern Pacific Railway railroad right-of-way; thence, east along the Southern Pacific Railway railroad right-of-way to its intersection with South Presa Street; thence, north on South Presa Street to its intersection with East Durango Boulevard; thence, west along East Durango Boulevard to its intersection with the east bank of the San Antonio River, the place of beginning; save and except any of the land included within the boundaries of the King William Park.
- (c) This section does not prohibit or otherwise control the manufacture, sale, distribution, transportation or possession of alcoholic beverages.
- (d) The city manager is authorized to erect and post signs in and around the King William area forewarning persons that possession of an open container or the consumption of alcoholic beverages on a public street or on public property within twelve (12) feet of a public street is prohibited.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

- **Sec. 4-4.4 Public Possession of an Open Container or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages within One Thousand (1,000) Feet of The Haven for Hope Campus –**

- (a) A person commits an offense if the person:
 1. Is on a public street, public alley, or public sidewalk within one thousand (1,000) feet of the property line of the Haven for Hope campus, and
 2. Possesses a container for an alcoholic beverage that is no longer sealed, ("open container") or consumes an alcoholic beverage.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Temple

- **Sec. 25-14 Consumption or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages in Jones Park and Temple Skate Park Prohibited** - No person shall consume, or possess with the intent to consume, an alcoholic beverage within the confines of Jones Park or Temple Skate Park.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- **Sec. 36 Transportation of Alcoholic Beverages** - It shall be unlawful to transport alcoholic beverages in a taxicab or for any taxicab driver to have on his person any alcoholic beverage while driving and operating a taxicab in service. However, alcoholic beverages which are owned and in the exclusive possession and control of a fare-paying passenger may be transported. It shall be unlawful for any driver or passenger of any taxicab to have an open bottle of an alcoholic beverage of any kind while inside the taxicab.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- **Sec. 3-23 Operation of Aircraft While Under Influence of or Using Liquor or Drugs** - It shall be unlawful for any person to take off, land or operate any aircraft from, at or over the airport while under the influence of or using any intoxicating liquor or habit-forming drug.
 - Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

Washington DC

• Sec. 25-1002 Purchase, Possession of Consumption by Persons Under 21; Misrepresentation of Age; Penalties -

(a) No person who is under 21 years of age shall purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, or drink an alcoholic beverage in the District, except as provided under subchapter IX of Chapter 7.

(b)

(1) No person shall falsely represent his or her age, or possess or present as proof of age an identification document which is in any way fraudulent, for the purpose of purchasing, possessing, or drinking an alcoholic beverage in the District.

(2) No person shall present a fraudulent identification document for the purpose of entering an establishment possessing an on-premises retailer's license, an Arena C/X license, or a temporary license.

(3) For the purpose of determining valid representation of age, each person shall be required to present to the establishment owner or representative at least one form of valid identification, which shall have been issued by an agency of government (local, state, federal, or foreign) and shall contain the name, date of birth, signature, and photograph of the individual; provided, that a military identification card issued by an agency of government (local, state, federal, or foreign) shall be an acceptable form of valid identification whether or not it contains the individual's signature.

(c)

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (4)(D) of this subsection, any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine and suspension of driving privileges as follows:

(A) Upon the first violation, a fine of not more than \$300 and suspension of driving privileges in the District for 90 consecutive days;

(B) Upon the second violation, a fine of not more than \$600 and suspension of driving privileges in the District for 180 days; and

(C) Upon the third and each subsequent violation, a fine of not more than \$1,000 and suspension of driving privileges in the District for one year.

○ Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.

• Sec. 25-1001 Drinking of Alcoholic Beverage in Public Place Prohibited; Intoxication Prohibited

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, no person in the District shall drink an alcoholic beverage or possess in an open container an alcoholic beverage in or upon any of the following places:

(1) A street, alley, park, sidewalk, or parking area;

(2) A vehicle in or upon any street, alley, park, or parking area;

(3) A premises not licensed under this title where food or nonalcoholic beverages are sold or entertainment is provided for compensation;

- (4) Any place to which the public is invited and for which a license to sell alcoholic beverages has not been issued under this title;
 - (5) Any place to which the public is invited for which a license to sell alcoholic beverages has been issued under this title at a time when the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises is prohibited by this title or by the regulations promulgated under this title; or
 - (6) Any place licensed under a club license at a time when the consumption of the alcoholic beverages on the premises is prohibited by this title or by regulations promulgated under this title.
- (b) Subsection (a)(1) of this section shall not apply if drinking or possession of an alcoholic beverage occurs:
- (1) In or on a structure that projects upon the parking, and which is an integral, structural part of a private residence, such as a front porch, terrace, bay window, or vault, by, or with the permission of, the owner or resident; or
 - (2) At an event licensed by the Board.
- (c) No person, whether in or on public or private property, shall be intoxicated and endanger the safety of himself, herself, or any other person or property.
- (d) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (a) or (c) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than the amount set forth in [§ 22-3571.01], or imprisoned for not more than 60 days, or both.

Standard State Legal Charges & Penalties

Charges- Fines- Imprisonment

Felony

First Degree - \$10,000 and/or 5 to 99 years (or life) in confinement

Second Degree - \$10,000 and/or 2 to 20 years of confinement

Third Degree - \$10,000 and/or 2 to 10 years of confinement

State Jail Felony - \$10,000 and/or 180 days to 2 years of confinement

Federal trafficking penalties for Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V (see Appendix 1 and 2)

<https://www.dea.gov/drug-scheduling>

Misdemeanor

Class A - Up to \$4,000 and/or up to 1 years of confinement

Class B - Up to \$2,000 and/or up to 180 days of confinement

Class C - Up to \$500 – No confinement

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Illicit Drugs and the Abuse of Alcohol

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For additional health risks associated with alcohol and drug abuse:

Department of Justice, *Drugs of Abuse*, <https://www.dea.gov/documents/2017/06/15/drugs-abuse>

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, *Alcohol's Effect on the Body*,
<https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health/alc-hols-effects-body>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Fact Sheets - Alcohol Use and Your Health*,
<https://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/alcohol-use.htm>

Visit the National Institute on Drug Abuse, <https://www.drugabuse.gov/>

A complete resource guide provided by the U.S. Department of Justice; Drug Enforcement Administration can be obtained by following this link.

https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/drug_of_abuse.pdf

For information located here at Texas A&M University about health risks associated with alcohol and other drug abuse, call the office of Health Promotion within Student Life at 979.845.0280 or email healthpromotion@tamu.edu.

Resources and Counseling Services

NOTE: In addition to the resources and counseling services identified below, all Texas A&M students, regardless of where they are located, have access to Telus Health Student Support App. Telus offers immediate assistance through the following:

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- Extensive on-demand content library
- Support in your language

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College Station:

To help individuals who may have an alcohol or other drug abuse problem, the following resources are available to **TAMU and TAMHSC students located in Bryan/College Station and TAMU engineering students located at an Engineering Academy:**

The Health Promotion office, located within the Student Life, is committed to promoting responsible decision-making regarding alcohol and drugs to the Texas A&M community through educational programming and resources. To request a presentation or obtain more information call 979.845.0280 or check the website at <http://studentlife.tamu.edu/hp>

University Health Services provides substance abuse assessments and referrals for students. Intervention and limited ongoing recovery support counseling is available. All contacts are confidential. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 979.458.4584 or check the website at <http://uhs.tamu.edu>

TAMU Higher Education Center at McAllen:

Staff will refer all students needing both short and long term counseling care services to Claraly Peña-Leal, M.S., LPC-S, Professional Counselor III, University Health Services Texas A&M Health, Higher Education Center at McAllen, ph: 956.271.1366, cpena-leal@tamu.edu uhs.tamu.edu

TAMU Health Science Center student resources *based on location*:

University Health Services provides substance abuse assessments and referrals for students. Intervention and limited ongoing recovery support counseling is available. All contacts are confidential. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 979.458.4584 or check the website at <http://uhs.tamu.edu>.

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This includes the following HSC locations:

- Bryan - College Station
- Dallas
- Houston
- Kingsville
- Round Rock
- Temple

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La Hacienda Treatment Center – Two locations: College Station, TX & Hunt, TX

- BCS students – 979.846.9500
- Temple – School of Medicine (for MD Program only)
- Dallas – School of Medicine

TMA Physician Health Program - AOD programs are available because of students' professional status (free services, <http://www.texmed.org/>).

- Dallas – School of Medicine
- Round Rock and Temple – School of Medicine

Professional Recovery Network – call 800.727.5152

- Dallas – School of Dentistry
- College Station – School of Pharmacy
- Kingsville – School of Pharmacy

TAMU at Kingsville Student Health and Wellness Counseling Services – call 361.593.3991 to talk to a counselor or set up an appointment.

