

ALCOHOL, CANNABIS, AND TOBACCO



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POLICY

1. Overview

The University seeks to provide a safe and healthy environment for those using its campuses and those present at events under the control of the University. To advance that goal, the University seeks to create an environment that supports a harm-reduction approach to the uses of Alcohol, Cannabis, and Tobacco.

Educational materials and programs on responsible behaviour regarding Alcohol, Cannabis, and Tobacco will be prepared and circulated widely by the University's Counselling and Wellness offices.

2. Scope

This policy applies on all University campuses, and to all events under the control of the University whether on or off campus.

The rules set out in the Policy apply in addition to all applicable laws and regulations of federal, provincial and municipal governments.

REGULATIONS

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The Regulations under this Policy consist of 3 parts:

- Part 1 – ALCOHOL
- Part 2 – CANNABIS
- Part 3 – TOBACCO

1) PART 1 – ALCOHOL

A. EVENTS WITH ALCOHOL

1. All sale and/or service of alcohol in British Columbia requires a license or permit issued by the British Columbia Liquor Control and Licensing Branch.
2. Alcohol may only be served or sold on University campuses or at events under the control of the University pursuant to a license or permit held by the University or by a licensee or permit-holder approved by the Executive Director, Athletics, Recreation and Ancillary Services or his or her designate (the “Executive Director”).
3. The University holds a license for serving alcohol in the Campus Activity Centre. All events held in the Campus Activity Centre (other than in the Independent Centre operated by TRUSU) involving the consumption of alcohol must be approved by the Executive Director.
4. All applications to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch made for events to be held on University property or events under control of the University for a special event permit must be approved by the Executive Director.
5. The Executive Director will not grant approval unless each of the following requirements will be met:
 - a. The organizers shall familiarize themselves with the legal requirements for the provision of alcohol and comply with all applicable legislation and University policy.
 - b. In the interest of responsible alcohol consumption, alcohol may not be the primary focus of any event. Food must be sold or made available at all events where alcohol is served.
 - c. The individual or group organizing the event shall be responsible for the behaviour of event attendees and shall be financially responsible for any damage caused by event attendees.
 - d. For events organized by a student group, the student group must name at least two leaders of the group who shall be responsible for oversight of the event and who shall not consume alcohol during the event.
 - e. Alcohol sales must not be used for fund-raising purposes.
 - f. All event advertising must comply with the requirements set out in section C of these Regulations.

The Executive Director may, in his/her absolute discretion, require external security to be provided by the sponsoring group.

B. IDENTIFICATION

Acceptable proof of age must be presented by all persons attending events on campus where alcohol is available, or at point of purchase within a licensed restaurant on campus.

1. Only the following are acceptable as proof of age:
 - a. Any one of:
 - valid passport;
 - British Columbia Identification Card on which photograph and date of birth are visible;
 - Driver's License on which photograph and date of birth are visible; or
 - other identification card, issued by a government agency, on which photograph and date of birth are visible;
 - b. AND:
 - one other form of identification that shows the name of the person and one or both of the person's signature or photo.
2. The University, in its absolute discretion reserves the right to refuse entrance or service to any person.

C. ADVERTISING

1. All advertising for events with alcohol must comply with all applicable legislation and rules published by the Executive Director from time to time. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following restrictions apply to all advertising of events with alcohol, whether they are held on or off campus:
 - a. advertising of events must be responsible, in good taste, and not promote alcohol as the focus of the event. Terms that promote immoderate alcohol consumption such as "bash," "drunk," "kegger," "wipeout," "blackout," "rager," etc. are not normally permitted. Mention of alcohol on event promotion materials shall be restricted to the information that alcohol will be available at the event. Advertisements may be provided to the Executive Director prior to posting to confirm that they are compliant with this Policy.
 - b. Alternatives to alcohol will be offered and featured equally with alcohol.
 - c. Printed advertising for alcohol will not be allowed.
 - d. Brewery/distiller sponsorship of alcohol awareness and education is permitted as long as the University retains editorial control.
 - e. Permanent signage of brewery/distiller advertising is prohibited.
 - f. Brewery/distiller sponsorship with respect to the announcement of events via posters, T-shirts, balloons, and other accessories related to the event is not permitted.

- g. Brewery/distiller sponsorship of activities such as "Player of the Game" is not allowed.

D. STAFF TRAINING

All individuals serving alcohol require a valid certification under the "Serving it Right" responsible beverage service program.

E. REPORTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Reports of violations and subsequent actions generated under this Policy must be submitted to the Executive Director (or designate). Student infractions related to this Policy will be forwarded to the Director of Student Affairs.

F. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

Alcohol may only be consumed as permitted under the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, and only at appropriately licensed events and establishments on the University campus. Other consumption or possession of open alcohol on the University campuses is prohibited. Alcohol may be consumed in apartments and residence rooms on the University campuses, subject to the rules of such apartment buildings and residences.

2) PART 2 - CANNABIS

A. NON-MEDICINAL USE OF CANNABIS PROHIBITED

1. Non-medicinal use of cannabis on the University campuses is prohibited. Medicinal use of cannabis authorized by a qualified physician is permitted; however, smoking cannabis for medicinal purposes is restricted to such areas as are designated by the University from time to time to minimize the impact on other members of the University community. "Smoking", for the purposes of this section includes: (i) lit cannabis cigarettes or pipes, (ii) electronic devices for inhaling cannabis, (iii) vaping devices and any other similar device.
2. Members of the University community who wish to use medicinal cannabis under this Policy must provide proof of medical support for such use that is satisfactory to the University in its sole discretion.
3. Cannabis may be used in research and teaching only with prior written approval of the Dean of the associated department or school.

B. SALE OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS

The promotion, advertising, or sale of any cannabis products on University property is prohibited.

3) PART 3 - TOBACCO

A. APPLICATION

In the context of this policy, tobacco use includes the use of: (i) lit tobacco cigarettes, cigars, pipes, (ii) smokeless tobacco, (iii) electronic cigarettes, vaping devices and any other similar device.

B. OUTDOOR DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS (DSAs)

1. The University may create designated smoking areas (“DSAs”) on its campuses. Outside of a DSA, smoking of tobacco is not permitted.
2. All used tobacco products and related materials must be disposed of in receptacles intended for their disposal.

C. SALE OF SMOKING MATERIALS

The promotion, advertising, or sale of any tobacco products or related paraphernalia on University property is prohibited. In accordance with the Federal *Tobacco Act*, corporate tobacco sponsorship of the University’s events or groups is prohibited.

D. EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to this policy may be granted for traditional and ceremonial events at approved times and places as per the University’s Smudging Protocols or as required by applicable human rights laws.