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Alcohol Policy

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Scope:	This policy applies to all members of the University community and to any outside group that is hosting an event at an on-campus location where alcohol is present.

Overview

The University of Alberta will take reasonable steps to provide a safe, comfortable and secure work, living and learning environment for staff, students, visitors, partners and contract staff. As an institution of learning the University recognizes that it is also a community engaging in **events** that can involve the provision and consumption of alcohol. While the University acknowledges the merit of these types of social events it also has a responsibility to:

- manage the legal liability of the University and its faculty, staff, registered student groups and visitors in relation to such events;
- provide support to registered student groups and other members of the University community to encourage responsible decisions and harm reducing attitudes and to support the successful execution of safe and enjoyable events where alcohol is present;
- promote awareness and compliance with the Province’s legal requirements around the serving and consumption of alcohol; and
- educate and inform members of the University community about the issues and risks around alcohol use, how to manage those risks, and where to get assistance and support if needed.

The Board of Governors of the University of Alberta is the legal holder of several institutional licenses from the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission. The University of Alberta also allows a number of licensed establishments to operate on campus under the terms and conditions of the licenses and University alcohol policy and procedure.

The Alcohol Policy Review Committee (APRC) advises and makes recommendations to the Associate Vice-President (Risk Management Services) on all matters related to the sale or provision of alcohol on campus or at off-campus events in which the University is involved, University alcohol policy and procedure and associated safety and risk management issues. In addition, there are various offices, units, departments and committees at the University that play a role in approving, regulating, supporting, enforcing and/or monitoring University related events, or events hosted by outside groups at on-campus locations, at which alcohol is present.

Rules and requirements around the use of alcohol in student residences are the responsibility of Residence Services and these rules and requirements will be reflected in the Residence Community Standards and the applicable Residence House Rules.

Purpose

To state the policy on the responsible use of alcohol by members of the University community at University related events both on-campus and off-campus.

POLICY

Members of the University community and visitors to the University campus are expected to use and serve alcohol in a responsible manner.

The University embraces its responsibility to foster awareness and knowledge within its community regarding the use of alcohol and will provide support and education to this effect.

The University of Alberta-Augustana Campus preserves an alcohol free environment in specified aspects of campus life. With respect to the Augustana Campus, this policy defers to the [Augustana Campus Alcohol Policy](#) and the related sections in the [Augustana Student Handbook](#).

EVENTS WHERE ALCOHOL IS PRESENT

The serving of alcohol at **University related events** at both **on-campus** and **off-campus** locations is permitted. The serving of alcohol is also permitted at events hosted by outside groups at on-campus locations. All of these events must comply with relevant provincial legislation and regulations and related University policy and procedure. Any events involving alcohol at on-campus locations must also comply with the terms and conditions of the University's institutional licenses. As further detailed in the procedures related to this policy:

- A registered student group must apply for permission to hold a University related event involving alcohol at either an on-campus or off-campus location as outlined in the Registered Student Group Alcohol Event Procedure;
- Faculty or staff must apply for permission to hold a University related event involving alcohol at either an on-campus or off-campus location as outlined in the Faculty/Staff Alcohol Event Procedure; and
- An outside group that wants to hold an event involving alcohol at an on-campus location must apply for permission as outlined in the Non-University Alcohol Event On-Campus Procedure.

In addition to the provincial legislation and regulation governing the service of alcohol, the University may also further regulate and monitor University related events at which alcohol is served as it sees fit in order to promote safe and enjoyable events.

The University will provide information and supports to assist organizers in planning events, obtaining liquor permits, adhering to provincial legislation and regulation and managing risks associated with University related events where alcohol is present.

The University recognizes that there are different levels of risk associated with different types of events and provides appropriately scaled processes, oversight and regulation for these as outlined in the procedures related to this policy.

The Vice-President (Finance & Administration) may at his or her discretion choose not to allow a University related event where the risk is deemed too high or whose sole purpose is the consumption of alcohol. In particular, the types of University related events that will not be permitted include, but are not limited to, the following:

- pub crawls;
- drink a small town dry or similar types of events; or,
- the provision or sale of alcohol on buses.

Non-compliance with this policy and its related procedures could result in penalties under applicable legislation and regulations or the pursuit of remedies by the University under the applicable academic staff agreements, collective agreement, Code of Student Behaviour or other University policy or at law.

DEFINITIONS

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use. [\[▲Top\]](#)

Events	Refers to social gatherings that require formal planning and organization (for example: booking a venue, advertising or promoting on social media or otherwise, selling tickets or charging for entry, arranging entertainment, hiring servers). This does not include small personal gatherings, that are not University related events, such as informal dinner parties or having a few friends over to a personal home to watch the hockey game.
University related events	Refers to events that are organized by faculty, staff or registered student groups acting on behalf of the University or their registered student group, as applicable, that use the name of the University or registered student group or that are for the purpose of University business.
On-Campus	Includes all University-owned, leased, rented or controlled buildings, residences and grounds. Some on-campus locations may be licensed establishments.
Off-Campus	Refers to facilities not owned, leased, rented or controlled by the University (eg: bars, community halls).

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[Augustana Campus Student Handbook](#)

[Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission Regulations](#)

[Code of Student Behaviour](#)

[Insurance and Risk Assessment – Alcohol Procedures and Regulations](#)

[Student Group Services](#)

[Residence Community Standards](#)

[Campus Pubs Policy](#) (to be updated)

PUBLISHED PROCEDURES OF THIS POLICY

[Registered Student Group Alcohol Event Procedure](#)

Faculty/Staff Alcohol Event Procedure (to be developed)

Non-University Alcohol Event On-Campus Procedure (to be developed)