

## Alcoholic Beverages Policy

### I. Introduction

In general, the possession and usage of alcoholic beverages on the UCO campus is prohibited. The policy outlines exceptions for when alcoholic beverage consumption is allowed for faculty, staff, university guests, and students.

### II. Scope

Policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, alumni, guests and visitors to the University of Central Oklahoma.

### III. Definitions

- A. Alcoholic beverages shall mean alcohol, spirits, beer and wine as those terms are defined in the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (37A O.S. §1-101 et seq.) and also includes every liquid or solid, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, beer or wine and capable of being consumed as a beverage by humans.
- B. University premises shall mean any land and/or facility owned, leased, rented and/or occupied by the University of Central Oklahoma.

### IV. Policy Statement

The possession, distribution, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages on University premises, and in conjunction with off-campus events and activities, is prohibited except as provided in this policy.

### V. Exceptions Based on Premises

- A. CONFERENCE AND EVENT SERVICES: Conference and Event Services is authorized to offer alcoholic beverages through the University's food service provider. If the food service provider declines, Conference and Event Services may, at its option, utilize other properly-licensed catering firms to offer this service. This alcoholic beverage service may be offered in Nigh University Center, UCO/CHK Boathouse and Mitchell Hall. In any other location, the President or designee must approve alcohol provision, consumption or possession by a licensed, third party caterer unless otherwise provided for by this policy.

<http://sites.uco.edu/administration/conference-events/files/forms/alchol-guidelines.pdf>

- B. JAZZ LAB: The UCO Jazz Lab has a food service provider which leases space in the facility and provides alcoholic beverage service to patrons.

## **VI. Fraternities and Sororities**

The possession, distribution, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in Sorority and Fraternity Housing is prohibited.

## **VII. Student Organizations**

The possession, distribution, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages by Student Organizations, at any activity or event sponsored or organized by the said group, is governed by the [Code of Student Conduct](#) and the policies and guidelines provided by the Office of Student Engagement. This includes any activity or event sponsored or organized by a fraternity or sorority. [uco.edu/conduct](http://uco.edu/conduct)

## **VIII. Office for Advancement**

The Vice President for Advancement may authorize the purchase of alcoholic beverages for use at Advancement, Foundation, and Alumni events. This policy and Foundation policies govern the possession, distribution, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages for Advancement, Foundation, and Alumni functions.

[http://www.centralconnection.org/s/1553/images/editor\\_documents/foundation/current\\_use\\_of\\_foundation\\_funds\\_policy\\_7.5.2018.pdf](http://www.centralconnection.org/s/1553/images/editor_documents/foundation/current_use_of_foundation_funds_policy_7.5.2018.pdf)

## **IX. Students as Guests**

Any event where students may be attending as guests and alcoholic beverages will be served must have approval by either the President, the Provost or the Vice President for Advancement prior to the event.

## **X. Athletics**

Possession, distribution, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in Athletics facilities, or in conjunction with Athletic events and/or fundraising is allowed only with the permission of the President. Exceptions have been allowed [for tailgating](#) prior to football games.

## **XI. Off-Campus Events and Activities**

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at any event or activity sponsored by a University department, school, college, or division, or faculty and/or staff group, or any event or activity co-sponsored with a third-party, except as allowed by the President or designee.

## **XII. Students Representing the University**

- A. During academic field trips, off-campus student group activities, and other student-oriented off-campus events, the consumption of alcoholic beverages is strongly discouraged. Student groups must comply with national organizational guidelines. University funds may not be used to pay for or reimburse for alcoholic beverages.
- B. The consumption of alcoholic beverages during study tours is governed by the [Code of Student Conduct](#).
- C. Students who are present at an activity or function in an official capacity, such as student employees, food and/or beverage service staff, entertainers, etc., may not consume alcoholic beverages.

**NOTE: This policy supersedes all other University of Central Oklahoma alcohol policies.**