



Office of the President

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Alcoholic Beverages on Campus	<b>Effective Date:</b> 1-20-2010	<b>Policy Number:</b> 3-115.1	
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	<b>Responsible Authority:</b> Vice President for Administration and Finance Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services		

**APPLICABILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY:**

This policy applies to all persons and activities on campus.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

In accordance with Regulation UCF-4.035, the University of Central Florida prohibits the unsafe or unlawful service, distribution, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus. Members of the university community, vendors, and visitors are obligated to adhere to the requirements of state statutes, local ordinances, and university regulations and policies that regulate the service, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The university will cooperate in the enforcement of these legal requirements.

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## DEFINITIONS:

**Alcoholic Beverage.** Any distilled spirits and any drink containing 0.5 percent or more alcohol by volume.

**Athletic Facilities.** The inside environs of the UCF Arena, the inside environs of Bright House Networks Stadium, and all other university-owned or leased competition venues.

**Campus.** All property and facilities under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of the University of Central Florida or any of its direct support organizations, as well as all fraternity and sorority houses on such properties.

**Common Source Container.** A container capable of dispensing one or more gallons and which is being used to dispense an alcoholic beverage.

## PROCEDURES:

### Article I

### Service, Use, and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Campus--General Requirements

#### A. Sales of Alcoholic Beverages on Campus

1. At any function at which alcoholic beverages are sold, the provisions of this policy with respect to sales and service of alcoholic beverages will apply. A function at which alcoholic beverages are sold includes any function at which alcoholic beverages are served and for which an admission fee is charged, cups are sold, tickets are sold, donations are collected by the individual or group or any of the members of the group sponsoring the function, or cash or anything else of value is exchanged for alcoholic beverages.
2. The sale of alcoholic beverages on campus is permitted only under conditions set by Florida law, Orange County ordinances, and university regulations and policy. The sale of alcoholic beverages on campus is permitted only in the facilities listed in 2.a. through 2.f. below. The only alcoholic beverages that may be possessed or consumed in any facility listed below are those purchased in that facility; furthermore, the purchased alcoholic beverages must be consumed in that facility.
  - a. Student Union. The Director of the Student Union or designee shall set the days, hours, and conditions for the sale of any alcoholic beverages in the Student Union and Ferrell Commons Auditorium, including all vendors.
  - b. Bright House Networks Stadium. The Director of Athletics or the Senior Associate Athletic Director of Internal Operations, acting on behalf of the Director of Athletics, shall set the days, hours, and conditions for the sale of alcoholic beverages at Bright House Networks Stadium's south concourse and Roth Tower.

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- c. Fairwinds Alumni Center. The Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations or designee shall set the days, hours, and conditions for the sale of any alcoholic beverages in the Fairwinds Alumni Center.
  - d. Knights Plaza. The UCF Convocation Corporation or its contractor or designee shall set the days, hours, and conditions for the sale of any alcoholic beverages in Knights Plaza, including all vendors.
  - e. Live Oak Room and Cypress Room. The Director of Business Services shall set the days, hours, and conditions for sale of alcoholic beverages in the Live Oak Room and Cypress Room.
  - f. UCF Arena. The UCF Convocation Corporation or its contractor or designee shall set the days, hours, and conditions for the sale of any alcoholic beverages in the UCF Arena, including all vendors.
3. Any vendor on campus who offers a reduced-price alcoholic beverage promotion is prohibited from
    - a. offering free alcoholic beverages for any purpose
    - b. providing an unlimited number of alcoholic beverages for a fixed price
    - c. discounting alcoholic beverages more than 50% off the regular advertised price
    - d. advertising any prohibited reduced-price alcohol promotions
  4. Any vendor on campus who offers a reduced-price alcoholic beverage promotion will offer comparable reductions in the prices of non-alcoholic beverages during said promotion.
  5. No reduced-price alcoholic beverage promotions are permitted during home football game days.
  6. Any vendor on campus permitted to sell alcoholic beverages will not sponsor or permit drinking games or any other activities that encourage the rapid and/or excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages.
  7. Any individual or business that sells alcoholic beverages must receive permission from the university and also comply with any requirements of the State of Florida for such sales. For example, it is necessary to obtain a license or permit from the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the State of Florida.

**B. Service (other than sales), Consumption, and Possession are Permitted Where Authorized**

1. The provisions of this section describe the circumstances under which alcoholic beverages may be consumed, possessed, or served, but not sold. The service, consumption, and possession must be in accordance with state and local laws.

