



Adrian College

Alcohol and Drug Policy

Adrian College's Policy is in compliance with The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, 20 USC § 1011i. The following information explains several key points about the alcohol and drug policy at Adrian College.

Adrian College Student Alcohol Policy

It is illegal in the State of Michigan to:

- Possess or consume alcoholic beverages under the age of 21.
- Furnish alcoholic beverages to minors.
- Utilize false ID for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

Adrian College does not consider alcohol necessary or conducive to higher education. However, we believe that students should be given every opportunity to freely and responsibly make those decisions which directly affect their lives and to experience the consequences of those decisions. Therefore, Adrian College is committed to promoting and maintaining a work, academic, and living environment that is safe, promotes achievement, and is free from illegal and abusive alcohol use as proscribed by local, state, and federal laws.

If a student is abusing alcohol, they will be referred to counseling services and or evaluated by the necessary outside resources.

On-Campus Policy

All students have the right to live in College housing without unreasonable disturbances. Although the responsible use of alcohol is permitted by those of legal age, behavior of those using it must not infringe on any other student's right to privacy, to study, and to rest. Therefore:

- Adrian College supports local, state and federal laws regarding the use of alcohol. Behavior that is or could be construed as a violation of these laws is a violation of the College's alcohol policy as well, including intoxication of students under the legal drinking age.
- The sale of alcoholic beverages on campus is strictly prohibited.

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages may take place only within the privacy of a student's room by students 21 years of age or older.
- Open containers (bottles, cans, cups, glasses) used for the consumption of alcohol are not permitted outside the individual or designated room unit. This includes campus grounds. Students are responsible for the proper disposal or care of emptied alcohol containers and are encouraged to assist in the overall maintenance of an attractive campus.
- Greek organizations sponsoring social events on campus shall comply with the Adrian College Alcohol and Risk Management Policy for Social Events as approved by the Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, and the College:
- Greek organizations may host social events with alcohol at off-campus facilities (e.g., rented hall) within the guidelines of the organizations' national and insurance policies (generally BYOB or third party vendor).
- A fraternity wishing to sponsor a Homecoming alumni event, at which alcohol will be consumed in a designated area, must obtain approval of the event according to published guidelines in the Adrian College Alcohol and Risk Management Policy for Social Events.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited inside all sports facilities.
- No containers capable of holding a large quantity of alcohol (e.g., trash can, air void, beer bong) or requiring a "tap system" (e.g., keg) are not permitted on College property.
- Students are responsible for their own actions, as well as the actions of their guests. All persons, including guests present in a room wherein a violation(s) of the Alcohol Policy occurs, may be held accountable for said violation(s).
- Adrian College money may not be used by student organizations for the purchase of alcohol. This includes money from College accounts as well as money raised by on campus sales or solicitations.
- Alcohol may not be used to recruit students by any student organization or athletic team.
- Alcohol use that jeopardizes or endangers the welfare of oneself or others, or contributes to disturbances, property damage, and other irresponsible, offensive action or behavior is a violation of the College's alcohol policy in addition to other violations which may apply.
- The College reserves the right to notify College officials who have a legitimate educational interest in students who violate the policy (e.g., notify Athletic Department of athlete violations).

Off-Campus Policy

Student use of alcohol in off-campus situations is a matter of individual responsibility and any misuse is subject to punishment by duly authorized civil authorities. Adrian College does not approve of, or sanction, off-campus events where alcohol may be present.

Enforcement

The responsibility for enforcement of the Alcohol Policy rests on each individual in the College community. The implementation of the enforcement is under the jurisdiction of the Office of Student Life.

- Within College housing, all violations must be reported to Residence Life staff as soon as possible. Other on-campus violations should be reported to the Student Life staff.
- A student found in violation of the Alcohol Policy will be informed of his/her violation at the time of the violation. In cases where this is not possible, the student will be informed in writing of the violations report to the Residence Life or Student Life offices.
- Depending on the severity of the violation, the sanctions for individual students may include educational sanctions, required clinical assessments of the student's alcohol and other drug use, psychological and/or medical treatment based on clinical assessments, and suspension or dismissal. A complete list of possible sanctions is listed in the Adrian College Student Code of Conduct.

Drug Use Policy

The use and/or possession of illegal/controlled substances is prohibited at Adrian College, including all campus housing. All students are to observe all local, state, and federal laws. In addition, abuse counseling will be referred to students exhibiting a habitual problem.

State and Federal Sanctions

Local, state, and federal law enforcement officials independent of sanctions and penalties issued by Adrian College may pursue state and federal sanctions.

If a student violates a law concerning substance abuse, not only is that person subject to the Adrian College judicial system (see the Student Handbook at <http://adrian.edu/uploads/files/handbook1314.pdf>) but he/she could face criminal prosecution. College sanctions depend on the seriousness and repetitiveness of the behavior. Sanctions range from fines and work assignments, probation, suspension, or expulsion. These are separate from any penalties that would result from a conviction in court. Criminal penalties range from fines to incarceration.

Even if you are not aware of the specific laws and sanctions, you are not exempt from them.

Available Help

Adrian College is committed to helping students and staff who use illegal substances and/or abuse alcohol. Through treatment, substance abuse problems can be reduced or eliminated.

Students

Confidential information is available at the Student Health Center at extension 4214. Information, educational programs, support and referral for treatment are available to help

address your issues or for you to help a friend. AA, Alanon, ACOA, Alaten and Cocaine Anonymous are held off-campus. Call extension 4214 for information.

Staff

Please refer to the Drug Free Schools section within Adrian College Policy Handbook, located on the Human Resources page (under Employee Documents).

For information and treatment referral, consult the Yellow Pages under “Drug Abuse & Addiction Information and Treatment”.