

California State University, Los Angeles

Student Notification of Drug-Free Campus Policy

In accord with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities section of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, California State University, Los Angeles, provides the following notification to all its students:

Standards of Conduct

University standards prohibit the unlawful possession, manufacture, cultivation, use, or distribution of illegal drugs (as those terms are defined by State and Federal Laws) on campus property. The University also prohibits the illegal possession, distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages (as those terms are defined in City and State law) on campus property and restricts the consumption of alcoholic beverages to certain places, times and occasions.

LEGAL SANCTIONS

Illegal Drugs. Federal and State laws on drug abuse provide for stringent penalties for illegal possession, manufacture, sale, transportation, use or administration of any narcotic drug; more stringent penalties for those convicted of previous narcotics offenses that for first offenders; and extremely stringent penalties for those who in any way involve minors in the use of narcotics.

A person is subject to prosecution if he or she illegally uses or is under the influence of narcotics, or knowingly visits a place where illegal narcotic use is occurring. Marijuana and other illegal organic substances are covered by similar laws, and there is an additional violation against the cultivation or processing of these drugs in this state. The barbiturates (e.g. yellow jackets, red devils), and amphetamines (e.g. bennies, dexies, ext.)—called restricted dangerous drugs in the California Narcotic Act—are similarly covered; penalties for those convicted of illegal possession, manufacture, cultivation, sale, transportation, use or administration of these drugs are severe. In 1966, LSD and related hallucinogenic drugs were added to the list of restricted dangerous drugs, and their use for other than authorized research was prohibited by California law.

Alcohol. The University's policy with respect to alcohol follows the laws of the State of California and the City of Los Angeles. All persons, regardless of age or status, are governed by these laws and regulations. State and city laws, prohibit: (1) the purchase or sale to, possession of or consumption of alcoholic beverages by anyone 21; (2) the serving of alcohol to any already intoxicated person; and (3) the manufacture, use or provision of a false state identification card, drivers license, or certificate of birth or baptism. If convicted for violating these laws, punishment—including jail sentence—may result.

Precautionary Note: Any discussion of legal sanctions as they apply to the University student would not be complete without noting the long-term effect of an offense involving drugs or alcohol. A criminal record as a drug user, or an arrest record for narcotics law violation, may cause serious long-range harm to the experimenter with drugs by barring employment or educational opportunities where both the criminal records and the label of drug user may preclude consideration for these opportunities.

HEALTH RISKS

The health risks of various illegal drugs and alcohol are well documented. Use of illegal drugs or excessive use of alcohol can damage:

- **Physiological processes** including impaired brain functioning, digestive disorders, liver, heart, and lung problems.
- **Psychological and Mental processes** including possibly memory, judgment, personality reproduction and fetal development and may induce psychotic episodes.

Many thousands of deaths each year are either directly attributable to substance abuse or indirectly from accidents, illnesses and violence that are related to substance abuse. Brochures describing the specific health effects of various illegal drugs and of alcohol are available in the Health Center, the University—Student Union and in Residence Life.

COUNSELING AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The University's interest in the educational welfare of its students is demonstrated through primary concern for remedial measures. The University makes available the full counseling and medical resources to assist students in confronting constructively problems leading to involvement with drugs or alcohol. Every student concerned about problems resulting from the use of illegal drugs or alcohol is encouraged to seek help from the Health Center (telephone: (323) 343-3333). The Health Center will treat such voluntary relationships as confidential and not subject to disciplinary action. The Health Center also maintains a complete listing of referral resources in the community that can provide students with specific assistance once an assessment has been made by a physician or counselor.

DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

Illegal Drugs. State law (Section 41301, of Title 5, California Code of Regulations) allows the University to take disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion, against any student who sells or knowingly possesses any illegal drug while on campus property. University action may be taken whether or not independent action is taken by civil authorities. Conviction in a criminal court does not necessarily preclude University disciplinary action.

Alcohol. University Administrative Procedure 19, Use of Alcoholic Beverage on Campus, explains the restrictions beyond City and State laws that govern the possession and use of alcohol on campus. Alcoholic beverages may only be sold at the Pub, Choices and approved catered events. Also, when recognized student club sponsors an on campus event, attendance is limited to members of that club and their guests. Organizations violating this policy may be subject to administrative action ranging from probation of official recognition. Individuals who violate Procedure 19, are subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion.

This policy is made in partial compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act. Questions regarding Cal State L.A.'s response to the Act—as it concerns students—should be directed to the Vice President for Student Affairs, telephone (323) 343-3100. Additional copies of this statement are available in the Vice President for Student Affairs Office, Student Affairs 108.