

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE CAMPUS POLICY

POLICY: ALCOHOL POLICY

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OBJECTIVE:

To provide guidance to the Knoxville campus on the possession, use and purchase of alcohol on campus and the purchase of alcohol off campus.

POLICY:

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in compliance with federal, state and local law, allows lawful, responsible alcohol consumption at University functions, as long as the use occurs at a University activity and at a campus location where alcohol is allowed.

Hilltopics:

The University's policy on student possession and consumption of alcohol is contained in Hilltopics, the Student Handbook. The current edition (2010-2011), page 25, reads:

“University regulations prohibit all student organizations from serving or permitting the consumption, possession, or display of any alcoholic beverage or containers at any time, or by

anyone on University premises. Student organization officers are responsible for refusing admission to their social gathering of persons under the influence of alcoholic beverages. Student organizations sponsoring any social affair are responsible for its general decorum.”

The Standard of Conduct on page 12 reads: “Use, possession, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages on University-owned or controlled property” may result in exclusion from the University or any lesser penalty.

Approved Campus Locations

The University also recognizes at select university functions the serving of alcohol is appropriate as we entertain alumni, donors, and other special guests. However, these functions are to be held in only approved locations and are subject to the following restrictions.

The approved locations are:

The Visitors’ Center

McClung Museum

Tyson House

Haslam Business Building

The Baker Center

Hopecote

Blount Hall

Clarence Brown Theatre (Opening Night Only)

Conference Center Building (4th Floor Only)

Plant Biotech Building

UT Gardens East Club,

East Club, West Club, and Tennessee Terrace Levels within Neyland Stadium (but not during university athletic events)

Pratt Pavilion Recruiting Lounge

Ayers Hall (4th Floor Only)

Procedures

Alcoholic beverages may only be served by vendors who are properly licensed and possess all the appropriate state and local permits. No individual may serve alcoholic beverages unless they possess the appropriate license and credentials.

Alcoholic beverages may not be served if currently enrolled students (undergraduate and graduate, regardless of age) will be in attendance at a University-sponsored event, on or off campus.

The serving or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all academic buildings (unless the building is noted above as an approved location).

Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in Neyland Stadium, and the University suite (President and Chancellor) in Neyland Stadium is also a prohibited area.

Due to the number of approved locations, only under extenuating circumstances shall exceptions be granted. The Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration or his designee has the authority to grant these rare exceptions.

Stadium and Arena Suites

Alcohol may be stored and served inside the suites of Thompson-Boling Arena and Neyland Stadium. This is in accordance with the lease agreement executed between the University and the suite-holder. Alcohol must be stored and consumed within the defined suite area. The delivery of alcohol to the individual suites must conform to the stipulations outlined in the Neyland Stadium and Thompson-Boling Arena security plans. Furthermore, University employees may not transport or store the alcohol products, and all movement of such products must be initiated by the suite- holders or their designee.

Approved Purchasing Processes

The University does not have a license to sell alcohol.

The University has an obligation to manage its funds in a manner consistent with the best interests of the citizens of Tennessee. Purchasing certain items may cause the public to believe the institution is not exercising its responsibility in an appropriate manner. Alcohol is one such item that comes under great scrutiny.

The purchase of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the University Procurement Card. If the card is used at certain alcoholic vendors, the card will be denied. There are exceptions made for departments with unusual alcoholic purchases.

An employee may purchase the alcohol and deliver it to Dining Services for storage. Dining Services staff will deliver the alcohol to the event to serve. Storage of alcohol will be the responsibility of Dining Services and not a University employee. The employee will submit the itemized receipt for reimbursement.

Alcoholic beverages may not be charged to any funds that preclude such expenditures because of donor or grant restrictions and may not be charged to state-appropriated accounts. There are specific "R" accounts which allow the purchase of alcohol assigned. E&G funds cannot be used for the purchase of alcohol; however these funds can be used for the payment of the licensed server.

Purchasing and Entertainment policies must be followed.