- Kingsville – School of Pharmacy

Dentists Concerned for Dentists, Staff and Families – call confidential hot line at 214.206.7496 or visit www.dcds.org/dentists-concerned-for-dentists

- Dallas – School of Dentistry

University of Texas HSC at Houston Employee Assistance and Work Life Program – provides services, including personal counseling and on-line resources to:

- College Station – School of Pharmacy (4th year students)
- Kingsville – School of Pharmacy (4th year students)

Health Promotion Program in Student Life at TAMU provides resources for Alcohol and Other Drugs <https://studentlife.tamu.edu/hp/programs/> and recovery services <https://studentlife.tamu.edu/hp/recovery/>

This includes the following HSC locations:

- Bryan - College Station
- Dallas
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Mays Business School – CityCentre student resources include:

Local Treatment Programs:

- Behavioral Hospital of Bellaire Detox, Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation 713.600.9500 or 800.423.0017
- Cypress Creek Hospital Chemical Dependency Treatment Detoxification 281.586.7600
- Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery Center (PaRC) 832.781.0410
- Palmer Drug Abuse Program (PDAP) 281.589.4833
- Phoenix House Prevention and Intervention Svcs of Houston / Galveston 888.671.9392 or 713.426.2637
- The Right Step 844.768.0169 (24/7 hotline)
- Houston Recovery Center-Sobering Center-24 hrs (150 N Chenevert St, Houston, TX 77002) 713.236.7800
- Way Out Recovery Program (LBGT/ HIV Recovery Services) 713.529.0037

Local Resources:

- The Helpline for Harris County residents 713.970.7000 or 1.866.970.4770
- Narcotics Anonymous of the Houston Area 713.661.4200 or 888.600.6229 (Espanol)
- Alcoholics Anonymous of the Houston Area 713.686.6300 or 713.661.6833 (Español)
- Al-Anon Family Groups-Houston Intergroup 713.683.7227
- Career and Recovery (United Way) 713.754.7000
- The Council on Recovery (United Way) 713.914.0556

TAMU School of Law Fort Worth student resources include:

Telus Health Student Support

Phone: 866.576.1410

Website: <https://www.myssp.app/us/signup>

This confidential and free counseling program is available to Texas A&M University students to provide -- confidential, real-time virtual counseling available 24/7 via chat and phone; scheduled, short-term

counseling appointments via telehealth with a licensed counselor; extensive on-demand content library; support in your language.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Phone: 1.800.343.8527 (call or text)

Website: <https://www.tlaphelps.org/law-students>

TLAP provides confidential support to law students for problems with stress, anxiety, depression, substance use, and other mental health disorders. TLAP works with all 10 Texas law schools to provide students with wellness programming, education related to character and fitness requirements by BLE, peer and group support, referrals to quality professionals and programs, and connection to financial assistance for needed care.

Professional Counselor for In-Residence Law Students for the Fort Worth degree programs

Phone: 817.212.4115

Website: <https://caps.tamu.edu/student-portal-log-in/>

Counseling services provided by the embedded counselor for in-residence students of the Fort Worth law degree programs will include confidential, free-of-charge, short-term, in-person, and/or online personal counseling.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Hotline

Phone: 1.800.662.4357

TTY: 1.800.487.4889

Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

SAMHSA's National Helpline is a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders.

Narcotics Anonymous

Phone: 1.817.335.6360

Website for Fort Worth: www.fwana.org

Website: <https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>

Alcoholics Anonymous

Phone: 1.817.332.3533

Phone: 1.800.369.1602

Website for Fort Worth: www.fortworthaa.org

Website: <https://aa-intergroup.org/>

Recovery Resource Council

2700 Airport Freeway | Fort Worth, TX 76111

Phone: 1.817.332.6329

Website: www.RecoveryCouncil.org

The mission of Recovery Resource Council is to promote wellness and recovery from alcohol, substance use disorders, and trauma. Building on a core value of Making Meaningful Change, Recovery Resource Council has been serving North Texas since 1946 with an established a pathway to substance abuse

screening and mental, behavioral health treatment services for low income, uninsured, or under-insured youth and adults.

MHMR of Tarrant County – Addiction

3840 Hulen St., North Tower | Fort Worth, TX

Phone: 1.817.335.3022

Website: www.mhmrtarrant.org

The Salvation Army of Fort Worth

Adult Rehabilitation Center | 2901 NE 28th St. | Fort Worth, TX

Phone: 1.817.834.6271

Website: https://www.salvationarmydfw.org/p/services/addiction_recovery

Volunteers of America

4700 S. Riverside Dr. | Fort Worth, TX 76119

Phone: 1.817.534.3432

Website: <https://voatx.org/dfw>

Volunteers of America Texas is a faith-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the vulnerable reach their full potential.

Volunteers of America

2401 Scott Ave. | Ft. Worth, TX 76103

Phone: 1.817.369.8443

Website: <https://voatx.org/dfw>

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TAMU School of Law San Antonio student resources include:

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Volunteers of America

Living in Good Health Treatment (LIGHT) Program | 6487 Whitby Rd., Bldg. 12 | San Antonio, TX 78240

Phone: 1.210.558.0731

Website: <https://www.voatx.org/substance-abuse>

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Hotline

Phone: 1.800.662.4357

Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>

The Salvation Army of San Antonio

Adult Rehabilitation Center | 1324 S. Flores St. | San Antonio, TX 78204

Phone: 1.210.223.6877

Website: <https://salvationarmysanantonio.org/texas-adult-rehabilitation-centers/>

TAMU at Qatar student resources include:

TAMUQ Student Affairs provides substance abuse assessments and referrals for students through Dr. Steve Wilson. Intervention and limited ongoing recovery support counseling is available. All contacts are confidential. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 4423.0316 or email stephen.wilson@qatar.tamu.edu.

TAMU at Galveston student resources include:

TAMUG Counseling Center at 409.740.4736 or in Suite 104, Siebel Student Services Center

TAMU Bush School of Government & Public Service Washington, D.C. Teaching Site student resources include:

University Health Services provides substance abuse assessments and referrals for students. Intervention and limited ongoing recovery support counseling is available. All contacts are confidential. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 979.458.4584 or check the website at <http://uhs.tamu.edu>

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For more information on Telus Health Student Support app, visit <https://uhs.tamu.edu>

Veterinary Education, Research, and Outreach Program (VERO) resources include:

Students have access to the following West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) services for On-Campus Counseling and Health Services related to Alcohol and Other Drugs.

WTAMU campus employs counselors and mental health professionals to provide confidential short-term assistance for current students experiencing personal concerns, career decisions, and issues which may be interfering with academic success including anxiety, depression, and substance abuse. For our military veterans, we also have a group of dedicated counselors to help provide guidance. Referral to community resources is often part of the counseling process if assistance is needed after WTAMU counseling sessions.

Students are encouraged to access the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Treatment Locator, a confidential and anonymous source of information for persons seeking treatment facilities in the United States or U.S. Territories for substance abuse/addiction and/ or mental health problems. To access this resource, visit <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/locator/home>.

Students seeking information regarding Self-Help, Peer Support, and Consumer Groups related to addiction (such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Marijuana Anonymous, and others) are encouraged to visit <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/>.

Students can also contact the WTAMU Behavioral Intervention Team, which is designed to support students who may be experiencing mental hardships, or Student Counseling Services at 806.651.2340. More information can be found at <https://www.wtamu.edu/student-support/counseling-services/community-counseling-resources.html>.

Students may also visit <https://www.texaspanhandlecenters.org/> to access information regarding clinical services and other resources provided by the Texas Panhandle Center which is the panhandle's largest non-residential non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention, intervention, and treatment of alcohol, substance use disorder, and behavioral health issues.

In addition to these WTAMU resources, VERO students also have access to Vetmed counselors that work in the veterinary school under CAPS. These counselors teach in the Professional skills courses and become familiar to all of the veterinary students. They do have the option to reach out to them at vetcounselor@caps.tamu.edu or by calling 979.845.2700. We also provide our students with the helpline# 979.845.2700. More information is available at vetmed.tamu.edu/counseling.

Additionally, community-based and campus-specific resources are as follows.

On Campus Resources

Resource office	Address	Contact number
University Police Department	Old Sub 102	806.651.2300
UPD Victim Assistance	Old Sub 106	806.651.2307
Student Counseling	Classroom Center 116	806.651.2340
Student Medical Services	Virgil Henson Activities Center	806.651.3287
Human Resources	Old Main 116	806.651.2114
The Work/Life Solutions Program by Guidance Resources	www.wtamu.edu/HR	866.301.9623
International Student Office	JBK Student Center 133N	806.651.2073
Office of Veterans Services	Classroom Center 108	806.651.4939

Off Campus Resources

Resource office	Address	Contact number
Canyon Police Department	301 16 th Street #3, Canyon	806.655.5000
Randall County Sheriff's Department	9100 S. Georgia Street, Amarillo	806.468.5800
Amarillo Police Department	200 SE 3 rd Avenue, Amarillo	806.378.3038
Potter County Sheriff's Office	13103 NE 29 th Avenue, Amarillo	806.379.2900
Northwest Texas Hospital	1501 S. Coulter St., Amarillo	806.354.1000
BSA Health System	1600 Wallace Blvd. Amarillo	806.212.2000
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Hotline	Bilingual 806.374.5433	844.363.3452
Family Support Services	Amarillo	806.342.2500

Student Conduct Sanctions

A student found responsible for noncompliance with the Texas A&M University Student Rules or laws regarding alcohol and/or other drugs is subject to sanctions commensurate with the offenses.

Student conduct action in cases involving drug related violations by students may result in suspension or expulsion from the University and/or referral for prosecution.

Violation of any state or federal law pertaining to controlled substances that occur off campus and are not associated with a University connected activity may result in student conduct charges in situations in which the continued presence of the individual on campus is likely to interfere with the educational process and/or the orderly operation of the University.

University conduct proceedings will occur in accordance with the procedures outlined in the University Student Rules. Any conduct action imposed by the University may precede, and be in addition to, any penalty imposed by authorities off campus.

