

**The Lutheran University Association, Inc.
d/b/a Valparaiso University
Student Life Alcohol and Drug Policies**

Alcohol Policies

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages on campus is prohibited in the residence halls and University-operated housing facilities. Alcohol may be permitted in other locations on campus per University guidelines and approval. Students will be held accountable for the way or ways in which they possess, use, or abuse alcoholic beverages. It is expected that student use of alcoholic beverages will be in compliance with applicable state laws and University policy.

If a student, student organization, or other recognized university affiliated group violates University policies regarding the use of alcoholic beverages, they will be disciplined through the appropriate University disciplinary and judicial procedures.

Students may generally expect the following actions to be taken:

1. Following a violation of the alcohol policy for the first time, or when another type of policy is violated and this violation was alcohol-related, a student will ordinarily be referred to an educational program offered by the University.
2. For a referral of a second alcohol policy violation, or when different types of policies have been violated and these violations have been alcohol-related, or for an arrest by legal authorities, a student will ordinarily be required to meet with a University staff member for a substance use assessment in addition to potential disciplinary action.
3. If violations continue, a student will be referred to the Dean of Students for further disciplinary action which may include fines, probation, suspension, or expulsion.
4. Failure to comply with sanctions will ordinarily result in further disciplinary action.

In all cases involving student discipline (including alcohol and drugs), the Dean of Students or his/her designee has absolute discretion to utilize other procedures and/or penalties as s/he deems appropriate.

Drug Policies

It is the policy of Valparaiso University that the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and/or drug paraphernalia is prohibited. Students found to be intending to distribute, possess, use, buy, or sell illicit drugs will be subject to University disciplinary action which may include mandatory counseling, disciplinary fines, probation, suspension, or expulsion from the University.

Valparaiso University further prohibits the possession or use of prescription drugs without a valid/current medical prescription; use of prescribed medication not as directed (over-use, snorting prescribed medication, etc.); huffing, snorting, smoking, or otherwise possessing or using legal substances not as intended.

Valparaiso University will pursue sanctions through the student conduct system. Sanctions under this policy may affect the student's ability to participate in campus life, including their ability to remain in good standing with the University, participate in extracurricular activities or athletics, live in campus housing, or remain enrolled.

Resources

- **Counseling Center:** The University has a Licensed Clinical Addictions counselor. Students can receive personalized substance abuse assessments, receive group or individual treatment, and be connected to outside resources such as Self-Help Meetings, IOP, MAT, and Residential Centers.
- **Student Health Center:** The trained professionals at the health center can screen for substance abuse or misuse and provide feedback about any physical health concerns related to this use.
- **Recovery Connection:** This resource is located near campus and provides a variety of self-help meetings as well as sober social activities.
- **Porter Starke Services:** Community Mental Health Center accessible by V-Line that provides wrap-around services including IOP, Aftercare and Medication Assisted Treatment.
- **SAMHSA Helpline:** SAMHSA's National Helpline, 1.800.662.HELP (4357), (also known as the Treatment Referral Routing Service) or TTY: 1.800.487.4889 is a confidential, free, 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year, information service, in English and Spanish, for individuals and family members facing mental and/or substance use disorders. This service provides referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, and community-based organizations. Callers can also order free publications and other information.

State Statutes: Alcohol

The following is a summary of Indiana laws pertaining to alcoholic beverages:

- a. It is unlawful for a minor (a person under the age of 21) to make a false statement of his age, or to present or offer false or fraudulent evidence of majority or identity, to a permittee for the purpose of ordering, purchasing, attempting to purchase, or otherwise procuring or attempting to procure an alcoholic beverage.
- b. It is unlawful for a person to sell, give, or furnish to a minor false or fraudulent evidence of majority or identity with the intent to violate a provision of the alcoholic beverage laws.
- c. It is unlawful for a minor to have in his possession false or fraudulent evidence of majority or identity with the intent to violate a provision of the alcoholic beverage laws.
- d. It is unlawful for a minor to knowingly
 - 1) an alcoholic beverage;
 - 2) consume it; or
 - 3) transport it on a public highway when not accompanied by at least one (1) of his parents or guardians; In addition to other penalties, the minor's driver's license may be suspended for up to one (1) year.
- e. It is unlawful for a person to sell, barter, exchange, provide, or furnish an alcoholic beverage to a minor.
- f. It is unlawful for a minor to recklessly be in a tavern, bar, or other public place where alcoholic beverages are sold, bartered, exchanged, given away, provided, or furnished. In addition to other penalties, the minor's driver's license shall be suspended for up to one (1) year.
- g. It is unlawful for a person twenty-one (21) years of age or older to knowingly encourage, aid, or induce a minor to unlawfully possess an alcoholic beverage.
- h. It is unlawful for a person to be in a public place or a place of public resort in a state of intoxication caused by the person's use of alcohol.

State Statutes: Drugs

The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of cannabis, stimulants (cocaine, crack, amphetamines), methamphetamine, opiates, barbiturates, gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB), and hallucinogens is prohibited by state and federal law. The classification of drugs, Schedule I through V, can be found in the Indiana Code § 35-48-2-4, 35-48-2-6, 35-48-2-8, 35-48-2-10, 35-48-2-12.

The full Indiana codes can be found at the following site: <https://law.justia.com/codes/indiana/2019/title-35/article-48/>

Federal Statutes: Drugs

Possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs is prohibited by federal law. Strict penalties are provided for drug convictions, including mandatory prison terms for many offenses. Penalties increase significantly where use of the illicit drugs results in death or serious bodily injury. The following information, although not complete, is an overview of federal penalties for first convictions. Federal