

ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY AGAINST ALCOHOL AND ILLICIT DRUGS ON AUN CAMPUS

Applicability:

This policy applies to all students, student bodies, and organizations of American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State and particularly, students at the undergraduate level and should be enforced in all departments, divisions, schools, colleges, units, faculty, staff, residential areas, and any external entity and/or individual serving alcohol on University Property.

I. Introduction:

The purpose of this policy is to clarify and inform students of the AUN's position on alcohol and illicit drugs, and the procedure when the policy is violated. The University recognizes that alcohol use can adversely impact its most important concerns: Academic excellence, student development, health, and safety of the campus community at large. The success of this policy is premised on the belief that each person has a role in responding to this issue. It is also the belief that substance abuse is a solvable problem that must be addressed systematically, fairly, and with due process.

II. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide a vehicle for accomplishing the following:

1. Promote a healthy environment for students.
2. Maximize opportunities for academic excellence and student development.
3. Discourage the use, sale, distribution, or transfer of alcohol and illicit drugs, and the impression of the presence of alcohol and illicit drugs on the AUN campus.
4. Demonstrate the University's commitment to providing early intervention, counseling, and referral services to each student of the campus community.

III. Definitions:

a. "Alcohol" means any alcoholic beverages which are beer, wine, liquor, spirits, hard cider, and related substances.

b. "Illicit drugs" mean drugs that are not legally permitted or authorized, unlicensed; unlawful drugs.

c. "AUN" means the American University of Nigeria, Yola, and includes all its subsidiaries.

d. "Event" means a conference, fundraising event, where meals are served, meetings, or any other gathering (formal or informal) on University Property. If the Event occurs off University Property (including private residences) and any part of the cost of the Event is paid using University funds it is an Event as defined

herein.

e. "Licensed Premise" means a specific location where the sale and service of alcohol for consumption on the location has been authorized under law. The only licensed place at AUN currently is: AUN Club.

f. "Sale of Alcohol or Illicit Drugs" means that alcohol or drugs is/are served or delivered for value.

g. "University Property" means any property owned, leased, licensed, or otherwise under the control of the American University of Nigeria, AUN.

IV. General Rules and Principles:

1) AUN operates a zero-tolerance for alcohol and illicit drugs. All students are personally responsible for their behavior, and all students should consider themselves responsible for the safety of themselves and all fellow students as regards to alcohol consumption or drug use outside the AUN property or associated event locations.

2) Students, student organizations, or associations violating campus alcohol rules will be sanctioned under this policy, with sanctions ranging from fines to expulsion.

3) This zero-tolerance policy is based on a philosophy of shared governance between AUN and students regarding the use, possession, sale, and distribution of alcohol or illicit drugs on campus.

a. Serving alcohol at the AUN Club by either AUN staff, faculty or visitors, or service at other locations where alcohol can be sold shall be forbidden to all AUN students except graduate students of AUN and non-AUN students.

b. Self-service of alcohol is prohibited. Students attending the event shall not pour their own alcohol or be given direct access to coolers, kegs, bottles, or containers containing alcohol neither are students expected to drink, possess, keep or hold all such empty containers of alcohol or illicit drugs.

c. AUN Club staff, when in doubt regarding serving alcohol to any customer who may be perceived as an AUN student, will ask for an AUN Student ID card to verify the customer's identity. This is the extent of the responsibility of the Club staff. However, club staff members are expected to exhibit a good sense of judgment in this respect.

d. AUN undergraduate students cannot become AUN Club members unless they are part of a family membership that is obtained by a full time employed faculty or staff member.

4) It is also a violation of University policy for anyone to be under the influence of alcohol on the campus or at a University-related activity off-campus. Anyone violating these policies is subject to disciplinary action ranging from a warning to expulsion.

5) This zero-tolerance policy prohibits any AUN student except graduate students from drinking alcohol and makes it illegal to buy alcohol for or serve alcohol to, any student. AUN will not sell, serve, or provide alcoholic beverages to any student. AUN is a dry campus and it adheres to all federal enactment and local laws in this respect.

6) Student health and safety is a primary concern in cases of possible alcohol intoxication or alcohol-related injury. If a student on campus becomes endangered by alcohol use, students should contact the AUN Clinic, the duty of which is to provide medical assistance, not to report violations of policy. Reporting a violation can be done afterward. In these situations, AUN is most concerned that students who need care receive medical attention.

7) Other intoxicating substances, locally brewed drinks that are intoxicating, grain alcohol of any type are prohibited from campus at all times.

8) Every impression of alcohol whether empty bottles, a container of alcoholic drinks, and substances associated with alcohol are not permitted on campus. Students who own, harbor, possess, or store these items shall be subjected to investigation and if found wanting to be dealt with judicially.

9) AUN students are equally prohibited from taking, serving, selling, or storing any kind of mixed drinks made from or with alcohol are prohibited in AUN and all AUN property,

10) Retaliating against anyone who reports an alleged violation of this policy, a witness or participant in any proceedings or investigation is also prohibited and shall be concerned with major misconduct which shall be dealt with decisively.

VI Illicit Drug Use and Drug misuse:

- 1) Unlawful possession of illicit drugs e.g. marijuana, heroin, amphetamine, etc.
- 2) Drug paraphernalia used with illicit drugs or possession of such paraphernalia.
- 3) Unauthorized possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle or any instrument adapted for the administration of controlled substances by injection.
- 4) Unlawful sale/consumption/possession/distribution/manufacture of illicit or controlled drugs. Being in the place where any of the above is committed.

Extension:

1. If any existing AUN, department, school, or unit policy or practice conflicts with this policy, this policy shall take precedence.
2. Any applicable federal, state, or local laws shall take precedence over this policy in the event of any conflict.