Other Impacts of Drug and Alcohol Violations

Effective with the 2021-2022 award year, having a drug conviction while receiving federal (Title IV) financial aid will no longer impact a student's federal financial aid eligibility. However, students who are receiving funds from certain state aid programs, such as the Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant, must certify annually, prior to the disbursement of funds, that they have not been convicted of a felony or crime involving a controlled substance.

Appendix A–3: Texas A&M University Mays Business School at CityCentre Notice

Howdy,

Below is the Student DAAPP announcement for the Fall 2024 semester. Please email the information to all students. Please CC Michael Scamardo (m.scamardo@tamu.edu) and I when sending the email out. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Laura Cedano

Program Assistant
Texas A&M University
Phone: 281-915-0659
<https://mays.tamu.edu/directory/laura-cedano/>

MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL | WHERE BUSINESS MEETS LEADERSHIP
MSHRM students:

Ron Chandler '01
Director, Center for Human Resource Management
Texas A&M University
Phone: 972-984-8902
<https://mays.tamu.edu/directory/ronald-chandler/>

MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL | WHERE BUSINESS MEETS LEADERSHIP

PMBA Students:

Madison Morales
Assistant Director, Professional MBA
Texas A&M University
Phone: (281) 674- 7299
Location: City Centre | Office 106
[Schedule Appointments with Me!](#)

MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL | WHERE BUSINESS MEETS LEADERSHIP

EMBA Students:

Olivia Morrison
Associate Director, Executive MBA Program
Texas A&M University
Phone: 979-845-0145
<https://mays.tamu.edu/directory/olivia-morrison/>

MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL | WHERE BUSINESS MEETS LEADERSHIP

MS Analytics Students:

Regan Metoyer Peterson

Assistant Director, MS Analytics

Texas A&M University

Phone: 281-764-8637

<https://mays.tamu.edu/directory/regan-peterson/>

MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL | WHERE BUSINESS MEETS LEADERSHIP

September 2024

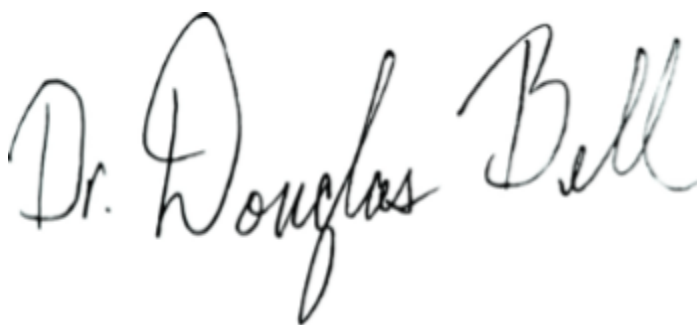
Howdy, Aggies,

Texas A&M University is committed to the elimination of alcohol abuse and illicit drug use. Alcohol abuse and illicit drug use disrupt the special environment of personal growth that all universities seek to develop. We all must help prevent alcohol abuse and illicit drug use from negatively affecting our living and learning environment.

For information on Texas A&M's policy, health risks and legal sanctions associated with alcohol and other drug abuse, please review the [2024 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program \(DAAPP\) Notice for Students](#). Also included is information on intervention, assessments, counseling and referrals through university programs. Please note that this message contains information for all our campus locations and teaching sites. Take a moment to review the message to find the information pertinent to you and your respective campus location.

You are receiving this document in accordance with the Federal Government requirements of the Drug Free Schools and Community Act Amendments of 1989 and the Higher Education Opportunity Act. All students must receive a copy of this policy. Please consider saving this email as it contains valuable information that may be of assistance to you or a friend.

If you have questions, please email the Student Conduct Office at sco@tamu.edu.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Douglas Bell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The "D" is large and loops around the "r". The "B" is also large and loops around the "l". The signature is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Dr. Douglas Bell

Director of Student Community Standards, Texas A&M University

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAPP) Notice – for students

Prevention of Alcohol Abuse & Illicit Drug Use at Texas A&M University

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Illicit Drugs and the Abuse of Alcohol

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National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, *Alcohol's Effect on the Body*, <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health/alphas-effects-body>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Fact Sheets - Alcohol Use and Your Health*, <https://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/alcohol-use.htm>

Visit the National Institute on Drug Abuse, <https://www.drugabuse.gov/>

For information located here at Texas A&M University about health risks associated with drug abuse, call the office of Health Promotion within the Offices of the Dean of Student Life at 979.845.0280.

Disciplinary Sanctions

A student found guilty of noncompliance with the Texas A&M University Standards of Conduct surrounding alcohol and drug policies or the laws of the State of Texas has committed a violation of University Student Rules and is subject to sanctions commensurate with the offenses and any aggravating and mitigating circumstances.

Disciplinary action in cases involving drug related violations by students may result in suspension or expulsion from the University and/or referral for prosecution.

Violation of any state or federal law pertaining to controlled substances which occur off campus and are not associated with a University connected activity may result in disciplinary charges in situations in which the continued presence of the individual on campus is likely to interfere with the educational process and/or the orderly operation of the University.

University disciplinary proceedings will occur in accordance with the procedures outlined in the University Student Rules. Any disciplinary action imposed by the University may precede, and be in addition to, any penalty imposed by authorities off campus.

Standards of Conduct – University Drug Policy

All members of the University community are expected to abide by state and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances and illegal drugs. More specifically, Texas A&M University Student Rules prohibit "the act of using, possessing, being under the influence of, manufacturing, or distributing illegal drugs or illegally obtained/possessed controlled substances."

"Controlled substances" refers to those drugs and substances whose possession, sale, or delivery results in criminal sanctions under the Texas Controlled Substances Act, as well as substances which possess a chemical structure similar to that of a controlled substance (e.g., "designer drugs").

According to federal regulations, students convicted for a drug offense that occurred during a period of enrollment while they were receiving Title IV Federal Financial Aid, may lose eligibility for Federal Aid.

Federal Aid includes:

- Federal Pell and SEOG Grants
- Federal Work Study
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Stafford Loan
- Federal Plus Loan
- Graduate Plus Loan

If a student answers 'Yes' to the question on the FAFSA, regarding conviction for possession or sale of illegal drugs they will be sent a worksheet by the federal processing center in order to determine if the conviction affects eligibility for aid. Should the financial aid office be notified that a student has been convicted of sale or possession of illegal drugs, the financial assistance will be suspended immediately. If a conviction was reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record it does not count. Convictions occurring during periods of non-enrollment do not count. In addition, any conviction received as a juvenile does not count, unless they were tried as an adult.

The period of ineligibility is dependent upon the type of conviction (sale or possession) and if there were previous offenses. The information below demonstrates the periods of ineligibility:

Possession of Illegal Drugs

- 1st offense - 1 year from date of conviction
- 2nd offense - 2 years from date of conviction
- 3+ offenses - Indefinite Period

Sale of Illegal Drugs

- 1st offense - 2 years from date of conviction
- 2nd offense - Indefinite period

If the student was convicted of both selling and possessing illegal drugs, the student will be ineligible for the longer period.

Regaining Eligibility

The student may regain eligibility:

- the day after the period of ineligibility ends,
- when they successfully complete a qualified drug rehabilitation program, or

- if the student passes two unannounced drug tests given by a qualified rehabilitation program, they may regain eligibility.

Students denied eligibility for an indefinite period can regain it after:

- successfully completing a rehabilitation program as described below,
- passing two unannounced drug tests from such a program, or
- if a conviction is reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record so that fewer than two convictions for sale or three convictions for possession remain on the record. In such cases, the nature and dates of the remaining convictions will determine when the student regains eligibility.

Qualified Drug Rehabilitation Program

A qualified drug rehabilitation program must include at least two unannounced drug tests and must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- Be qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly from a federal, state, or local government.
- Be qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a federally or state-licensed insurance company.
- Be administered or recognized by a federal, state, or local government agency or court.
- Be administered or recognized by a federal or state-licensed hospital, health clinic, or medical doctor.

Additional drug convictions will make the student ineligible for federal aid again. It is the student's responsibility to certify to the school that the student has successfully completed the rehabilitation program. In addition to the eligibility requirements listed above, students who are awarded the Toward EXcellence Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant must certify annually, prior to the disbursement of funds, that they have not been convicted of a felony or crime involving a controlled substance.

Standards of Conduct – University Alcohol Policy

Individuals must be at least 21 years old to purchase alcoholic beverages. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is restricted. Texas A&M University Student Rules state that "alcohol use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages (except as expressly authorized by University regulations), is prohibited on Texas A&M University premises and University sponsored events." University sponsored events include institution-sponsored on or off campus activities, such as officially sanctioned field trips, student sponsored social activities, activities of a student organization recognized by the institution (such as fraternities or sororities), and institutional-sponsored activities abroad. Student organizations, which sponsor activities where alcohol is served, must have the approval of their (faculty/staff) advisor and abide by established University procedures.

Students, ages 21 or older, who choose to consume alcoholic beverages in residence hall rooms are expected to do so in moderation to ensure residents' rights to privacy, sleep, and study. The following behaviors are reasons for appropriate disciplinary or remedial action by the University: loud or disruptive behavior, interference with the cleanliness of the residence halls, or drinking habits which are injurious to the health or education of an individual or those around him/her.

