

The University of Montana-Missoula
On-Campus/Off-Campus Alcohol Policies – Abridged

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I. Introduction:

This pamphlet describes University policies and expectations regarding the use, possession and distribution of alcohol, by faculty, staff and students on University property, at University-sponsored events, or by University-recognized student organizations. Off-campus and on-campus use of alcohol, as well as advertising and promotion of alcohol and tobacco are addressed. University clubs, organizations and events include, but are not limited to, academic honoraries, athletic teams and other sports groups, ROTC, service organizations, tailgate parties, dances, picnics, banquets, field trips, social functions, and recreational activities. Individual and group responsibility for compliance is of utmost importance. Student violations of University alcohol policies are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Conduct Code. The University, including ASUM, may deny privileges to student organizations or impose other group sanctions for alcohol violations.

II. General Privileges & Conditions:

A. Consumption of alcohol on University property, at University-sponsored events, or by University-recognized student organizations is prohibited except as expressly permitted.

B. Consumption of alcohol in locations other than individual residence hall rooms or University Villages and Lewis and Clark apartments must be approved in writing by the University President or the President's designee. University Catering Services is the usual designee.

C. The University may, with Presidential approval, host events that involve the service of alcohol. TIPS-trained University Catering Services staff or the University's contracted liquor vendor shall provide the alcohol service at these events.

D. Certain conditions apply.

1. Service and consumption shall be in connection with a substantive event, such as a banquet, official entertainment or reception.

2. Service and consumption shall be in full compliance with University policies, local ordinances and state laws.

3. Service and consumption of alcohol shall not exceed four (4) hours. Requests for exceptions shall be submitted to University Catering Services for Presidential approval.

4. Reasonable amounts of food and nonalcoholic beverages shall be available for the duration of the event and featured as prominently as alcoholic beverages.

5. Event organizers and sponsors shall implement a system to ensure that alcohol is not accessible or served to anyone not of legal age, or to anyone who appears to be intoxicated, regardless of age.

6. Except for tailgate parties, all events held on University property that involve the service of alcohol shall be scheduled with University Catering Services.

7. University-recognized student organizations may not apply for special permits from the State of Montana Liquor Division.

8. The sale of alcohol or the use of any indirect means of collecting money to pay for alcohol at an event is prohibited, unless the University's contracted liquor vendor provides the alcohol service.

9. University Catering Services or the University's contracted liquor vendor shall be used for all events involving the service of donated alcohol.

10. University Catering Services shall charge appropriate fees for the service of donated alcohol.

11. Each event shall adhere to the University's Alcohol Risk Management Guidelines.

III. Additional Privileges & Conditions:

A. Off-Campus

A University-recognized student organization that sponsors any gathering, meeting or other activity that involves alcohol must meet the same requirements that apply to on-campus events, with the exception of the following privileges and conditions.

1. A licensed vendor shall cater the event if 15 or more persons attend the event. Vendor approval by the University Catering Services is not required.

2. The sale of alcohol is prohibited if 14 or fewer persons attend the event, unless a licensed vendor caters the event. Prior to the event, however, participants may contribute funds to purchase alcohol for the event.

3. Officers or other officials from the student organization must meet with the organization's faculty or staff advisor to ensure that their risk management plan adheres to University alcohol policies, State and local laws and the Alcohol Risk Management Guidelines.

B. Residence Halls, University Villages and Lewis and Clark Village

Residence Halls, University Villages and Lewis and Clark Village policies permit the possession and consumption of alcohol in the privacy of a student's residence hall room or University Villages and Lewis and Clark Village apartments.

1. Providing alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age is strictly prohibited.
3. "Keggers" and parties involving large amounts of alcohol are prohibited.
4. Residence hall, University Villages and Lewis and Clark Village social funds may not be used to purchase alcohol.

C. Greek Fraternal Organizations

With limited exceptions, as defined in the All-Greek Alcohol Policy, alcohol shall not be consumed in the common areas of fraternity residences.

1. Members of legal drinking age may store and consume alcohol in the privacy of their own rooms.
2. No alcohol shall be served, possessed, or consumed at recruitment functions.
3. Greek fraternal organizations shall observe the policies of their national organizations and the Men's and Women's Relationship Statement policies regarding alcohol purchases with organization funds.
4. Greek fraternal organizations shall adhere to University alcohol policies, State and local laws and the Alcohol Risk Management Guidelines.

D. Tailgate Parties

Alcohol may be consumed at tailgate parties that are allowed in the University's parking lots and fields near Washington-Grizzly Stadium in conjunction with The University of Montana home football games. Certain restrictions apply.

