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## **ALCOHOL POLICY**

Pennsylvania law states that no one under 21 years of age shall possess, sell, transport, or consume alcoholic beverages.

Underage drinking violations are dealt with in accordance with Pennsylvania statutes.

The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the University residence halls is not permitted by any student or guest including those 21 and older. In addition, students are reminded that intoxication does not excuse offensive behavior and that disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

Alcohol is not permitted on University property. Multiple violations of this University policy may result in dismissal from the University. Students may be referred to local or state assistance agencies for counseling services for alcohol misuse.

**Conduct Regulations:** A person who is found in violation of any of the following acts committed while a student on the University campus or on property controlled by the University or University affiliates or in connection with off campus University activities shall be subject to the maximum sanction authorized in this document.

17. Possession, sale, use, transfer, purchase or delivery of alcohol except as expressly permitted by law.

31. Violation of published University policies, rules and regulations relating to: alcohol, smoking, verbal harassment, and other established regulations that are contained in University publications.

### **Alcohol Policy Violations and Sanctions**

Any violation of the alcohol policy will subject the student to the following minimum disciplinary sanctions: NOTE: Off-campus violations shall also be considered in the levels of offense.

First Offense

- LHU Office of Public Safety will be called and appropriate citations may be issued.

- The student will be required to complete an alcohol education program.
- The student may be assessed a fee to cover the costs of the alcohol education program.
- Students may perform 10 hours of community service work assigned by the hearing officer.
- The student may be placed on Disciplinary Probation I for one (1) year from the date of the incident.

#### Second Offense

- LHU Office of Public Safety will be called and appropriate citations may be issued.
- The student will be required, at his/her expense, to schedule an appointment for an alcohol abuse assessment/evaluation with a qualified outside agency and follow the treatment guidelines prescribed.
- The student may be assessed a fee to cover the costs of the alcohol education program.
- Students may perform 20 hours of community service work assigned by the hearing officer.
- The student may be placed on Disciplinary Probation Level II for one (1) year from the date of the incident.

#### Third Offense

- LHU Office of Public Safety will be called and appropriate citations may be issued.
- The student may be suspended from LHU for one (1) academic semester (fall or spring).
- In order to be readmitted, the student shall demonstrate a sincere interest in furthering his/her education without substance misuse/abuse by submitting a letter to the Dean of Student & Residence Life outlining the commitment to being substance free and means of achieving that goal.
- The student will remain on Level I probation for a period of one (1) year upon re-admittance.

*\*This policy has been in existence for many years prior to 2010 with an exact date unknown. We are using 2010 as a default original and/or update date.*