Resources and Counseling Services

To help individuals who may have an alcohol or other drug abuse problem, the following resources are available to TAMU and TAMHSC students located in Bryan/College Station and TAMU engineering students located at an Engineering Academy:

The Health Promotion office, located within the Offices of the Dean of Student Life, is committed to promoting responsible decision-making regarding alcohol and drugs to the Texas A&M community through educational programming and resources. To request a presentation or obtain more information call 979.845.0280 or check the website at <http://studentlife.tamu.edu/hp>

Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) provides substance abuse assessments and referrals for students. Intervention and limited ongoing recovery support counseling is available. All contacts are confidential. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 979.845.4427 or check the website at <http://caps.tamu.edu>

Texas A&M University Higher Education Center at McAllen:

Staff will refer students requiring long-term care to local providers, call 956-213-8364 for assistance. For short-term counseling services, contact **South Texas College (STC) Counseling and Student Disability Services at 956-872-2173** or call the **TAMU Counseling & Psychological Services Helpline at 979-845-2700**.

TAMU Health Science Center student resources based on location:

TAMU Counseling and AOD Programs - for information or to schedule an appointment, call (979)845-4427 or check the website at <http://caps.tamu.edu>.

La Hacienda Treatment Center – Two locations: College Station, TX & Hunt, TX

- BCS students – 979.846.9500
- Temple – College of Medicine (for MD Program only)
- Dallas – College of Medicine

Deer Oaks Student Assistance Program – Toll Free: 866.329.4148; website: www.deeroakseap.com (see TAMU Counseling & Psychological Services website for more information (<https://caps.tamu.edu/distance-education-satellite-resources/>)

Houston – College of Medicine

- Temple – College of Medicine (for graduate students and medical students)
- Houston & McAllen – School of Public Health
- Round Rock- College of Nursing and College of Medicine
- Distance Education students – School of Public Health and College of Nursing
- Kingsville – Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy – 4th year pharmacy students only

TMA Physician Health Program - AOD programs are available because of students' professional status (free services, <http://www.texmed.org/>).

- Dallas – College of Medicine
- Round Rock and Temple – College of Medicine

Professional Recovery Network – call 800-727-5152

- Dallas – Dentistry

TAMU at Kingsville Student Health and Wellness Counseling Services – call 361-593-3991 to talk to a counselor or set up an appointment.

- Kingsville – College of Pharmacy

Dentists Concerned for Dentists, Staff and Families – call confidential hot line at 214-206-7496 or visit www.dcds.org/dentists-concerned-for-dentists.

- Dallas – Dentistry

Legal Sanctions

A student who violates any of these alcohol or drug laws will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and will be subject to prosecution in accordance with the law. Legal sanctions for violation of local, state and federal laws may include, but not limited to fines, probation, jail or prison sentences.

Sale to Minors: It is a Class A misdemeanor to sell an alcoholic beverage to an individual under 21 years of age through an act of criminal negligence.

Public Intoxication Statute of Texas: An arrest for Public Intoxication may occur if an individual appears in a public place while intoxicated so much that the person may endanger himself or herself or another person. This is a Class C misdemeanor. Blood Alcohol Concentration testing is not required for Public Intoxication.

Purchase of Alcohol for a Minor; Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor: It is a Class A misdemeanor to purchase or make available an alcoholic beverage to an individual under 21 years of age through an act of criminal negligence. This offense is punishable by a fine of \$4,000 and/or confinement in jail for up to one year. A person's driver's license is automatically suspended for 180 days on final conviction of the offense of Purchasing Alcohol for a Minor or Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor.

Civil Liability for Provision of Alcohol to a Minor: An adult 21 years of age or older is liable for damages proximately caused by the intoxication of a minor under the age of 18 if the adult is not the minor's parent, guardian, or spouse; or an adult in whose custody the minor has been committed by a court; and the adult knowingly served or provided the minor any of the alcoholic beverages that contributed to the minor's intoxication; or allowed the minor to be served or provided any of the alcoholic beverages that contributed to the minor's intoxication on the premises owned or leased by the adult.

Possession of Alcoholic Beverage in Motor Vehicle: It is a Class C misdemeanor to knowingly possess an open container in a passenger area of a motor vehicle that is located on a public highway, regardless of whether the vehicle is being operated or is stopped or parked.

Driving While Intoxicated; Flying or Boating While Intoxicated: It is a Class B misdemeanor to operate a motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft in a public place while intoxicated. The minimum term of confinement is 72 hours. An ignition interlock device will have to be installed on the car of a person convicted of driving with a blood alcohol level of .15 or more, if the defendant is to receive probation.

Intoxication Assault: It is a Third-Degree felony to cause serious bodily injury to another by accident or mistake while operating any vehicle (motor, aircraft, or watercraft) in a public place while intoxicated.

Intoxication Manslaughter: It is a Second-Degree felony to cause death to another by accident or mistake while operating any vehicle (motor, aircraft, watercraft) in a public place while intoxicated.

Administrative License Revocation; Implied Consent: After being arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, failing, or refusing the Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) test can result in license revocation. Revocation may NOT be probated and there is a \$125 reinstatement fee. An appeal process is available.

The following penalties apply:

Terms of Offense

Adults

Failure Case

- 90 days with no alcohol or drug related "enforcement contacts" listed on driving record within ten years prior to date of the offense.
- 1 year with one or more alcohol or drug related "enforcement contacts" listed on driving record prior to date of offense within ten years of date of the offense.

Refusal Case

- 180 days with no alcohol or drug related "enforcement contacts" listed on driving record within ten years prior to date of the offense.
- Two years with one or more alcohol or drug related "enforcement contacts" listed on driving record prior to date of offense within ten years of date of the offense.

- If the person who refuses is a resident without a license, an order will be issued denying the issuance of a license to the person for 180 days.

Minors

- Minors are subjected to the same length of suspension as adults for refusing a blood or breath test.
- Failure of a blood or breath test by a minor, however, is a 60-day license suspension with no "enforcement contacts," a 120-day license suspension with one prior "enforcement contact" or a 180-day license suspension with two or more "enforcement contacts." Keep in mind that any detectable amount of alcohol for a minor is a failure. Even if a minor refuses a breath or blood test, but alcohol is detected by other means, the minor is subjected to the failure suspension periods rather than the refusal suspension periods.

Alcohol and a Minor

Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor; Possession of Alcohol by a Minor: It is a misdemeanor for minors to consume or possess alcoholic beverages except in the visible presence of the minor's adult parent, guardian, or spouse.

Purchase of Alcohol by a Minor; Attempt to Purchase Alcohol: It is a misdemeanor for individuals under 21 years of age to attempt purchasing alcoholic beverages. "Attempt" implies acting beyond mere preparation.

Misrepresentation of Age by a Minor: It is a misdemeanor to falsely state or to present false documents indicating an individual is 21 years of age or older to a person selling or serving alcoholic beverages.

Punishment for the Above Alcohol-Related Offense by a Minor

For a minor without two previous alcohol-related offenses, these are Class C misdemeanors. Punishment includes 8 to 12 hours community service and denial or suspension of the minor's driver's license or permit for 30 days. Attendance at an Alcohol Awareness Course is also required.

If a minor has at least two prior alcohol-related convictions, the offense is punishable by a fine of \$250 to \$2,000; and/or confinement in jail for up to 180 days. Punishment includes 20 to 40 hours of community service.

The minor's driver's license or permit will be denied or suspended: 60 days for a 2nd alcohol-related conviction; 180 days for subsequent convictions.

Attendance at Alcohol Awareness Course; License suspension

On first conviction of an alcohol-related offense, the court shall require the minor to attend an alcohol awareness course approved by the Texas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. If under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian may be required to attend the course with the defendant. The defendant must present evidence of completion of the course and community service within 90 days of the date of final conviction. If the required evidence is presented within the prescribed period, the fine may be reduced up to half the original amount. Failure to comply results in denial or suspension of driver's license or permit for up to six months.

Driving under the Influence of Alcohol by a Minor

A minor commits an offense if the minor operates a motor vehicle in a public place while having any detectable amount of alcohol in the minor's system. For a minor without previous alcohol-related offenses, these are Class C misdemeanors. Punishment includes 20 to 40 hours of community service and denial or suspension of driver's license or permit for 60 days. If a minor has at least two prior alcohol-related convictions, the offense is punishable by a fine of \$500 to \$2,000; and/or confinement in jail for up to 180 days. Punishment includes 40 to 60 hours community service. The minor's driver's license or permit will

be denied or suspended: 120 days for 2nd alcohol-related conviction; 180 days for subsequent convictions.

The minor is not eligible for deferred adjudication.

City Ordinance

Consumption After Hours: It is a Class C misdemeanor to consume (or to possess with the intent to consume) from any container with alcoholic beverages in any public place in Bryan or College Station after hours.

Following are the prohibited hours:

Monday through Saturday - 2AM to 7AM

Sunday - 2 AM to Noon

Legal Charges & Penalties

Charges- Fines- Imprisonment

Felony

Second Degree - up to \$10,000 - 2 to 20 years

Third Degree - up to \$10,000 - 2 to 10 years

State Jail Felony - up to \$10,000 - 180 days to 2 years

Federal trafficking penalties for Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V

<https://www.dea.gov/drug-scheduling>

Misdemeanor

Class A-up to \$4,000- up to 1 year

Class B-up to \$2,000- up to 180 days

Class C-up to \$500- none

Appendix A–4: Texas A&M University at Qatar Notice

Dear TAMUQ Student:

Please be reminded that we adhere to Texas A&M University Student Rules (<http://student-rules.tamu.edu/>), as well as the laws of the State of Qatar regarding the use of alcohol and illegal drugs. You are receiving the attached notice which applies to College Station and Qatar.

