

## **Community Alcohol and Drug Policy**

Lubbock Christian University has enacted the following alcohol and drug policy to apply to all students of the Lubbock Christian University community, whether on or off campus as a standard of living to be upheld at all times.\*

### **A. Alcohol**

1. Lubbock Christian University is an alcohol free campus. The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or beverage containers on any university property, at any university or university sponsored event, or associated LCU function is strictly prohibited. Off-campus alcohol consumption and a subsequent return to campus for the purpose of viewing, supporting, or otherwise participating in campus events is also prohibited.

2. A student in the company of others who are drinking or in possession of alcoholic containers or paraphernalia on campus will be assumed a participant in alcohol consumption.

3. Students who post pictures of themselves or other students on mixed media sites including, but not limited to, Facebook, MySpace, and Xenga, that imply student violation of the campus alcohol and/or drug policy, may be subject to immediate sanctioning.

4. Drunkenness, on or off campus, is not consistent with the mission of Lubbock Christian University and will not be tolerated in any form or fashion. Drunkenness is legally defined as a blood alcohol content of .08% or more. In addition, drunkenness is and will be defined as any offensive, disruptive, destructive, hazardous, vulgar, uncontrolled behavior during or following the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Documented proof of drunkenness is not required by the University to impose a sanction for violations of the Alcohol Policy. The University will err on the side of circumstantial evidence and preponderance of evidence (51% probability) when investigating reports of drunkenness. Thus stated, the University strongly recommends that Lubbock Christian University students remove themselves from any hint of alcohol-related violations so as not to be accused of an infraction.

5. Misrepresentation of one's age for the purpose of purchasing or consuming alcohol is strictly prohibited. This includes the manufacture, sale, distribution, possession, or attempt to obtain a Fake ID.

6. Operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance is of such a disdainful nature that any verified

offenses, whether legally prosecuted or not, may result in immediate suspension, dismissal, or expulsion.

7. Hosting an event or private party (or otherwise allowing such an occasion to occur) at a student's residence, whether apartment, house, or other facility, or at another location, public or private, at which LCU students under the age of twenty-one are in violation of possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or any LCU student in violation of the university drug policy may result in immediate suspension, dismissal, or expulsion.

8. Contributing, purchasing, or providing alcohol to or for minors will result in immediate suspension, dismissal, or expulsion.

## **B. Drugs**

1. The attempt to obtain, use, possess, distribute, or sell, any potentially harmful or illegal drug (including, but not limited to, any drug not legally obtainable and/or any drug that is legally obtainable but has been illegally acquired or is being sold or distributed unlawfully) or drug-related paraphernalia, on or off campus, is strictly prohibited.

2. The possession or presence of any amount of a controlled substance is strictly prohibited. This includes but is not limited to the presence of marijuana smoke or odor, residue, or other paraphernalia.

3. Offenses involving on-campus possession, use, or distribution of illegal or controlled substances may be referred to the Lubbock Police Department for potential criminal investigation and the possible filing of charges, in addition to any university sanctions that may apply.

4. Anyone suspected of or reported to have been involved in the use of illegal drugs or controlled substances may be required to submit to drug testing. Refusal to submit to drug testing, attempts to evade testing, or actions calculated or intended to skew or alter the results of a drug test administered under this policy will result in disciplinary action. If tests are positive for drug use, the student will be responsible for the cost of the test. Students testing positive for any illegal drug or controlled substance or in violation of testing requirements as outlined within this policy, or found in violation of T3-01 may be subject to immediate dismissal.

A student who is honest about an off-campus alcohol or drug use violation may potentially be eligible to remain a student at Lubbock Christian University. In

any such case, the Dean of Students will view all academic records and judicial files, and conduct a thorough investigation to determine if the student is performing and achieving academic, social, and character-driven goals in concert with the mission of the university. In such cases that the Dean of Students deems appropriate, minimum rehabilitative sanctions will include intensive counseling, extended probationary sanctions, and community service which may be imposed on an offending student in lieu of automatic dismissal. In such cases, the student will assume all costs for outside counseling, drug counseling, and drug testing they may incur. A second offense will result in automatic dismissal without the right of appeal.

Simply put, alcohol abuse among college students, both traditional and nontraditional, is one of the most pressing problems facing institutions of higher education today. The above policies regarding campus alcohol use are not intended to place judgment, add moral weight, or otherwise condemn those who legally consume alcohol. Instead, Lubbock Christian University has established the above policies to provide a framework which affords all students the best possible opportunities for success in their pursuit of higher education. Lubbock Christian University believes strongly in community accountability and has limited resources such as medical services, free student counseling, and mentoring faculty and staff for those students who seek relationships, advice, and help in matters of life, including the potentially serious matters listed above. In some cases, student needs may exceed Lubbock Christian University's capacity to aide or help, and in such cases, the campus community may refer the student to off-campus help that will be a better fit for particular individual student circumstances.