

Policy on Alcohol

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Purpose:

Two basic factors dictate Clarion University's policy on alcohol:

1. Studies indicate that a majority of the misconduct incidents involving students are related to alcohol consumption.
2. Clarion University is a state agency, and as such it cannot authorize, condone, sanction, or otherwise support activities in which state law is violated. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by those under 21 years of age is such a violation.

Policy:

Because of these factors, the university has adopted regulations under which the following acts constitute student misconduct:

1. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in or around university and university supervised facilities or on university property; unless otherwise authorized for those 21 years of age or older by the President in designated areas.
2. The possession or use by, and sale or furnishing of, alcoholic beverages to those under 21 years of age.
3. The serving of alcoholic beverages to a student which contributes to subsequent misconduct by that student.
4. The act of public intoxication as defined by PA law and driving while intoxicated.
5. Residential prohibitions include empty alcohol containers of any kind for the traditional halls, suites, and apartments.
6. Alcohol violations depicted on social media, on or off campus are addressed through the student conduct system.

7. Knowingly and willingly being present while a violation, including alcohol and drugs, constitutes a violation of a university policy. All students are encouraged to report violations and/or minimally remove themselves from the incident or address the issue as a bystander.

In addition to its regulations, the university attempts to provide a program of alcohol awareness, education, treatment, counseling, and information to help students understand the university's alcohol policy and its implementation. More information related to alcohol may be found at Counseling Services, Wellness Programs, or the Keeling Health Center.