Distribution of this notice is required by United States federal law, specifically the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAPP). The entire Texas A&M University notice is available online at: <https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/DAAPP-Students.pdf>

TAMUQ Student Affairs provides substance abuse assessments and referrals for students through Dr. Steve Wilson. Intervention and limited ongoing recovery support counseling is available. All contacts are confidential. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 4423.0316 or email stephen.wilson@qatar.tamu.edu.

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2024 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAPP) Notice – for Students

Prevention of Alcohol Abuse & Illicit Drug Use at Texas A&M University – Qatar

1. Standards of Conduct (Main and Qatar Campuses)

University Drug Policies

All members of the University community are expected to abide by state and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances and illegal drugs. More specifically, Texas A&M University Student Rule 24.4.12, *Drugs* prohibit "the act of using, possessing, being under the influence of, manufacturing, or distributing illegal drugs or illegally obtained/possessed controlled substances." "Controlled substances" refers to those drugs and substances whose possession, sale, or delivery results in criminal sanctions under the Texas Controlled Substances Act, as well as substances which possess a chemical structure similar to that of a controlled substance (e.g., "designer drugs").

University Alcohol Policies

Individuals must be at least 21 years old to purchase alcoholic beverages. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is restricted. Texas A&M University Student Rule 24.4.13,

Alcohol states that "alcohol use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages (except as expressly authorized by University regulations), is prohibited on Texas A&M University premises and University sponsored events." University sponsored events include institution-sponsored on or off campus activities, such as officially sanctioned field trips, student sponsored social activities, activities of a student organization recognized by the institution (such as fraternities or sororities), and institutional-sponsored activities abroad. Student organizations, which sponsor activities where alcohol is served, must have the approval of their (faculty/staff) advisor and abide by established University procedures.

Students, ages 21 or older, who choose to consume alcoholic beverages in residence hall rooms are expected to do so in moderation to ensure residents' rights to privacy, sleep, and study. The following behaviors are reasons for appropriate disciplinary or remedial action by the University: loud or disruptive behavior, interference with the cleanliness of the residence halls, or drinking habits which are injurious to the health or education of an individual or those around him/her.

Qatar Campus Only: Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in Qatar Foundation residence halls or any other Qatar Foundation facility and subject to disciplinary action by Qatar Foundation, the State of Qatar, and/or Texas A&M University at Qatar.

2. Legal Sanctions (Qatar Campus)

A student who violates any of these alcohol or drug laws may be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and will be subject to prosecution in accordance with the law which can lead to deportation from the country.

Qatar Alcohol Penalties

The information herein is derived from [Law No. \(11\) of 2004 the Penal Code](#). Excerpts of the Penal Code are based on an un-official English translation of the Arabic version of the law. Please refer to the officially published version of the law for updates and amendments.

Article 1 of the Penal Code provides that a Muslim convicted of the crime of consuming alcohol shall be punished in accordance with the Islamic Sharia law).

Article 270

Anyone convicted of drinking any alcoholic beverage in a public place or opening a store or a house to deal with alcoholics shall be imprisoned for no more than six (6) months and pay a penalty of no more than three thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 3,000) or shall be subject to one of these penalties. Anyone convicted of being drunk on a main street or who disturbs others due to intoxication shall be subject to the same penalty.

Article 271

Anyone who is convicted of giving alcohol to a person under the age of 16 or incites them to drink alcohol shall be imprisoned for no more than three (3) years and pay a penalty of no more than ten thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 10,000) or shall be subject to one of these penalties.

Article 272

Anyone who is convicted of importing, exporting, making, extracting or producing alcohol or alcoholic beverages shall be imprisoned for no more than three (3) years and pay a penalty of no more than ten thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 10,000).

Article 273

Anyone who is convicted of selling or buying, delivering or receiving, transporting or possessing alcohol or alcoholic beverages, or dealing with alcohol in any way for the purpose of trading or

promotion shall be imprisoned for no more than three (3) years and pay a penalty of no more than ten thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 10,000) or shall be subject to one of these penalties.

Qatar Narcotic Drug Penalties

The information herein is derived from Law No. (9) of 1987 on the Control and Regulation of Narcotic Drugs and Dangerous Psychotropic Substances (NDDPS) (the “Drug Law”). Excerpts of the Drug Law are based on an un-official English translation of the Arabic version of the law. Please refer to the officially published version of the law for updates and amendments.

The regulation of NDDPS means the dangerous substances and psychotropic agents listed in the attached Schedules 1 and 2.

Article 34

Anyone who commits the following actions shall be punished with imprisonment of up to twenty (20) years and not less than ten (10) years together with a penalty of up to three hundred thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 300,000) and not less than one hundred thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 100,000).

1. imports, with the intention to traffic in, or exports NDDPS before obtaining the permission provided for in Article 3 of the Drug Law;
2. produces, extracts, separates or manufactures NDDPS with the intention of trafficking;
3. cultivates any one of the plants listed in Schedule 4 or exports or imports such plants; in any stage of their growth, including the seeds, with the intention of trafficking in, or traffics therein, in any form other than the situations authorized under the Drug Law.

Recidivists (previously convicted offenders) shall be punished with the death penalty or life imprisonment together with a fine of not more than five hundred thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 500,000) and not less than three hundred thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 300,000). In establishing recidivism, the court will take into account judgements issued in foreign courts carrying a conviction for a similar offense provided for in this law. The same penalty shall be applied to an offender who is a public servant or servant entrusted with combating NDDPS or supervising their circulation or possession.

Article 35

Anyone who commits the following actions shall be punished with imprisonment of up to fifteen (15) years and not less than seven (7) years together with a fine of up to two hundred thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 200,000) and not less than one hundred thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 100,000).

1. possesses, acquires, purchases or sells NDDPS or one of the plants listed in Schedule 4, or who, delivers, receives, transports, administers, and exchanges the plants; or dispenses such substances in whatever capacity or intermediates in any such transaction, for commercial purposes, or traffics therein, in any form other than the situations authorized under the Drug Law;
2. provides, for consideration, NDDPS for illicit consumption, or facilitates the consumption in situations other than authorized under the Drug Law;
3. licensed to possess NDDPS to use for a specific purpose(s) and dispenses such substances for consideration, in any capacity, in any form whatsoever for purposes other than those specified;
4. manages, prepares or makes ready, for a consideration, a place for the illicit use of NDDPS.

If the offenses described in subparagraphs (b), (c) and (d) are committed without consideration, the penalty shall be imprisonment for a term of up to seven (7) years and not less than three (3) years and a fine of not more than one hundred thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 100,000) and not less than fifty thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 50,000).

The punishment for recidivists shall be imprisonment for a term of not more than twenty (20) years and not less than ten (10) years with a fine of not more than four hundred thousand Qatari Riyals

(QR 400,000) and not less than two hundred thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 200,000). In establishing recidivism, the court will take into account judgements issued in foreign courts carrying a conviction for a similar offense provided for in the Drug Law.

The same penalty shall be applied where the offender has taken part in the commission of an offense covered by Article 35 of the Drug Law involving a minor under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, or where the person to whom the NDDPS was supplied was a minor under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, or where the offender was a public official or servant responsible for controlling NDDPS, or supervising the circulation or possession thereof.

Article 37

Anyone who imports, possesses, acquires, purchases, receives, transports, produces, extracts, separates or manufactures NDDPS, or who cultivates, possesses or purchases on of the plants listed in Schedule 4, with the intention of illicit consumption or personal use, unless he is permitted to do so pursuant to the provisions of the Drug Law, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term of up to five (5) years and not less than two (2) years and a fine of not more than one hundred thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 100,000) and not less than fifty thousand Qatari Riyals (QR 50,000), unless it can be established that he was authorized to do so in accordance with the provisions of the Drug Law.

In lieu of imposing the preceding sentence, the court may order the commitment of the person, whose addiction to NDDPS has been established, to one of the sanctions established for this purpose, until such time as the Committee responsible for examining the cases of persons committed to the sanatorium, and is appointed by the Minister of Public Health, submits a report on his condition to the court. The court will then decide if he can be discharged or will remain under further confinement at the sanatorium. The length of stay in the sanatorium cannot be less than three (3) months nor more than one year. A person cannot be committed to a sanatorium if they have been committed to a sanatorium on two (2) previous occasions or when less than two (2) years have elapsed since the last treatment at the sanatorium.

3. Legal Sanctions (Main Campus)

A student who violates any of these alcohol or drug laws will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and will be subject to prosecution in accordance with the law. Legal sanctions for violation of local, state and federal laws may include, but not limited to fines, probation, jail or prison sentences.

State Laws

- **Public Intoxication**

A person commits an offense if the person appears in a public place while intoxicated to the degree that the person may endanger the person or another. ([Texas Penal Code 49.02](#)).
o punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00, and a permanent criminal conviction. After two convictions, repeat offenders can be charged with a *Class B Misdemeanor*, facing up to 180 days in jail and a \$2,000.00 fine.

- **Possession of Alcoholic Beverage in Motor Vehicle “Open Container”**

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly possesses an open container in a passenger area of a motor vehicle that is located on a public highway, regardless of whether the vehicle is being operated or is stopped or parked. Possession by a person of one or more open containers in a single criminal episode is a single offense. ([Texas Penal Code 49.031](#)).

- o *Class C Misdemeanor* punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.

- **Driving While Intoxicated**

A person commits an offense if the person is intoxicated while operating a motor vehicle in a public place. ([Texas Penal code 49.04](#)).

