The University of Mississippi

Alcohol

Summary/Purpose: To prevent illegal or abusive alcohol consumption.

As is true on most college and university campuses, many of the offenses committed against people and property at Ole Miss are a direct result of alcohol misuse/abuse. Such behavior interferes with the University’s educational mission and shows a lack of respect for one’s self, for others within the University community, and for the community at large. Thus, the University of Mississippi prohibits the abusive or unlawful sale, manufacture, possession, distribution, or consumption of alcohol.

Students, recognized student organizations, or others found in violation of this policy will be subject to campus disciplinary action, as well as potential civil liability and/or criminal prosecution (See “Two Strike” policy, DSA.SC.300.025, describing minimum campus sanctions for alcohol and other drug violations).

Visitors to the University campus who violate this policy may be subject to civil liability and/or criminal prosecution as well as other consequences in the discretion of the University. Such consequences may include, but are not limited to, limiting one’s access to campus or campus events and losing season ticket privileges.

The following acts by individuals are prohibited by this policy:

1. It is unlawful, and therefore violates this policy, for any person under the age of twenty-one to possess or consume alcohol.

2. The University of Mississippi prohibits unlawful driving under the influence of alcohol.

3. The University of Mississippi prohibits inappropriate behavior that is a direct result of alcohol consumption. Any student or other person publicly intoxicated will be found in violation of this policy.

4. The distribution of alcohol without a permit is unlawful and thus a violation of University policy. Any possession of alcohol in plain view or unattended and unsecured alcohol shall be considered distribution in violation of this policy. Alcohol left unattended and unsecured or in plain view may be confiscated. The University prohibits the possession of items that provide for common distribution of alcohol on or in University property and buildings located on the University’s campus. Examples include, but are not limited to, kegs, pony kegs, party balls, and other forms of common supply. Such items may be confiscated by the University.

5. Beer and light wines, as defined by Mississippi Code Annotated §67-3-3 (those alcoholic beverages commonly available for sale at grocery and convenience stores), are illegal in
the portion of Lafayette County that lies outside the City of Oxford. Because most of
the University’s campus lies outside the City, distribution, possession, and
consumption of beer and light wines are illegal on most of the University’s campus.

6. Drinking games and rapid consumption techniques and devices (e.g., funnels, shots,
etc.) by their nature promote abusive consumption of alcohol and thus violate this policy.

7. The University prohibits the possession and consumption of alcohol within
administrative and academic buildings, except and unless when served under a
lawfully issued permit.

8. It is unlawful, and thus violates this policy, to sell or consume alcoholic beverages 5%
or greater alcohol by weight (alcohol that can only be purchased at package stores
permitted by the state) within University athletics venues during intercollegiate
athletics events.

For recognized student organizations, the following are violations of this policy:

1. Recognized student organizations may not serve or provide a common supply of
alcohol by purchasing alcohol with organizational funds or facilitating the purchase
of alcohol in any other manner (i.e. bar tabs, use of personal checking accounts,
pooling of funds, giving one or more members a break on organizational dues and
expenses, etc.). The presence of items that provide for common distribution of
alcohol may be considered evidence of common supply by an organization.
Examples include, but are not limited to, kegs, pony kegs, party balls, and other
forms of common supply.

2. Multiple incidents by individuals that are potential violations of this policy at an
event hosted by or on the property of a recognized student organization will be
presumed to be an alcohol violation by the organization unless the organization
demonstrates that it complied in good faith with the requirements of the policy
regarding Registration of Student Organization Activities (DSA.DS.400.004).