

# CONTROLLED DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICIES

## I. Introduction

Saint Anselm College is a Catholic, liberal arts College in the Benedictine tradition. The members of the College community come together in a voluntary society, desirous to pursue learning and wisdom in the context of a Christian community of respect and concern. Each member of this society is expected to be sympathetic to and supportive of the aims, goals and philosophy of the College and to act in a befitting manner. Thus each person bears personal responsibility for his/her behavior even as the College seeks to impart those values and virtues necessary for each one to develop into a creative and generous member of society.

Saint Anselm College takes seriously its philosophy of educating the whole person and of informing and instilling in the members of the College community a genuine respect for and living out of Christian values and virtues. Further, the College recognizes each student is personally responsible for his/her actions. Saint Anselm College wishes to ensure a wholesome and safe environment for the pursuit of learning. It is assumed that students will make themselves aware of College regulations and the consequences that may accrue for violating them. The College accepts and retains students on the condition that they observe these standards.

As part of its effort to maintain an atmosphere conducive to the pursuit of learning and to a healthy and wholesome social environment, and in keeping with local ordinances, state, and federal laws, including the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, Saint Anselm College established the following policies in regard to controlled drugs and alcohol. These policies are published so that all members of the College community will be aware of them and will be responsible to uphold them.

## II. Alcohol Policy

Saint Anselm College supports and abides by the New Hampshire State laws pertaining to the procurement, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages. A person must be 21 years of age or older in order to purchase, possess or consume alcoholic beverages on campus. A minor is someone who has not yet attained the age of 21.

Student behavior, as always, is to be in accord with the basic Christian and educational values of the College. A student is considered in violation of the alcohol policy and may be liable to one or more of the penalties as listed on [pages 61-62](#) for infractions involving:

1. possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor: any person under the age of 21 who is found on College property in possession of (including internal possession) or under the influence of alcoholic beverages
2. unauthorized possession of alcohol: any person in possession of an open container of alcohol in any place other than his/her room, the Pub, or an officially authorized campus function (i.e., halls, common spaces, quads or courtyards) No glass containers are permitted in residential courtyards. Aluminum and recycling is encouraged.
3. unauthorized distribution of alcohol: any person who hosts, sponsors or participates in a function wherein alcoholic beverages are knowingly provided to minors
4. utilization of false identification: any person who uses or attempts to use false identification for the purposes of gaining admission to the College Pub or any authorized social function where alcohol is served
5. purchase or transportation of alcohol for minors: any person who either purchases or transports alcoholic beverages on behalf of one not authorized to transport, possess or consume such beverages
6. drunkenness: any person who, by his/her conduct while on College property or attending College affairs, presents himself/herself in an intoxicated condition
7. verbal and/or physical abuse: any person who, while under the influence of alcohol, either physically or verbally threatens or abuses another person
8. disruptive or disorderly conduct while under the influence of alcohol: any person who, while under the influence of alcohol, disrupts the orderly conduct of College affairs, whether in a residential, academic or social setting
9. possession of a keg or any common source container or device which dispenses alcohol through a tap; hosting or sponsoring a keg or juice party... resident students found hosting or sponsoring a keg or juice party will be dismissed immediately from College housing
10. possession of any "drinking paraphernalia," including drinking funnels, ice luges, and all manner of drinking games (to include simulation of drinking games) and associated equipment such as but not limited to taps, "Beruit" or "Beer Pong" gaming tables, jello shots," handles" and the like that might be used to support the excessive activity of consuming alcoholic beverages...recognizing the serious health risks posed by excessive drinking, the College reserves the right to limit the amount of alcoholic beverages in any room, at any time.

### III. Other Drug Policy

The College prohibits the illegal possession, use and/or distribution of any controlled drug or substance so defined in the statutes of New Hampshire (RSA chapter 318-B:1, 2, 26).

Students found responsible for possessing or using controlled drugs are liable to one or more of the penalties listed on pages 61-62, including mandatory counseling. In some cases, a statement of physical and emotional fitness will be required from a competent authority as determined by the College before a student in violation of the controlled drug policy will be allowed to continue his/her enrollment in the College.

Students who are found responsible of buying, selling, manufacturing, and/or distributing controlled drugs or substances will be dismissed from the College. The dismissal cannot be appealed. Note: Distribution means providing for the use of another person or persons.

A student is considered in violation of the drug policy for infractions involving:

1. possession or use of a controlled substance
2. unauthorized buying, selling, and/or distributing of controlled drugs or substances, including prescription drugs...unauthorized distribution is defined as providing for the use of another
3. purchase or transportation of controlled substances: any person who either purchases or transports controlled substances on behalf of one not authorized to transport, possess, or use such substances
4. over medicated: any person who, by his/her conduct while on College property or attending College affairs, presents himself/herself in under-the-influence condition and which may result in or lead to:
  - a. verbal and/or physical abuse (physically or verbally threatens or abuses another person)
  - b. disruptive or disorderly conduct (disrupts the orderly conduct of College affairs, whether in a residential, academic, or social setting)
5. possession of drug paraphernalia, including but not limited to: mufflers, rolling paper, hookah vaporizers or any device whose purpose or effect is to deliver uncontrolled substances
6. misuse or abuse of over-the-counter medication or other substances, which by their nature, if misused, may cause or provide an opportunity for health risk to self or others

### IV. Consequences and Sanctions

The sanctions for violations of the alcohol and other drug policies are ordinarily administered by the Office of the Dean of Students. For more serious cases or for repeated violations, the Judiciary Board may be convened.

The student may be required to attend regular and intensive counseling for drug and/or alcohol abuse, especially if that abuse is regular and destructive to his/her personal or academic life, or the personal or academic lives of those around him/her. A student representing any College organization, including a club or athletic team, may receive additional sanctions from the organization in which s/he is a member. The constitutions, policy manuals, handbooks and pertinent participation agreements of each organization should be consulted regarding these additional consequences. In addition, financial aid may be impacted, and the Financial Aid Director should be contacted for details.

### V. Applicability of Policies to Off-Campus Behavior

Because of the potential for off-campus behavior to affect the life and function of the College, and a student's relationship to it, the College reserves the right to apply its Alcohol and Other Drug Policies (as well as other disciplinary policies) to behavior occurring off campus, and to impose disciplinary consequences and sanctions in the same manner it can for such behavior occurring on campus.

### VI. Student-Athletes

In addition to those College policies on alcohol and other drugs applicable to all students, student-athletes are subject to additional rules set by the College and the NCAA, including rules regarding drug testing, as a condition of their participation in athletics.

### VII. Conclusion

It is expected that the Alcohol and Other Drug Policies will enable all the members of the College community to meet their responsibilities and duties in the spirit of care and concern for the well-being of all.