- Note that a person may also be convicted of offenses if intoxicated while driving with a child passenger in the vehicle, operating a plane, or boating. ([Texas Penal code 49.045 - .06](#)).
- Up to a *3rd Degree Felony* - Punishment includes imprisonment no less than 2 years and no more than 10 years and a fine of up to \$10,000.

- **Administrative License Revocation; Implied Consent**

After being arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, failing or refusing the Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) test can result in license revocation.

- Driver's license may be suspended for 180 days to 2 years.
- Revocation may NOT be probated and there is a \$125 reinstatement fee. An appeal process is available.

- **Intoxication Assault**

A person commits an offense if the person, by accident or mistake while operating an aircraft, watercraft, or amusement ride while intoxicated, or while operating a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated, by reason of that intoxication causes serious bodily injury to another. ([Texas Penal Code 49.07](#)).

- *Third degree felony* - Punishment includes imprisonment no less than 2 years and no more than 10 years and a fine of up to \$10,000.

- **Intoxication Manslaughter**

A person commits an offense if the person: (1) operates a motor vehicle in a public place, operates an aircraft, a watercraft, or an amusement ride, or assembles a mobile amusement ride; and (2) is intoxicated and by reason of that intoxication causes the death of another by accident or mistake. ([Texas Penal Code 49.08](#))

- *Second degree felony* - Punishment includes imprisonment no less than 2 years and no more than 20 years and a fine of up to \$10,000.

- **Purchase of Alcohol by a Minor / Attempt to Purchase Alcohol by a Minor**

A minor commits an offense if the minor purchases or attempts to purchase an alcoholic beverage. ([Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.02-106.25](#))

- The offenses are punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement. The court may also mandate community service and suspend the driver's license of the convicted individual. Additionally, the court may mandate attendance at an alcohol awareness course.

- **Sale To Minors**

A person commits an offense if with criminal negligence they sell an alcoholic beverage to a minor. ([Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.03](#))

- The offense is a *Class A Misdemeanor* punishable by a fine of up to \$4,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 1 year; or both the fine and confinement.

- **Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor**

A minor commits an offense if he consumes an alcoholic beverage. ([Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.04](#))

- The offense is a *Class C Misdemeanor* punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement. The court may also mandate community service and suspend the driver's license of the convicted individual. Additionally, the court may mandate attendance at an alcohol awareness course.

- **Driving or Operating Watercraft Under the Influence of Alcohol by Minor**

A minor commits an offense if the minor operates a motor vehicle in a public place, or a watercraft, while having any detectable amount of alcohol in the minor's system. ([Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.041](#)).

- The offense is a *Class C Misdemeanor* punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$2,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement. In addition, the court shall order community service to be performed.

- **Possession of Alcohol by a Minor**

A minor commits an offense if he possesses an alcoholic beverage. ([Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.05](#)).

- The offense is a *Class C Misdemeanor* punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement. The court may also mandate community service and suspend the driver's license of the convicted individual. Additionally, the court may mandate attendance at an alcohol awareness course.

- **Purchase of Alcohol for a Minor - Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor**

A person commits an offense if he purchases an alcoholic beverage for or gives or makes available an alcoholic beverage to a minor with criminal negligence. ([Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.06](#)).

- The offense is a *Class A Misdemeanor* punishable by a fine of up to \$4,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 1 year; or both the fine and confinement. The court may also mandate community service and suspend the driver's license of the convicted individual. Additionally, the court may mandate attendance at an alcohol awareness course.

- **Misrepresentation of Age by a Minor**

A minor commits an offense if he falsely states that he is 21 years of age or older or presents any document that indicates he is 21 years of age or older to a person engaged in selling or serving alcoholic beverages. ([Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.07](#)).

- The offense is a *Class C Misdemeanor* punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,000; confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement. The court may also mandate community service and suspend the driver's license of the convicted individual. Additionally, the court may mandate attendance at an alcohol awareness course.

- **Possession of a Controlled Substances**

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally possesses a material, compound, mixture, or preparation containing the controlled substance, which are divided into

Penalty Groups 1 through 4. ([Texas Health and Safety Code – Health & Safety Code 481.101 – 481.106](#)).

- Punishable up to a Felony of the 1st Degree with imprisonment for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years, and a fine not to exceed \$50,000.
- **Note: Penalty Group 2 - Possession of THC (Marijuana) in Vape Pens, Wax, Dab etc.**
 - Less than 1 gram: State Jail Felony (6 months – 2 Years in state jail, and a fine up to \$10,000)
 - 1 to 4 grams: 3rd Degree Felony (2 – 10 years in state prison, and a fine up to \$10,000)
 - 4 to 400 grams: 2nd Degree Felony (2 – 20 years in state prison, and a fine up to \$10,000)

- More than 400 grams: 1st Degree Felony (5 to 99 years or life in state prison, and a fine not to exceed \$50,000)

- **Manufacture, Delivery, or Possession of Miscellaneous Substances**

The manufacture, delivery, or possession of a controlled substance (as defined by the [Texas Controlled Substances Act](#)).

- o Punishable by prison time up to 2 to 10 years and a fine of up to \$10,000. ([Texas Health and Safety Code 481.119](#)).

- **Delivery of Marijuana**

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally delivers marijuana.

- o Such offense is punishable by a fine up to \$100,000 and/or prison term of life or not more than 99 years. ([Tex. Health & Safety Code 481.120](#)).

- **Possession of Marijuana**

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally possesses a usable quantity of marijuana.

- o This offense is punishable by a Class B misdemeanor if the amount of marijuana possessed is two ounces or less; a fine not to exceed \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both such fine and confinement. With punishment up to a felony of the second degree if the amount of marijuana possessed is 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds; with imprisonment for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years, and a fine not to exceed \$50,000. ([Tex. Health & Safety Code 481.121](#)).

- **Delivery of Controlled Substance or Marijuana to Child**

A person commits an offense if the person knowingly delivers a controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1, 1-A, 2, or 3 (of the [Texas Controlled Substances Act](#)) or knowingly delivers marijuana and the person delivers the controlled substance or marijuana to a person who is a child or who is enrolled in a public or private primary or secondary school.

- This offense is punishable as a felony in the second degree. Punishable by a range from 2 to 20 years in prison and a maximum fine of up to \$10,000. ([Tex. Health & Safety Code 481.122](#)).

- **Possession or Delivery of Drug Paraphernalia**

Section (a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally uses or possesses with intent to use drug paraphernalia to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, or conceal a controlled substance in violation of this chapter or to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance; or Section (b) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally delivers, possesses with intent to deliver, or manufactures with intent to deliver drug paraphernalia knowing that the person who receives or who is intended to receive the drug paraphernalia intends that it be used to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, or conceal a controlled substance in violation of this chapter or to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance; or Section (c) A person commits an offense if the person commits an offense under Subsection (b), is 18 years of age or older, and the person who receives or who is intended to receive the drug paraphernalia is younger than 18 years of age and at least three years younger than the actor. ([Tex. Health & Safety Code 481.125](#)).

- o An offense under Subsection (a) is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable of up to no more than \$500 with no jail time.
- o An offense under Subsection (b) is a Class A misdemeanor, punishment of up to a year in county jail and/or a fine of up to \$4,000, unless it is shown on the trial of a defendant that the defendant has previously been convicted under Subsection (b) or

(c), in which event the offense is punishable by confinement in jail for a term of not more than one year or less than 90 days.

- An offense under Subsection (c) is a state jail felony, punishment of jail time of at least 180 days and no more than two years, and a fine which cannot surpass \$2,000.

- **Drug Free Zone**

Drug related offenses have increased penalties if the offense occurs in a “drug free zone.” Drug free zones include institutions of higher education, youth centers, schools (and other facilities) and the areas surrounding such locations.

- Penalties include fines that may be doubled and minimum jail terms that may be raised. ([Tex. Health & Safety Code 481.134](#)).

Standard State Legal Charges & Penalties (Main Campus) Felony

Capital – Life without parole or death penalty

First Degree - \$10,000 and/or 5 to 99 years of state prison Second Degree - \$10,000 and/or 2 to 20 years of state prison Third Degree - \$10,000 and/or 2 to 10 years of state prison State Jail Felony - \$10,000 and/or up to 2 years of state prison

Federal trafficking penalties for Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V (see Appendix 1 and 2)

<https://www.dea.gov/drug-scheduling>

Misdemeanor

Class A - Up to \$4,000 and/or up to 1 years of confinement Class B - Up to \$2,000 and/or up to 180 days of confinement Class C - Up to \$500 – No confinement

4. Health Risks Associated with the Use of Illicit Drugs and the Abuse of Alcohol (Main and Qatar Campuses)

Alcohol abuse is a prime contributor to suicide, homicide, motor vehicle deaths, and other unintended deaths. Excessive alcohol consumption leads to more than 100,000 deaths annually in the United States. Alcohol abuse can lead to alcohol dependence, premature death through overdose, alcohol-related stroke, and complications involving the brain, heart, liver, and many other body organs.

Alcohol abuse also causes liver disease, gastritis, and anemia, as well as cancers of the esophagus and larynx.

The abuse of illicit drugs can result in a wide range of health problems. In general, illicit drug use can result in drug addiction, death by overdose, death from withdrawals, seizure, heart problems, infections (e.g., HIV/AIDS, hepatitis), liver disease, and chronic brain dysfunction.

Alcohol used in any amount by a pregnant woman can cause birth defects and permanent brain damage to the child. Drug use by a pregnant woman may cause addiction or health complications in her unborn child.

