

Policy on Alcohol and Other Drugs

Illegal or abusive use of drugs and alcohol affects the educational environment and interferes with the personal, social, and educational goals of an individual. All members of the college community are responsible for knowing about and complying with the provisions of North Carolina laws that make it a crime to possess, sell, deliver, or manufacture those drugs designated as “controlled substances” by Article 5, Chapter 10, of the NC General Statutes. Any member of the college community who violates the law will face disciplinary action, which may include dismissal from the college. Violating the law may also result in criminal prosecution.

Alcoholic beverages are permitted on campus only for special events, such as graduations and other social events. As a general matter, no College funds, Student Activities fees, or funds raised by a Student Organization may be used to purchase alcoholic beverages. The College may, however, fund a college event at which alcohol is served (including purchasing alcohol for the event) *provided* the event complies with this Policy. All events must have approval for alcoholic beverages to present. Authorization must conform to the following conditions:

1. The event must be monitored to prevent consumption by a person not of legal age; at a student organization sponsored event, the student organization is responsible for verification of the ages of guests and will be held responsible for ensuring that alcoholic beverages are legally dispensed.
2. Consumption must be in connection with a substantive event at which food and non-alcoholic beverages must be available.
3. Student organizations may not sell alcoholic beverages.

In compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, the college is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy school and workplace, free from the influence of alcohol and illegal drugs. Accordingly, Daoist Traditions will not tolerate any drug or alcohol use that endangers the health and well-being of its students, faculty, and staff or threatens its patients or visitors.

The Daoist Traditions Drug Abuse Prevention program provides students and employees with the following list of drug and alcohol counseling programs available in the Asheville area.

Mountain Area Recovery Center
(828) 252-8748

WNC Alcoholics Anonymous
(828) 254-8539

ARP Phoenix
(828) 254-2700

The Pavilion
(828) 694-2300

W. Carolina Treatment Center
(828) 251-1478

State and Municipal Laws Concerning Drugs and Alcohol

1. **Drinking Age:**
The legal drinking age in North Carolina is 21. Selling, giving, or serving alcoholic beverage by or to anyone under the age 21 is unlawful. In North Carolina, this law extends to possession of alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21. It is unlawful for any person to misrepresent or misstate his age. This includes the manufacture or use of false identification. Use of altered identification for the purpose of procuring alcoholic is a misdemeanor under NCGS 18B.302(c) and will result in revocation of your N.C. operator's license.
2. **Open Container Law:**
NCGS 18B-401 (Summary). It is unlawful to have an open container of alcoholic beverage in a vehicle.
3. **Drinking, Driving and the Law:**
Under the North Carolina law, driving while under the influence (DWI) NCGS 20-138-1, is an offense evidenced by impairment of normal faculties or an unlawful blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 percent or above.
4. **Sale or Possession of Illegal Drugs:**
It is unlawful to possess illicit drugs, and/or sell or have the intent to sell illicit drugs. NCGS 90-95 makes these violations felonies.