2. Individuals of legal drinking age residing on campus are permitted to serve, possess, and consume alcoholic beverages in their private rooms, unless restricted by lease agreement.
3. Individuals of legal drinking age residing on campus are permitted to serve, possess, and consume alcoholic beverages in public meeting areas in fraternity houses located on university premises unless restricted by their organizations' policies.
4. Individuals of legal drinking age are permitted to serve, possess, and consume alcoholic beverages during a function held by a student group(s) after registration of such function and compliance with applicable university policies.
5. Alcoholic beverages may be possessed and consumed in the following areas:
  - a. those areas of the Student Union that are designated for such use under the regulations set out in the Student Union Policy Manual
  - b. the Alumni Center, with the permission of, and under any conditions imposed by, the Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations or designee
  - c. Bright House Networks Stadium's south concourse and Roth Tower, under the conditions imposed by the athletic director or designee
  - d. Knights Plaza, with the permission of, and under the conditions imposed by, the UCF Convocation Corporation
  - e. the Live Oak Room and Cypress Room, with the permission of and under any conditions imposed by the Director of Business Services
  - f. the UCF Arena, with the permission of, and under the conditions imposed by, the UCF Convocation Corporation, its contractor, or its designee
6. Alcoholic beverages may be served, possessed, and consumed in academic laboratories or classrooms as part of approved research or classroom instruction.
7. Alcoholic beverages may be served, possessed, and consumed at university-sponsored receptions at the discretion of the president, vice presidents, deans, directors, and department chairs.

**C. Special Permissions**

Notwithstanding other provisions in Article I of this policy, the president or president's designee is authorized to give special permission, in writing and under terms specified with said permission, for the service, possession, or consumption of

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alcoholic beverages at other times or locations on campus. Special permission for the service, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages under this subsection shall be granted only in furtherance of university programs and in consonance with the conditions of Article II--Social Events, below.

**D. Certification Required of Registered Student Organizations**

All Registered Student Organizations requesting university registration through Student Development and Enrollment Services shall sign a Statement of Responsibility as part of the campus organization registration process. The Statement of Responsibility shall require the registering organization officers to agree to abide by the policies of the university, specifically including the Alcoholic Beverages on Campus Policy, and to acknowledge that a failure by the organization or its members to abide by those policies may result in sanctions.

**Article II--Alcoholic Beverages at Social Events on Campus**

- A.** Any person or group of persons holding a function at a campus location where consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted by this policy, including locations where special permission is given per section Article I Section C. above, shall abide by the following regulations in conducting the function:
1. The person or group(s) holding the function shall establish precautionary measures at the function to ensure that alcoholic beverages are not served to persons under the legal drinking age or to persons who appear intoxicated. Every organization must have a system for determining which guests are of legal age. No person under the age of 21 will be allowed to bring to or use alcohol at the event.
  2. Designated server(s) at the function shall not consume alcoholic beverages prior to or during the event. All alcoholic beverages intended for service must be controlled by the designated server(s).
  3. Non-alcoholic beverages must be available and always prominently featured at the same place as alcoholic beverages. The person or group responsible for the function will ensure significantly more non-alcoholic beverages are available for consumption than alcoholic beverages.
  4. The only alcoholic beverages that may be possessed or consumed at the function are those alcoholic beverages served at the function, and alcoholic beverages must be consumed within the function's designated area.
  5. Alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed at any social event held in conjunction with fraternity or sorority recruitment or other organized drive to recruit students to an organization or group.

6. Alcoholic beverages shall not be provided as free awards, prizes, or rewards to an individual(s) or group(s).
7. Additional restrictive guidelines for the serving and consumption of alcohol may be established by the person or group holding the function.
8. All campus events at which alcoholic beverages will be served are considered potentially hazardous events and are governed by Regulation UCF-4.0292. That regulation requires the submission of a Safety Action for Event (SAFE) Form to appropriate officials to review and approve the proposed event.
9. The university generally discourages the overt marketing of alcohol sales. All campus announcements or advertisements are governed by the university's solicitation policy, Regulation UCF-4.010. Additionally, announcements or advertisements (including, but not limited to, flyers, notices, posters, banners, t-shirts, promotional items, and newspaper and radio advertisements) concerning social events governed by this policy shall note the availability of non-alcoholic beverages at the function more prominently than the availability of alcoholic beverages.