1. Parties held in Kirkland Memorial Grove, River Bowl East and River Bowl South require tailgate permits and space must be reserved through the Assistant Athletic Director, Internal Affairs.
2. Small, private parties composed of ten or fewer people may be held in University parking lots M, M-1, P, T, U, W, X, Y and Z, and their contiguous grassy areas in the immediate vicinity of the Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Parties may not be held on University streets.
3. Parties may begin no earlier than two hours before the scheduled start of the game and alcohol consumption may not continue beyond the kick-off of the second half of the game.
4. No organization, business or individual, except the Grizzly Scholarship Association (GSA) or its designee, may sell or offer for public consumption, beer or other alcoholic beverages on campus in conjunction with home football games.
5. No organization, business or individual, except the Grizzly Scholarship Association or its designee, may offer food or nonalcoholic beverages for public consumption, including donations, on campus in conjunction with home football games, without prior approval from the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics.

E. Additional Risk Management Requirements

Alcohol risk management helps safeguard the University community against potential harm and exposure to legal liability. Therefore, it is imperative that all alcohol policies are consistently enforced. In addition to the aforementioned policies, the following strategies shall be incorporated into planning and implementing any event.

1. Alcohol-free events should be promoted.
2. Drinking competitions are prohibited.
3. Promoting forced consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
4. Direct access to alcoholic beverages shall be limited to designated servers and consumption permitted only within designated and monitored areas.
5. Access to the event shall be controlled.
6. The Office of Public Safety shall be informed prior to an on-campus event that involves the service of alcohol.
7. University Catering Services shall determine the need for Public Safety Officer presence at campus events that involve the service of alcohol and are open to the public.
8. Safe transportation to and from the event should be encouraged and/or provided.

9. Alcohol shall not be the focus of the event.

10. The amount of alcohol shall not be used as an inducement to attend the event and promotional material shall not make reference to the amount of alcohol available for consumption.

11. Event advertisements shall mention the availability of food and nonalcoholic beverages as prominently as alcoholic beverages.

III. Advertising and Promotion of Alcohol and Tobacco:

A. University-Related Events

This policy governs alcohol or tobacco product sponsorship and/or advertising for University events planned by University departments or officially recognized University groups and organizations. This policy applies to all such on-campus and off-campus event advertising and promotion in whatever format, including books, brochures, posters, programs, directories, newspapers, signs, radio, television, videotape, audiotape, and electronic computer generated communications. Signs include those at athletic facilities and other campus locations and on campus vehicles. For any University-related event or activity, the University:

1. Will not use beer, wine, liquor or tobacco products (name, trademark or logo) in advertisements and promotions for, or as sponsors of, any University event or activity regardless of location.

2. Will not use any University logo, trademark or name in conjunction with alcoholic beverages or tobacco to promote any University event.

3. Will not make alcohol or tobacco the focus of any University event, or use availability of beer or other alcoholic beverages or tobacco to promote any University event.

4. Will not provide alcohol or tobacco products as awards or prizes to any person or organization participating in any University event or in any event on University property.

B. Non-University Events on University Premises

Subject to the approval by the President of the University, events organized by non-university organizations on University premises may display the corporate names of alcohol and tobacco-related sponsors as long as the use of alcohol or tobacco products is not promoted and University trademarked logos are not used in conjunction with the event.

C. University Trademarked Logos

Subject to the approval by the President of the University, University trademarked logos may be used in conjunction with off-campus events involving alcohol or tobacco products, if the event has multiple sponsors, does not promote the sale of those products, and is an event that benefits an issue important to the University. Each event will be judged on its own merits.

D. Exceptions to this Policy

Exceptions to this policy shall be limited to the following:

1. University football game tailgate parties to the limited extent of permitting tailgate party participants to advertise the availability of alcohol to their guests who are 21 years of age or older.

2. Adams Center and University Center events to the limited extent of permitting either Center to advertise the availability of alcoholic beverages, if such beverages are otherwise permitted at the event, to participants who are 21 years of age or older.

3. Any other exception authorized in advance by the President of the University.

IV. More Information:

Paper copies of the abridged and unabridged alcohol policies are available at 022 University (Main) Hall, 101 Turner Hall, 105 University Center, the Office of Public Safety-Physical Plant, or they may be printed from <http://life.umt.edu/VPSA/name/AlcoholTobaccoDrug1>. Students may also contact Charles Couture, Dean of Students, at 022 University (Main) Hall, 243-6413, 243-5225, or charles.couture@umontana.edu for further information.