



3.2.004 Alcoholic Beverages and Consumption

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I. PURPOSE and SCOPE

As an academic community, MSOE has a priority interest in the wellness and safety of all its members, as well as in the providing of an educational environment that actively promotes the intellectual, emotional, and physical development of all its students. Such an environment at once affirms both the rights of individuals and the needs of the larger community to which they belong. Moreover, the maintenance of such an environment, as with any genuine social order, presumes both the freedom and the obligation to act responsibly.

II. DEFINITIONS:

Element	Definition
None	

III. POLICY STATEMENT

As one important application of the principles stated above, MSOE believes that learning to make responsible decisions about the use of alcohol is a key developmental task for young adults in our society, and therefore is related to the educational mission of the university. MSOE policies regarding the use and consumption of alcoholic beverages by students and student groups are derived, accordingly, from the following general premises:

- The MSOE community expects persons to take responsibility for themselves, for others, and for the environment of which they are all a part.
- The university will provide an environment that supports those who choose not to drink as well as those of legal age who choose to drink responsibly.
- The university will discourage the misuse of alcohol by any member of its community through educational awareness programs and appropriate regulatory guidelines and will offer assistance to any member having problems related to alcohol through Counseling Services or other community resources.
- The university will comply with federal, state, and local laws, and expects all members of its community to do likewise.

The Student Conduct Code of MSOE specifies the minimum level of conduct expected of every student at the university. The policies and procedures given are those that students, faculty, and administration have agreed upon to further the educational aims of the institution and to assist all students in the pursuit of their educational and personal development.

The MSOE community will not permit any of its members or nonmembers to violate the rights of any other member of the university community, or to create an environment that is not appropriate to an educational institution or residential campus community. Whenever that occurs, and regardless of the action or nonaction of civil authorities, action will be taken by the university whether or not an individual's conduct has been influenced by the consumption of alcohol and/or use of other drugs.

A student who has been found to be responsible for any of the following actions pertaining to alcohol and illicit drug use will be subject to institutional disciplinary sanctions ranging from reprimand up to and including suspension or expulsion from the university as authorized by the Student Conduct Code and pursuant to the judicial processes set forth therein.

Use, Possession and/or Dispensing of Alcohol

The policies and procedures governing the possession, dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages by students and student groups are as follows:

1. **THE UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO NOTIFY PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS WHO ARE FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES AND/OR STATE STATUTES REGARDING UNDERAGE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**
2. Alcoholic beverages may be possessed, purchased and/or consumed on the MSOE campus only by persons of legal age to do so, and then only in designated areas. These areas are residence hall student rooms (subject to residence hall policies and guidelines) and other areas that may be specifically approved for campus activities. Age eligibility will be checked by campus Public Safety personnel and/or a licensed bartender. At no time may alcohol be consumed in academic or administrative buildings or elsewhere on MSOE property unless prior approval has been obtained from the Campus Life Office. Any person with alcohol in a non-designated area will be required to dispose of it or to return to the area in which consumption is permitted.
3. Licensed bartenders are required at all authorized on-campus events where alcoholic beverages are dispensed. The MSOE campus food service shall have exclusive responsibility for providing all beverages and licensed bartenders and dispensing all alcohol at such events. Carry-in or bring-your-own are not permitted.
4. Identification (state ID or driver's license with photo) is required of those obtaining alcohol and will be checked at all campus locations where alcohol is dispensed. If a person's age remains in question, they shall be required to produce another form of identification. The use of false identification to obtain alcohol at any approved campus event is a violation of state law and of the MSOE Student Conduct Code and is, therefore, subject to both civil and campus disciplinary action.
5. No person may procure for, sell to, dispense, or give alcoholic beverages to an underage person, a person who is intoxicated or a person whose behavior appears to be negatively affected by the consumption of alcohol. Public Safety personnel may be summoned, if necessary, in any problem situation.

6. All promotional materials associated with events sponsored by student organizations, clubs, or other student groups must be approved by the Campus Life Office. Publicity and promotion of events at which alcoholic beverages are available may not encourage any form of alcohol abuse or emphasize quantity, frequency, or duration of use. An alternative beverage (other than or in addition to water) must be made available at all events at which alcohol is dispensed, and its availability must be prominently stated as part of all promotional materials.
7. Beverage alcohol may not be provided as prizes or free awards, or to individuals or organizations as the result of raffles, contests, games, competitions, or the like.
8. Organized games, contests, competitions, and the like involving the consumption of alcoholic beverages by participants are prohibited. Likewise, prohibited is the giving away of alcoholic beverages, or a flat admission charge or donation that then enables the consumption of alcohol at no charge or at a reduced charge.
9. All student-sponsored events must comply with campus, municipal, state, and federal laws and regulations pertaining to alcohol sale, purchase and/or consumption. Knowledge of, and compliance with, such laws and regulations is the responsibility of the sponsoring organization or individuals. Persons failing to comply are subject to both civil and campus disciplinary action.

IV. PROCEDURE

None

V. EXCEPTIONS/APPEALS

None

VI. ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS/ACCREDITATION STANDARD

Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Core Component 2.A.2

VII. LIFECYCLE

Reviewed biennially or as needed.

VIII. APPENDICES

None

This section to be completed by the Records Manager		
Related Policies	Student Code of Conduct	
Date Due for Review	2025	
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Record Manager	Dr. Melodie Fox, Assistant VP of Curriculum & Knowledge Management	
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