Furthermore, announcements or advertisements must:

- a. state that persons being served or sold alcoholic beverages must provide proper identification
- b. contain no description of the amount of alcoholic beverages (e.g., number of kegs of beer) available at the function
- c. not refer to any form of drinking contest
- d. include no images of kegs, alcoholic beverage bottles or containers, or alcoholic beverage glasses
- e. not portray the drinking of alcoholic beverages as a solution to personal or academic problems or as necessary to social, sexual, personal, or academic success
- f. contain no overt marketing of alcohol sales.

### **Article III--Alcoholic Beverages in Athletic Facilities on Campus**

- A. University athletic facilities require special consideration. Alcohol in any form is prohibited within the athletic facilities of the University of Central Florida, except as provided in this policy.
  1. A statement concerning alcohol prohibition must be written on programs or on game tickets and other publicity material distributed at athletic events.
  2. Public service announcements on the public address system or radio should be developed to remind people who travel by vehicle to large-scale athletic events of the hazards of drinking alcohol and driving.

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3. Persons of legal age are permitted to possess and consume alcohol in designated areas and at designated times in connection with UCF football tailgating, or on such other athletic, cultural, or social occasions as permitted by the president or the president's designee.
4. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, no common source containers of any type are permitted in connection with football tailgating. Drinking games or activities that encourage the rapid consumption of alcohol are not permitted.
5. While alcohol may be possessed and consumed in the open parking lots (tailgating is not permitted in parking garages) in connection with UCF football tailgating, no alcoholic beverage may be taken inside Bright House Networks Stadium on game day. Persons found in possession of alcoholic beverages within Bright House Networks Stadium, except as permitted in Section I.B.5, will forfeit their game or event ticket(s) and will be expelled from the game or event. Subsequent violations of this policy may result in the loss of the privilege to attend an athletic or other event for a designated period of time.
6. Any intoxicated or disorderly person will be barred from entering the athletic facility or will be evicted from the athletic facility at the discretion of law enforcement. Law enforcement personnel will handle intoxicated or disorderly persons in accordance with their normal protocols.

#### **Article IV--Policy Enforcement**

1. The University Police Department is responsible for exercising normal police powers in enforcing laws relating to alcohol.
2. Violations of the Alcoholic Beverages on Campus Policy may be addressed at the university level in addition to being adjudicated, if applicable, in the court system. At the university level, employees violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action; students and student organizations violating this policy may be subject to student disciplinary action under the Student Rules of Conduct as referenced in the UCF Golden Rule; and visitors to campus violating this policy (or any law or ordinance regulating alcoholic beverages) may be trespassed from campus.
3. In circumstances in which alcohol is indicated to be an ingredient of a problem, students, faculty and staff members may be required by the university to participate in an alcohol assessment program.
4. A person who violates law or university policy while intoxicated remains fully responsible for his or her actions and the consequences thereof. The consumption of alcohol and/or the results of such consumption are never considered to compromise personal responsibility or accountability for one's actions.

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5. A registered student organization not complying with the university alcohol policy may forfeit its opportunity to receive student fee support and other privileges of registered student organization status and may also be subject to review under the student organization conduct review process.
6. Campus events may be terminated by either a designated university staff member or law enforcement officer for violation of this policy. Additionally, disciplinary action may be taken against the sponsor of the party or event.

#### CONTACTS:

Other than registered student organizations, campus organizations, campus departments, and individuals with questions related to this policy should contact the UCF Police Department Special Events representative at 407-823-6720.

Registered student organizations with questions related to this policy should contact the Office of Student Involvement at 407-823-6471.

For additional information related to residential policies, contact Housing and Residence Life at 407-823-4663 or visit the Web site <http://www.housing.ucf.edu/>.

Individual students or student groups with questions related to this policy should contact the Office of Student Conduct at 407-823-2851 or refer to the UCF Golden Rule (<http://www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu>).

Members of fraternities and sororities with questions related to this policy should contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at 407-823-2072.

Vendors and servers of alcohol wishing to know the guidelines of a responsible vendor can reference Florida Statute 561.705 at [www.flsenate.gov/statutes](http://www.flsenate.gov/statutes).

Vendors with questions related to this policy should contact the appropriate office:

Business Services 407-823-2624

Student Union 407-823-2117

Fairwinds Alumni Center 407-823-1974

UCF Arena (UPI) 407-882-8600



FORMS:

The SAFE Form is available at <http://safe.sdes.ucf.edu/>

CITATIONS:

Florida Statutes , Chapters 561-565

Regulation UCF-4.035 – <http://regulations.ucf.edu>

Regulation UCF-4.0292 – <http://regulations.ucf.edu>

Regulation UCF-4.010 – <http://regulations.ucf.edu>

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**POLICY APPROVAL**  
**(For use by the Office of the President)**

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