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, and 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.DS.300.007, describing minimum campus sanctions for alcohol and 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.

This policy applies to the conduct of any student organization in connection with an event sponsored by that student organization, whether on or off campus.

Below are some specifics of the alcohol policy at Ole Miss.

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 alcohol shall be considered distribution in violation of this policy. Alcohol left unattended 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.