

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

Southern Oregon University is committed to promoting an environment that supports the health and well-being of every member of the campus community. Since drug and alcohol abuse can seriously impair an individual's personal and academic functioning, the University helps campus members make responsible decisions about drugs and alcohol. It is Southern's obligation, therefore, to provide pertinent drug and alcohol information, educational opportunities, prevention-related activities, individual support and referral services, and enforcement of University rules regarding the use of alcohol and illegal drugs.

In keeping with this policy and the intent of Public Law 101-226, Section 22: Drug-Free Schools and Campuses, it is our obligation and responsibility to inform you of the health risks associated with the use of various illicit drugs, nicotine, and the abuse of alcohol. Please note that any substance used through needle-sharing increases the risk of contracting AIDS and hepatitis B.

Controlled Substances: Type of Drug and Possible Health Risks

1. Stimulants – speed up action of central nervous system

- Amphetamines (speed). *Hallucinations; heart problems; malnutrition; dependency; paranoid psychosis; death. Affects fetal development.*
- Cocaine (coke, crack) — Classified as a narcotic. *Confusion; depression; convulsions; damaged nasal membranes; lung lesions; dependency; coma; paranoid psychosis; death. Affects fetal development.*
- MDMA (ecstasy). *Short-term: euphoria; dehydration; loss of inhibition. Long-term: danger to cognitive learning and memory impairment.*

2. Depressants – relax central nervous system

- Barbiturates (downers). Tranquilizers and methaqualone (ludes). *Confusion; loss of coordination; tolerance; dependency; seizures; coma; death.*
- *Especially dangerous in combination with alcohol.*

3. Cannabis – alters perception and mood

- Marijuana and hashish. *Confusion; loss of coordination; memory loss; tolerance; dependence; lung damage. Decreased sex drive.*

4. Hallucinogens – distort reality

- Lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD, acid), mescaline, MDA, DMT, STP (designer drugs), psilocybin. *Hallucinations; panic; tolerance; flashbacks; possible birth defects in users' children; and long-term psychosis in susceptible persons.*
- Phencyclidine (PCP, angel dust) – legally classified as a depressant. *Depression; confusion; hallucinations; coma; irrational behavior; tolerance; convulsions; death.*

5. Narcotics – lower pain perception

- Heroin (smack), morphine, codeine, opium. *Lethargy; apathy; loss of judgment and self-control; tolerance; dependence; malnutrition; infection; hepatitis; convulsions; coma; death. Decreased sex drive.*

6. Deliriants – cause mental confusion

- Aerosol products, lighter fluid, paint thinner, amyl nitrite, other inhalants. *Confusion; loss of coordination; hallucinations; convulsions; dependence; damage to lungs, brain, liver, bone marrow; death.*

7. Hypnotics – affect consciousness of actions and cause memory loss

- Water-soluble, tasteless GHB, rohypnol (“rophies”). *Decreased inhibition; sleepiness; memory loss; psychedelic effect.*

8. Alcohol – slows reflexes and senses

- *Tolerance; dependence; depression; coma; death. Linked to cancer; heart and liver damage. Decreased sex performance. Fetal alcohol syndrome.*

9. Nicotine – raises heart rate

- *Emphysema; lung cancer; heart disease; dependence.*

Illicit Drugs

Illegal drug activities are subject to Southern Oregon University, Oregon state, and federal sanctions. Any student who uses, possesses, or distributes illegal drugs on University property or at official University functions is subject to disciplinary action up to and including eviction from the residence halls, expulsion from the University, and criminal prosecution by state and federal authorities.

Oregon penalties for unlawful use, possession and distribution of illegal drugs are based on the following schedule. Most drugs appear on the same federal and state schedule.

Schedule/Examples	Manufacture/Distribution	Unlawful Possession
Schedule I: Heroin, LSD, marijuana mescaline, peyote, psilocybin	Class A Felony Up to 20 years and \$100,000 fine	Class B Felony Up to 10 years and \$100,000 fine
Schedule II: Opium, cocaine, methamphetamine	Class B Felony Up to 10 years and \$100,000 fine	Class C Felony Up to 5 years and \$100,000 fine
Schedule III: Amphetamines, depressants, PCP	Class C Felony Up to 5 years and \$100,000 fine	Class A Misdemeanor Up to 1 year and \$2,500 fine
Schedule IV: Various prescription drugs	Class B Misdemeanor Up to 6 months and \$1,000 fine	Class C Misdemeanor Up to 30 days and \$500 fine
Schedule V: Other less dangerous prescription drugs and small amounts of controlled drugs	Class C Misdemeanor Up to 30 days and \$500 fine	Violation \$500-\$1,000 fine

Manufacture or delivery of a schedule I, II, or III controlled substance within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary, vocational or secondary school attended by minors is class A felony, penalty of up to 20 years and \$100,000 fine.

All convictions include an additional penalty of twice the value of any resulting gain of property or money. Defendants also pay court costs and forfeit any property used in commission of the crime including vehicles.

Alcohol

Under Oregon law any person under 21 years of age with any amount of alcohol in the blood is considered under the influence of intoxicating liquor under Oregon DUII statutes (class A misdemeanor, penalty of up to 1 year and \$2,500 fine and suspension and/or revocation of driving privileges).

- Minor in possession: any attempt to purchase by a person under 21 years is a violation (up to \$250 fine)
- Providing liquor to a minor is a Class A misdemeanor (up to 1 year in prison and a fine, plus restitution and community service). Mandatory minimums:
 - First conviction - \$350
 - Second conviction - \$1000
 - Third or subsequent conviction - \$1000 and 30 days

The sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages are governed by Oregon state laws, Ashland city ordinances, and cited University regulations. All members of the University community are obligated to know and obey these laws, ordinances, and regulations. Students at the University are not exempt from state laws or city ordinances. The legal age for purchase and consumption of all alcoholic beverages is twenty-one.

Every Southern Oregon University student has certain rights and responsibilities as a student and citizen. Every student is subject to federal and Oregon State laws as well as the Southern Oregon University **Code of Student Conduct**. Included in the Code of Student Conduct is Southern Oregon University Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 573, Division 75, Section 0040, which states that any person who engages in the following proscribed conduct shall be subject to sanctions according to University procedures:

- (1) Illegal use, possession, or distribution of drugs or illegal substances on institutionally owned or controlled property or at University sponsored or supervised functions
- (2) Possession, consumption, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages on University-owned or controlled property or at University sponsored or supervised functions, unless authorized by the President
- (3) Appearing in a public place on University premises or at University sponsored or supervised functions under the influence of an intoxicating or illegal substance

Sanctions for proscribed behavior, disciplinary action taken by Southern Oregon University under OAR 573-075-0050 for violation of proscribed conduct may include any of the following: restrictions or loss of privileges, restitution, warning, discretionary assignments, probation, residence unit suspension, residence unit expulsion, interim suspension, interim suspension of participation, University suspension, University expulsion.

All of the above sanctions may be enhanced with additional conditions deemed appropriate by the disciplinary authority, which may include referral for assessment and counseling, and applicable Oregon state and federal statutes.

Referrals for Help

Any student who has personal concerns regarding the use or abuse of any drug is urged to contact Counseling Services for confidential assistance, consultation, and referral.

- **Call 541-552-6213 to make an appointment.**
- **Twenty-four-hour crisis service is also available through the Help Line at 541-779-4357.**
- **Other resources include community substance abuse care programs, listed under “Drug Abuse Information and Treatment” and “Alcoholism Treatment” in the local phone directory.**

For additional information about alcohol and drug policies, please contact the Dean of Students, Student Affairs, Stevenson Union 310, 552-6223.