

Alcohol Policy

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Policy:

The following sections describe Clarion University policy regarding the sale, service, distribution, and consumption of alcoholic beverages in accordance with federal, state and local laws. The alcohol policy is applicable to all Clarion University students regardless of whether the actions take place on or off University property or at Clarion University-sponsored events, programs, or activities.

Students who are of legal drinking age may not share or provide alcohol to anyone who is under 21 years of age. Those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years are not permitted to possess or consume alcohol. Drinking games, and simulated drinking games (e.g. water pong) are prohibited. No alcohol is permitted on campus or in University-affiliated-housing; however, students who are 21 years of age or older are permitted to possess and consume alcohol in their personal bedroom at Reinhard Villages. If everyone in an apartment at Reinhard Villages is 21, then alcohol can be possessed and consumed in the common areas of the apartment.

The Office of the President reserves the right to have designated events on campus where alcohol may be present.

Examples of Violations of the Clarion University Alcohol Policy

- Purchasing alcohol by a person under the age of 21.
- Selling or providing alcohol to a person under the age of 21.
- Possessing either full or empty alcohol containers by a person under the age of 21.
- Consuming alcohol by a person under the age of 21.
- Showing physical or mental impairment following or resulting from alcohol use.
- Possessing empty alcohol containers for decorative purposes in campus housing, regardless of age.
- Using or possessing common sources of alcohol including, but not limited to kegs, party balls, punch bowls, wine boxes, etc.
- Participating in or being present during the occurrence of any drinking game.
- Possession of beer bongs, beer pong tables, and other devices used or manipulated for use in any drinking game.

- Possessing an open container of alcohol in a common area including, but not limited, to bathrooms, hallways, lounges, elevators, lobbies or outdoor spaces.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Violations of Clarion Borough Ordinance related to open containers.
- Public Intoxication.
- Over Intoxication in a University Housing building or other campus building.

As stated in Section 4 of the *Student Code of Conduct*, “failure to comply with the reasonable directives of University officials or law enforcement officers during the performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so”, is considered unacceptable behavior for a University student. An example of such behavior includes refusing to submit to a breath test when requested by a police officer, whether on or off-campus, which is considered a violation of the University *Student Code of Conduct* and may result in conduct sanctions.

Examples of Clarion University alcohol policy violations and their sanctions are listed below. Sanctions are dependent upon a number of factors including, but not limited to: hearing officer discretion, the nature and severity of the incident, a student’s conduct history and a student’s cooperation throughout the conduct process.

a) *Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol Policy Violations:*

1. First Offense—Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:
 - Participation in an alcohol education activity (BASICS), at the student’s expense and as determined by the Director of Student Engagement and Development (or designee);
 - Online Judicial Educator Module(s);
 - Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students and those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years;
 - Reprimand up through suspension or expulsion from housing and/or the University; and/or
 - Other sanctions as determined by the Director of Student Engagement and Development (or designee).

2. Second Offense— Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:
 - Mandated substance abuse assessment by an approved agency and required compliance with the assessing counselor’s evaluation;
 - Judicial Mentoring Program mandated meetings;
 - Authorship of a research/reflection essay;

- Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students and those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years;
 - Reprimand up through suspension or expulsion from housing and/or the University; and/or
 - Other sanctions as determined by the Director of Student Engagement and Development (or designee).
3. Third and Subsequent Offenses— Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:
- Suspension or expulsion from University housing and/or the University;
 - Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students or those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years; and/or
 - Other sanctions as determined by the Director of Student Engagement and Development (or designee).

b) *Purchasing, Selling or Providing Alcohol to Minors:*

1. First Offense— Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:
- Judicial Mentoring Program mandated meetings;
 - Mandated substance abuse assessment by an approved agency and required compliance with the assessing counselor's evaluation;
 - Participation in an alcohol education activity (BASICS), at the student's expense and as determined by the Director of Student Engagement and Development (or designee);
 - Authorship of a research/reflection essay;
 - Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students or those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years;
 - Notification of law enforcement authorities;
 - Eligibility restrictions;
 - Reprimand up through suspension or expulsion from housing and/or the University;

- Community service hours to be performed at a specific location as determined by the Director of Student Engagement and Development (or designee); and/or
 - Other sanctions as determined by the Director of Student Engagement and Development (or designee).
2. Second and Subsequent Offenses— Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:
- Suspension or expulsion from the University;
 - Notification of law enforcement authorities;
 - Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students or those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years; and/or
 - Other sanctions as determined by the Director of Student Engagement and Development (or designee).
- c) *Driving Under the Influence/Driving While Intoxicated*: Clarion University is concerned about students who violate state and local laws regarding consumption of alcohol and the operation of motor vehicles. In accordance with state law, the University abides by the legal definition of *intoxicated* as “not having the normal use of mental or physical faculties by reason of introduction of alcohol, a controlled substance, a drug, a dangerous drug, a combination of two or more of those substances, or any other substance into the body” or at least a 0.08 Breath or Blood Alcohol Concentration. In addition, students under the legal minimum drinking age of 21 years who are found to have any detectable amount of alcohol in their systems will be considered driving under the influence of alcohol and subject to penalties under that offense.
1. First Offense— Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:
- Loss of driving and/or parking privileges on campus for a specified period of time;
 - Participation in an alcohol education activity (BASICS), at the student’s expense and as determined by the Director of Student Engagement and Development (or designee);
 - Community services hours to be performed at a specific location as determined by the Director of Student Engagement and Development (or designee);
 - Authorship of a research/reflection essay;

- Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students or those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years;
- Eligibility restrictions; and/or
- Reprimand up through suspension or expulsion from the University;
- Other sanctions as determined by the Director of Student Engagement and Development (or designee).

2. Second and Subsequent Offenses — Possible sanctions and institutional actions include, but are not limited to:

- Suspension or expulsion from the University;
- Notification of law enforcement authorities;
- Notification of parents/guardians of dependent students and those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years; and/or
- Other sanctions as determined by the Director of Student Engagement and Development (or designee).