Alcohol abuse interferes with psychological functions, causes interpersonal difficulties, and is involved in most cases of child abuse. Substance abuse disrupts work, reduces motivation, causes legal and financial problems, and social and family problems. Other problems associated with alcohol and drug use include the following psychological dysfunctions: dependency, memory loss, hallucinations, paranoia, and psychosis.

Qatar Campus Information

For information located at the Qatar campus related to health risks associated with drug abuse, call the Department of Student Affairs at +974.4423.0047.

Main Campus Information

For information located at the main campus related to health risks associated with drug abuse, call the Office of Health Promotion at 979.845.0280.

For additional health risks associated with alcohol and drug abuse:

Department of Justice, *Drugs of Abuse*, <https://www.dea.gov/documents/2022/2022-12/2022-12-02/drugs-abuse-2022>

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, *Alcohol's Effect on the Body*, <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health/alcobols-effects-body>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Fact Sheets - Alcohol Use and Your Health*, <https://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/alcohol-use.htm>

National Institute on Drug Abuse at <https://www.drugabuse.gov/>

U.S. Department of Justice; Drug Enforcement Administration
https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/Drugs%20of%20Abuse%202020-Web%20Version-508%20compliant-4-24-20_0.pdf

5. Resources and Counseling Services (Main and Qatar Campuses)

In addition to the resources and counseling services identified below, all Texas A&M students, regardless of where they are located, have access to Telus Health Student Support App. Telus offers immediate assistance through the following:

- Confidential, real-time virtual counseling via chat and phone
- Scheduled, short-termed counseling appointments via telehealth with a licensed counselor
- Connect with the same counselor over multiple session via telephone or video appointments
- Extensive on-demand content library
- Support in your language

For more information on Telus Health Student Support app, visit <https://uhs.tamu.edu>

Qatar Campus Resources

TAMUQ Student Affairs provides substance abuse assessments and referrals for students through Dr. Steve Wilson. Intervention and limited ongoing recovery support counseling is available. All contacts are confidential. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call +974.4423.0316 or email stephen.wilson@qatar.tamu.edu.

Main Campus Resources

Resource office	Address	Phone number
University Police Department (UPD)	Old Sub 102	806.651.2300
UPD Victim Assistance	Old Sub 106	806.651.2307
Student Counseling	Classroom Center 116	806.651.2340
Student Medical Services	Virgil Henson Activities Center	806.651.3287
Human Resources	Old Main 116	806.651.2114
The Work/Life Solutions Program by Guidance Resources	www.wtamu.edu/HR	866.301.9623
International Student Office	JBK Student Center 133N	806.651.2073
Office of Veterans Services	Classroom Center 108	806.651.4939

6. Disciplinary Sanctions (Main and Qatar Campuses)

A student found guilty of noncompliance with the Texas A&M University Standards of Conduct surrounding alcohol and drug policies or the laws of the State of Texas has committed a violation of University Student Rules and is subject to sanctions commensurate with the offenses and any aggravating and mitigating circumstances.

Disciplinary action in cases involving drug related violations by students may result in suspension or expulsion from the University and/or referral for prosecution.

Violation of any state or federal law pertaining to controlled substances which occur off campus and are not associated with a University connected activity may result in disciplinary charges in situations in which the continued presence of the individual on campus is likely to interfere with the educational process and/or the orderly operation of the University.

University disciplinary proceedings will occur in accordance with the procedures outlined in the University Student Rules. Any disciplinary action imposed by the University may precede, and be in addition to, any penalty imposed by authorities off campus.

For a list of all Texas A&M University student rules visit <https://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule24/>.

Other Impacts of Drug and Alcohol Violations (Main Campus)

Effective with the 2021-22 award year, having a drug conviction while receiving federal (Title IV) financial aid will no longer impact a student's federal financial aid eligibility. However, students who are receiving funds from certain state aid programs, such as the Toward Excellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant, must certify annually, prior to the disbursement of funds, that they have not been convicted of a felony or crime involving a controlled substance.

Appendix A–5: Texas A&M University at Galveston Notice

November 14, 2018

You are receiving this document in accordance with the Federal Government requirements of the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act.

The Texas A&M University has a commitment to the health and well-being of the Aggie community and encourages all to review the important information below. In addition, in order for Texas A&M University to receive federal funding of any kind, including financial aid resources, all students, faculty, and staff must receive a copy of this policy.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification, please contact:

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Prevention of Alcohol Abuse & Illicit Drug Use at Texas A&M University

Texas A&M University is committed to the elimination of alcohol abuse and illicit drug use. Alcohol abuse and illicit drug use disrupt the special environment of personal growth that all universities seek to foster. Every member of the Texas A&M University community must help prevent alcohol abuse and illicit drug use from negatively affecting this unique learning environment.

This summary provides information on University policy, legal sanctions, and health risks associated with alcohol and other drug abuse. Also included is information on intervention, assessments, counseling, and referrals through campus programs, so each of us can contribute to the enhancement of the Aggie educational experience.

Health Risks

Alcohol abuse is a prime contributor to suicide, homicide, motor vehicle deaths, and other unintended deaths. Excessive alcohol consumption leads to more than 100,000 deaths annually in the United States. Alcohol abuse can lead to alcohol dependence, premature death through overdose, alcohol-related stroke, and complications involving the brain, heart, liver, and many other body organs. Alcohol abuse also causes liver disease, gastritis, and anemia, as well as cancers of the esophagus and larynx.

The use of illicit drugs can result in a wide range of health problems.

In general, illicit drug use can result in drug addiction, death by overdose, death from withdraws, seizure, heart problems, infections (i.e., HIV/AIDS, hepatitis), liver disease, and chronic brain dysfunction.

Alcohol use in any amount by a pregnant woman can cause birth defects and permanent brain damage to the child. Drug use by a pregnant woman may cause addiction or health complications in her unborn child.

Alcohol abuse interferes with psychological functions, causes interpersonal difficulties, and is involved in most cases of child abuse and sexual assault. Substance abuse disrupts work, reduces motivation, causes legal and financial problems, and social and family problems. Other problems associated with alcohol and other drug use includes the following psychological dysfunctions: dependency, memory loss, hallucinations, paranoia, and psychosis.

For information about health risks associated with drug use call the Office of Student Counseling at 409.740.4736

Campus Resources

To help individuals who may have an alcohol or other drug use problems, the following resources are available to students, faculty, and staff.

The Peer Education program located within the Offices of Student Counseling is committed to promoting responsible decision-making regarding alcohol and other drugs to the Texas A&M community through educational programming and resources. To request a presentation or obtain more information, call 409.740.4736.

The Offices of Student Counseling provides substance abuse assessments and referrals for students. Intervention and limited ongoing recovery support counseling are available. All contacts are confidential. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 409.740.4736 or view their website at <http://www.tamug.edu/counsel/>

Employee Assistance Program is a confidential source for assessment, short-term counseling, and referral for a broad range of problems including alcohol or other drug use. The Employee Services Department provides this service to faculty, staff, and their family members. For information, call (409) 772-2485 or view their website at <https://www.tamug.edu/hrd/employees/eap.html>

University Alcohol Policy

Texas A&M University at Galveston is a dry campus. Drinking or having in possession any alcoholic beverage on campus or at any university sponsored or approved activity where alcohol consumption has not been approved for such activity; and possession and/or consumption by a minor; and public intoxication; and driving while intoxicated is against university rules as well as the law. Being present when alcohol is found or being consumed on campus or at an approved activity will be defined as possession and consumption on this campus. Student organizations, which sponsor activities where alcohol is served, must have the approval of their (faculty/staff) advisor and the Office of Student Life and abide by established University procedures.

Consumption of alcohol off campus can often lead to violations of student rules on campus when the student returns to their residence hall room. The following behaviors are reasons for appropriate disciplinary action by the University: loud or disruptive behavior, interference with the cleanliness of the residence halls, or drinking habits which are injurious to the health or education of an individual or those around him/her.

University Drug Policy

All members of the University community are expected to abide by state and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances and illegal drugs.

More specifically, Texas A&M University Rules prohibit “manufacturing, possessing, having under control, selling, transmitting, using, or being party thereto any illegal drug, controlled substance, or drug paraphernalia on University premises or at University sponsored activities”.

“Controlled substances” refers to those drugs and substances whose possession, sale, or delivery results in criminal sanctions under the Texas Controlled Substances Act, as well as substances which possess a chemical structure similar to that of a controlled substance (e.g. “Designer Drugs”).

University Sanctions

A student employee found responsible of noncompliance with the Texas A&M University Alcohol or Drug Policy, or the laws of the State of Texas has committed a violation of University Rules and/or the Policy and Procedures Manual and is subject to sanctions commensurate with the offenses and any aggravating or mitigating circumstances.

Disciplinary action in cases involving drug-related violations by students may result in suspension, dismissal, or expulsion from the University.

(<https://www.tamug.edu/studentrules/Student Life Rules/27 Sanctions.html>)

Cases involving employees will result in disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination. Severity of sanctions will depend upon the nature and seriousness of each case.

Violations of any state or federal law pertaining to controlled substances which occur off campus and are not associated with a university connected activity may result in disciplinary charges if the continued presence of the individual on campus is likely to interfere with the educational process and/or the orderly operation of the University.

