

The University of Oklahoma **STUDENT ALCOHOL POLICY**

All campus affiliated student organizations and all students who are currently enrolled at the University of Oklahoma or are pre-enrolled for subsequent semesters and have either attended the institution for at least one semester in the current or past academic year are responsible for following federal, state and local laws, the Student Code of Responsibilities and Conduct, and the Student Alcohol Policy.

- (1) All fraternities, sororities, and residence halls shall be dry. Alcoholic beverages will not be allowed inside fraternity houses, sorority houses and OU residence halls or on the grounds surrounding them. Fraternity officers and members will sign an agreement to abide by this policy which will be strongly enforced. Enforcement for campus alcohol violations and punishments has been increased.
- (2) To curtail alcohol abuse on and off campus, the university has adopted a mandatory, minimum "3 Strikes" policy. The first alcohol violation, whether off campus or on campus, automatically will result in appropriate parent/guardian notification and further alcohol education. A second offense will also automatically carry parent/guardian notification and an appropriate sanction. A third violation will result in automatic suspension from the university for a minimum of one semester. Parents/guardians will be informed of this policy at the time their son or daughter enrolls at OU.
- (3) Events at which alcohol is served, that are sponsored by campus-affiliated student organizations, shall be restricted to only Friday nights and Saturday nights.
- (4) Transportation to and from off campus parties sponsored by campus-affiliated student organizations shall include designated drivers or public transportation provided by the sponsoring group.
- (5) Alcohol education programs have been expanded and all entering undergraduate students, age 22 and under, are required to complete these programs to remain in good standing. In addition, upon joining a fraternity or sorority, new members will participate in a university approved alcohol education program before their new member program begins.
- (6) An anonymous, confidential hotline has been established where violations of the anti-hazing and dry fraternity, sorority and residence hall policies may be reported.
- (7) All fraternity and sorority recruitment events are alcohol free. In addition, regulations have been established for IFC fraternities to regulate summer recruitment activities. These regulations include: mandatory registration of recruitment-related facilities, notification one calendar week prior to recruitment events, and open invitations to IFC and University representatives to attend any recruitment activities.
- (8) Campus-affiliated student organizations are required to present a plan annually for organizationally-sponsored events prior to any activities at which alcohol is served.
- (9) Fraternity and Sorority Student Life has enhanced the University's statement on prohibited hazing activities. Fraternity and sorority officers will sign a pledge to abide by this policy and report violations. It will also be provided to new members who will sign a statement promising to report violations. This statement on prohibited hazing activities will also be given to the new members' parents/guardians, who will be urged to report any violations.
- (10) The University has established a formal relationship with licensed alcohol counselors for immediate student referrals.

- (11) The University has established the SafeRide program that includes a voucher system with a local public transportation company to provide safe rides to discourage drinking and driving.
- (12) Because of the critical student health and safety issues, any conflicting policy or process will be waived.
- (13) Students who have received a first strike may at any time request that the strike and the record be removed from their student file providing the student meets the relevant eligibility criteria and provides documents evidencing the following criteria. This request must be made in writing to the Campus Judicial Coordinator. In order to be eligible to have the strike and the record removed from their student file at the University, the student must present the following documentation:
 - (1) it has been one year since the disposition of the offense, whether by deferral, conviction, or negotiated settlement with the University;
 - (2) the student has not received any additional strikes under the University system within the specified period of time based on their negotiated settlement with the University;
 - (3) the student has not received any additional charges or alcohol related offenses on or off campus, since receiving the alcohol offense at issue;
 - (4) the student completed all agreed upon sanctions required by the University and the court having jurisdiction over the matter, if applicable.

Removal of the strike is at the sole discretion of the University Vice President of Student Affairs or his/her designee. Additionally, this opportunity for a student to have a first strike removed from their University record does not apply to DUIs and applies only to charges under the University's Three Strike Policy and in no way limits any other available action by the University, including but not limited to, any violation of the Student Code of Responsibilities and Conduct. However, the following alcohol offenses shall be entitled to an automatic deferred first strike: minor in possession and/or public intoxication and other similar, limited circumstances at the discretion of the University Vice President for Student Affairs. To qualify for the deferral and ultimate removal of the first strike, the student must not receive any other alcohol offense for a period of 12 months from the date of the qualifying deferred first strike offense. A deferred first strike will not be considered an "offense" and will not be maintained as a disciplinary record of the University. However, if the student receives another alcohol offense of any nature, within the 12-month period, the deferral of the first strike shall be revoked and the second alcohol offense shall be considered a second strike. Moreover, students are only entitled to one deferred strike during their attendance at the University.

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