Conduct and ethics: university alcohol policy.

(A) Introduction.

It is the goal of the university of Cincinnati to maintain an on campus environment that is conductive to intellectual, emotional, and social growth of all members of its community. The university of Cincinnati has established the following policy governing the possession, sale, and consumption of alcohol on its campuses. It is the university’s intention through these policies to be clear about university consequences attributed to irresponsible or illegal usage of alcohol on campus.

(B) Alcohol policy.

The university shall implement and enforce the laws of the state of Ohio as stated in the Ohio Revised Code. It is the responsibility of each student, staff, and faculty member to be familiar with the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code and the provisions of this policy and to conduct themselves accordingly.

As permitted by law individual students, faculty and/or staff may purchase, possess and/or consume beer or intoxicating liquor on campus at certain campus events, in designated campus facilities and in campus facilities having permits issued by the Ohio department of liquor control.

Restrictions in the Ohio Revised Code include the following:

(1) It is unlawful for a person under 21 years of age to purchase, consume, possess, or transport any beer or intoxicating liquor.

(2) It is unlawful to knowingly and falsely misrepresent one’s age to obtain alcoholic beverages and/or to misrepresent that another is of legal age for such purpose.

(3) It is unlawful to have in one’s possession in a public place without a permit an open container of beer or intoxicating liquor.

(4) It is unlawful to possess an open container and/or consume any beer or intoxicating liquor in a motor vehicle.
(5) It is unlawful to serve, distribute beer and/or intoxicating liquor to a minor.

These laws are contained in Chapter 4301 of the Ohio Revised Code. The complete text of the state liquor laws and administrative regulations may be obtained from the department of campus security, campus library, or the Ohio department of liquor control.

Student organizations will be permitted to schedule and/or sponsor on-campus events at which alcohol would be available only at those locations having permits issued by the Ohio department of liquor control.

Student organizations that sponsor off-campus events are expected to adhere to state law. Organizations found to have violated state law may be subjected to the loss of registered status.

Administrative and academic units (colleges, departments) are permitted to schedule and/or sponsor on-campus student events at which beer or intoxicating liquor would be available only in designated areas within those units and only with the approval of the unit head. These events may not be all campus events and must adhere to regulations for on-campus events.

(C) Policy for campus events.

The following regulations must be followed at on-campus events at which beer or intoxicating liquor are served and/or sold:

(1) The events must be properly authorized by the administrative unit responsible for the facility(s) to be used.

(2) Consumption and/or sales are permitted only within the approved area for the event.

(3) Non-alcoholic beverages must be available at the same place as alcoholic beverages and featured as prominently as the alcoholic beverages.

(4) The sponsors of the event will implement precautionary measures to ensure that alcoholic beverages are not accessible or served to persons under the legal drinking age or to persons who are intoxicated.
(5) The sponsors of the event must require proof of legal age for those individual in question as to legal age.

(6) Marketing, advertising and promotion of events with alcoholic beverages being served should not emphasize the serving of alcohol and/or have any drinking games there associated with the event.

(7) Management of licensed facilities on-campus reserve the right to limit consumption and/or sales at events in the designated facilities.

(D) Policy violations and sanctions.

Individuals and organizations found in violation of university regulations will be subject to disciplinary action and may be subject to action outlined in the Ohio Revised Code.

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