

UNIVERSITY OF MARY ALCOHOL POLICY

Purpose

The University of Mary believes that individual choices involving the use of alcohol have an impact on both the individual and the community. Abuse of alcohol among college students is closely linked to sexual assault, declining academic performance, violent crime, and alcoholism. Other effects include accidental death, serious injury to oneself or others, vandalism, damage to employment prospects, and medical or psychological difficulties. Statistics suggest that the dangerous practice of binge drinking is prevalent in North Dakota and the surrounding region. For these reasons, the University's alcohol policy demonstrates a strong ethic of care and establishes healthy standards for the community in relation to the responsible and legal use of alcohol. This policy is written in accordance with North Dakota state law and reflects the mission, goals, and academic standards of our community.

Statement of Policy

Statement of Care

University of Mary students have the opportunity to engage their social environment in a way that helps them to learn and grow as individuals and as part of a community. A mature and responsible approach to alcohol is fostered by a healthy culture and thoughtful education in virtue. The development of individuals and social choices can have long-term effects on behaviors, attitudes, and values. Students are expected to comply with established laws and university policies and are responsible for their behavior at all times. Being in a community means that individuals are also responsible for others. Taking action to care about and confront inappropriate alcohol use among one's peers makes the community stronger.

The University of Mary encourages students who suspect they may have a substance abuse problem to seek professional assistance. The University has an arrangement with the CHI St. Alexius Health EAP Program whereby they provide students with up to five free counseling sessions with a substance abuse counselor. The services may be accessed via a 24/7 number at 701-530-7195 or 1-800-327-7195.

A comprehensive educational program for students, faculty, and staff will periodically provide information and training about the appropriate use of alcohol, the signs of alcohol abuse and its risks, and how to intervene when someone is in danger or evincing signs of alcohol abuse.

Statement of Policy

The use of alcoholic beverages on University of Mary property or at university-sponsored events must be in accordance with the laws of the state of North Dakota.

The University reserves the right to confiscate, retain, and dispose of any and all alcohol and alcohol-related paraphernalia, regardless of value or ownership.

For University of Mary residential facilities, the use of alcohol is forbidden in some cases and a regulated privilege in others, as described below:

Residential facilities open to first- and second-year students:

- Residents of any age and/or their guests of any age may not consume alcoholic beverages. Use, possession, distribution, sale, or display of alcoholic beverages and possession of empty containers of such is forbidden.
- Standard 8 of the University's Student Handbook details expectations and sanctions in this regard.

Residential facilities reserved for third-year students and above:

- Any apartment unit in which all assigned residents are good standing, have reached the age of 21, and have completed an alcohol education course may apply for the privilege to possess and consume alcohol in a legal and safe manner.
- Under the supervision of Residence Life, community centers of these residential facilities may host events or gatherings where alcohol is served, so long as all University of Mary students present are of legal age and in completion of an alcohol education course.
- Standard 8 of the University's Student Handbook details expectations and sanctions in this regard.

Staff and faculty residents:

- Non-student staff and faculty of legal age in university-owned housing on or off campus may possess and consume alcohol in a safe and responsible manner. They are, however, prohibited from serving alcohol to students of any age unless permission is expressly granted by the University's Executive Vice President.

For University of Mary administrative or academic buildings, grounds, or off-campus travel or events:

- University policy does not permit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on university grounds or parking lots, in common areas, or at university-sponsored events, except at events sponsored by the President or in cases specifically approved by the University's Executive Vice President which comply with the laws of the state of North Dakota.
 - Organizations or individuals who have received permission to serve alcohol at an event are (1) responsible for enforcing university, state, and federal regulations governing the consumption of alcohol; (2) must proportionately supply non-alcoholic beverages and food; (3) must arrange for approved server staff to provide the alcohol; (4) may not indicate the presence of alcohol in any publicity, whether graphically or in print.
 - Wine is permitted for liturgical use and will be securely stored by University Ministry.
 - The consumption of alcohol by students at the University's Rome campus (where the drinking age is 16) will be moderated by the Director of the Rome Program; students and guests are not permitted to possess or consume alcohol in their rooms under any circumstances.
 - Athletic tailgating events or receptions may include alcohol served only to persons of legal age, with the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics taking measures to ensure legal, safe, and moderate consumption.
 - Student organizations, clubs, and teams are prohibited from serving alcohol at events or activities, even at off-campus locations.

- Students who participate in university-sponsored travel in the United States are prohibited from possessing or consuming alcohol, even if they are of legal age. University employees who lead students in foreign travel are responsible to ensure that any use of alcohol by students is legal, moderate, and safe.

Off-Campus Conduct

Any student possessing, selling, distributing, purchasing, using, or consuming alcoholic beverages while under the age of 21 will be assumed to have violated state law and thus the Alcohol Policy of the University. In addition, any indication of use of false identification to purchase such will be thoroughly investigated and responded to accordingly. Response to off-campus conduct may bring with it involvement from law enforcement officials.

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