

Alcohol and Drugs

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Acts Amendments of 1987, Public Law 101-226, requires that, as a condition of receiving funds or any other form of financial assistance under any Federal Program, an institution of higher education must certify that it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees. This Federal mandate coincides with the strong desire of the Lee University administration to maintain a drug- and alcohol-free campus. The sponsoring denomination, all University personnel and a high percentage of students have shared this concern since the founding of the University in 1918.

Prior to registering for classes, students are asked to sign the Community Covenant agreeing to abide by the Lee University standards of conduct regarding the use of alcohol and illegal drugs. Students who fail to abide by the terms of the Covenant will face possible suspension or expulsion from the University. Any individual who refuses to sign the Community Covenant will not be allowed to enroll as a Lee University student.

Students involved in any illegal activity related to drugs or alcohol may be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Possession of drugs or any drug paraphernalia will result in severe disciplinary measures, including the possibility of suspension. Possession of any illicit drugs for personal use or for resale will result in immediate suspension from the University. The misuse of prescription drugs or over the counter drugs will result in severe disciplinary measures including the possibility of suspension or expulsion.

Legal sanctions under local, state and Federal law for the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol encompasses a wide range of penalties in the form of fines, loss of driving privileges and prison terms.

The University exercises its right to require drug testing of students suspected of drug use. Searches of students, their rooms, possessions and automobiles will be conducted if reasonable cause exists to suspect possession of illegal drugs or alcohol. **Refusal of a drug screen will be considered grounds for suspension.** In the event a drug test is required, the student will be responsible to pay for this screening process. This policy applies to students living in apartments and auxiliary housing as well.

The Lee University Alcohol Policy is as follows: **First Offense**.....20 Accountability Hours; **Second Offense**.....20 Accountability Hours (After the 2nd offense, the University reserves the right to contact parents/guardians which may include recommending counseling, accountability or assistance from outside agencies depending on the severity of the incident.) **Third Offense**.....20 Accountability Hours, which leads to an automatic suspension Consuming, possessing, holding for others or purchasing alcohol or drugs will constitute as a violation of the alcohol/drug policy. Any student convicted of a DUI offense will be suspended from the University. **Any student 21 or over who purchases, serves or supplies alcohol to a minor will be subject to immediate suspension from the University.**

The health risk associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol are numerous. Educational literature is available in several offices including: Health Clinic, Counseling Center and Campus Pastor. Counseling and treatment services are available both on- and off-campus: **On Campus:** Director of Counseling, CO 202; Director of Health Clinic, HC; Campus Pastor, CC