(<https://www.tamug.edu/studentrules/Student Life Rules/24 Student Conduct Code.html>)

University disciplinary proceedings will be implemented in accordance with the procedures outlined in the University Rules (students) and the Policy and Procedures Manual (faculty and staff). Any disciplinary action imposed by the University may precede and be in addition to any penalty imposed by authorities off campus.

Legal Information and Sanctions

Sale to Minors: It is a Class A misdemeanor to sell an alcoholic beverage to an individual under 21 years of age through an act of criminal negligence.

Public Intoxication Statute of Texas: an arrest for Public Intoxication (P.I.) may occur if an individual appears in a public place while intoxicated so much that the person may endanger himself or herself or another person. This is a Class C misdemeanor. Blood Alcohol Concentration testing is not required for P.I.

Purchase of Alcohol for a Minor; Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor: It is a Class A misdemeanor to purchase or make available an alcoholic beverage to an individual under 21 years of age through an act of criminal negligence. This offense is punishable by a fine of \$4,000 and/or confinement in jail for up to one year. A person’s driver’s license is automatically suspended for 180 days on final conviction of the offense of Purchasing Alcohol for a Minor or Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor.

Civil Liability for Provision of Alcohol to a Minor: An adult 21 years of age or older is liable for damages proximately caused by the intoxication of a minor under the age of 18 if the adult is not the minor's parent, guardian, or spouse; or an adult in whose custody the minor has been committed by a court; and the adult knowingly served or provided the minor any of the alcoholic beverages that contributed to the minor's intoxication on the premises owned or leased by the adult.

Possession of Alcohol Beverages in Motor Vehicle: It is a Class C misdemeanor to knowingly possess an open container in a passenger area of a motor vehicle that is located on a public highway, regardless of whether the vehicle is being operated or is stopped or parked.

Driving While Intoxicated, Flying or Boating While Intoxicated: It is a Class B misdemeanor to operate a motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft in a public place while intoxicated. The minimum term of confinement is 72 hours. An ignition interlock device will have to be installed on the car of a person convicted of driving with a blood alcohol level of .15 or more, if the defendant is to receive probation.

Intoxication Assault: it is a Third-degree felony to cause serious bodily injury to another by accident or mistake while operating any vehicle (motor, aircraft, or watercraft) in a public place while intoxicated.

Intoxication Manslaughter: it is a Second-degree felony to cause death to another by accident or mistake while operating any vehicle (motor, aircraft, or watercraft) in a public place while intoxicated.

Administrative License Revocation; Implied Consent: After being arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, a person failing or refusing the Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) test can have their license revoked. Revocation may not be probated and there is a \$125 reinstatement fee. An appeal process is available. The following penalties apply:

Failure Case:

90-day suspension with no alcohol or drug-related "enforcement contacts" listed on driving record within ten years prior to date of the offense.

1-year suspension with one or more alcohol or drug-related "enforcement contacts" listed on driving record prior to date of offense within ten years prior to date of the offense.

Refusal Case:

180-day suspension with no alcohol or drug-related "enforcement contacts" listed on driving record prior to date of offense.

Two-year suspension with one or more alcohol or drug-related "enforcement contacts" listed on driving record prior to date of offense within ten years prior to date of the offense.

If the person who refuses is a resident without a license, an order will be issued denying the issuance of a license to the person for 180 days.

Minors:

Minors are subjected to the same length of suspensions as adults for refusing a blood or breath test. Failure of a blood or breath test by a minor, however, is a 60-day license suspension with no "enforcement contacts," a 120-day license suspension with one prior "enforcement contact," or a 180-day license suspension with two or more "enforcement contacts." Keep in mind that any detectable amount of alcohol for a minor is a failure. Even if a minor refuses a breath or blood test, but alcohol is detected by other means, the minor is subjected to the failure suspension periods rather than refusal suspension periods.

Alcohol and a Minor:

Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor; Possession of Alcohol by a Minor: It is a misdemeanor for minors to consume or possess alcoholic beverages except in the visible presence of the minor's adult parent, guardian, or spouse.

Purchase of Alcohol by a Minor; Attempt to Purchase Alcohol: It is a misdemeanor for individuals under 21 years of age to attempt purchasing alcoholic beverages. "Attempt" implies acting beyond mere preparation.

Misrepresentation of Age by a Minor: It is a misdemeanor to falsely state or to present false documents indicating an individual is 21 years of age or older to a person selling or serving alcoholic beverages.

Sanction for the above Alcohol-related offense by a Minor:

For a minor without two previous alcohol-related offenses, these are Class C misdemeanors. Punishment includes 8 to 12 hours community service and denial or suspension of the minor's driver's license or permit for 30 days. Attendance at an Alcohol Awareness Course is also required.

If a minor has at least two prior alcohol-related convictions, the offense is punishable by a fine of \$250 to \$2,000; and/or confinement in jail for up to 180 days. Punishment includes 20 to 40 hours of community service.

The minor's driver license or permit will be denied or suspended; 60 days for a 2nd alcohol-related conviction; 180 days for subsequent convictions.

Attendance at Alcohol Awareness Course; License Suspension:

On first conviction of an alcohol-related offense, the court shall require the minor to attend an Alcohol Awareness Course approved by the Texas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. If under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian may be required to attend the course with the defendant. The defendant must present evidence of completion of the course and community service within 90-days of the day of final conviction. If the required evidence is presented within the prescribed period, the fine may be reduced up to half the original amount. Failure to comply results in denial or suspension of driver's license or permit up to six months.

Driving under the influence of alcohol by a Minor:

A minor commits an offense if a minor operates a motor vehicle in a public place while having any detectable amount of alcohol in the minor's system. For a minor without previous alcohol-related offenses, these are Class C misdemeanors. Punishment includes 20 to 40 hours of community service and denial or suspension of driver's license or permit for 60-days. If a minor has at least two prior alcohol-related convictions, the offense is punishable by a fine of \$500 to \$2,000 and/or confinement in jail for up to 180 days. Punishment includes 40 to 60 hours community service. The minor's driver license or permit will be denied or suspended: 120 days for second alcohol-related conviction; 180 days, for subsequent convictions. After the second citation, the minor is not eligible for deferred adjudication.

City Ordinance

Open containers- Open containers of alcohol are not allowed in any public area in the city of Galveston with the exception of Apfels park and the Strand area, except during special events.

Consumption after hours: It is a Class C misdemeanor to consume (or to possess with the intent to consume) from any container with alcoholic beverages in any public place in Galveston after hours.

Following are the prohibited hours:

Monday through Saturday – 2:00am to 7:00am

Sunday – 2:00am to 12:00pm

Legal charges and penalties

Charge – Fine – Imprisonment

Felony

Second degree – up to \$10,000 – 2 – 20 years

Third degree – up to \$10,000 – 1 - 10 years

State Jail Felony – up to \$10,000 – 180 days to 2 years

Misdemeanor

Class A – Up to \$4,000 – up to 1 year

Class B – Up to \$2,000 – up to 180 days

Class C – Up to \$500 – none

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Appendix B-1: Alcohol and Other Drug Laws and Policies

Texas State Drug and Alcohol Laws

Alcoholic Beverage Code Title 4. Regulatory and Penal Provisions Chapter 101. *General Criminal Provisions*

Alcoholic Beverage Code Chapter 106. *Provisions Relating to Age*

Health & Safety Code Subtitle H. Public Health Provisions Chapter 161. *Public Health Provisions*

Labor Code Chapter 411. Workers' Health and Safety; Subchapter G. *Policy for Elimination of Drugs in the Workplace*

Health & Safety Code Subtitle C. Substance Abuse Regulation and Crimes Chapter 481. *Texas Controlled Substances Act*

Government Code Chapter 2113. Use of Appropriated Money; Subchapter A. *General Provisions*

The Texas A&M University System Drug & Alcohol Policies & Regulations

34.02 *Drug and Alcohol Abuse*

34.02.01 *Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs*

34.03 *Alcoholic Beverages*

Texas A&M University Rules and Standard Administrative Procedures

13.04.99.M1.01 *Student Travel Procedures*

34.02.01.M1 *Substance Abuse Prevention*

34.02.01.M2 *Substance Abuse Prevention Rule for DOT-Regulated Employees*

34.02.99.M2.01 *Post-Accident Testing Instructions*

34.03.99.M0.01 *Alcoholic Beverages*

Texas A&M University Student Rules

24.3.7 *Illegal Drugs and Controlled Substances*

24.3.8 *Alcohol*

Appendix VII, *Texas A&M University Drug Rules*

Appendix VIII, *Texas A&M University Alcohol Rules that Apply to Student Organizations, and Others*

Federal Laws

[Federal Trafficking Penalties for Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V](#) (See pages 30 and 31 in the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration Research Guide.)

Qatar Policies

All members of the TAMUQ community are expected to fulfill their obligations and responsibilities pursuant to alcohol and other drug university policies, the laws of the State of Qatar, and social, physiological and psychological consequences of excessive drinking in order to make responsible and informed decisions about the serving and consumption of alcohol. Alcohol consumption is heavily regulated in the State of Qatar and forbidden to all Muslims. There are also strict laws that must be followed with respect to the possession, use and sale of alcoholic beverages by non-Muslims and these requirements are administered by the State of Qatar. All members of the TAMUQ community are expected to follow these requirements in order to obtain a permit that allows alcoholic beverages to be purchased from State of Qatar authorized vendors.

Additionally, TAMUQ students are educated on the risks of alcohol abuse through counseling and private discourse with a counselor and health and wellness specialist, mindful of the culture and social structures in the Middle East.