

Alcohol and Other Drug Policies and Procedures

The Longwood Alcohol and Other Drug Policies information contained herein is distributed in partial compliance with the Federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act. Areas covered include the following: federal, state and local laws and penalties; Longwood-specific policies; locations where alcohol use is permitted; and Longwood disciplinary sanctions. Information on health risks associated with alcohol and other drug use and resources for education and treatment are available from the Student Health and Wellness Center.

Questions pertaining to any aspect of this policy should be directed to the Office of Student Conduct and Integrity or the Office of the Dean of Students.

I. Federal, State and Local Laws

A. Virginia Minimum Drinking Age Law: Individuals must be 21 years of age to purchase, possess, and/or consume alcohol. It is also illegal to give or sell alcoholic beverages to persons who are under 21 and/or intoxicated.²⁸

B. Open Container/Public Consumption Laws: The Commonwealth of Virginia and Prince Edward County prohibit open containers of alcohol in public, including all public areas of the Longwood campus. At Longwood, open containers of alcohol are defined as any holders or receptacles on which the manufacturer's seal has been broken, and/or holders that allow unobstructed, unrestricted, or otherwise open access to the alcohol. This includes, but is not limited to, cans, cups, bottles, etc. Public area is defined as any space utilized or occupied by individuals that is not considered private or designated as a place in which alcohol consumption is permitted. Examples of public areas include, but are not limited to, building entrances, lobbies, elevators, hallways, lounges, residence hall rooms/suites/apartments with open doors, designated balconies, meeting rooms, indoor/outdoor recreation areas, campus mall areas, academic/study areas, etc. State law also prohibits the consumption of alcohol in unlicensed public places.

C. Driving Under the Influence: The legal limit set by the Commonwealth of Virginia for the amount of alcohol that may be present in the blood of a person over the age of 21 while operating a vehicle is .08. The legal limit for the amount of alcohol that may be present in the blood of a person under the age of 21 while operating a vehicle is .02.

D. False Identification Laws: The possession, use, sale, and/or manufacture of false identification cards are strictly prohibited under Virginia law.

E. Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor: In the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is illegal to purchase alcohol for those who are not of legal drinking age.

F. Public Intoxication and/or Disorderly Conduct: In keeping with local and state laws, Longwood will not allow public drunkenness or disorderly conduct of any kind.

G. Drug-Free School Zones: Violations of federal laws for possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs carry mandatory penalties for first time offenders including: imprisonment, fines, loss of property, loss of professional licensure, and loss of financial aid. Penalties for violations occurring within 1,000 feet of a school or campus may be doubled with no possibility of parole.

II. Longwood Alcohol and Other Drug Policies

A. All Longwood University students are required to abide by local, state, and federal regulations regarding alcohol and drugs as described in Section I.

B. Alcoholic beverages must not be brought into or consumed within: 1) freshman residence halls/floors/apartments; 2) residence hall buildings designated as alcohol-free; or 3) other residence hall floors that choose not to have alcohol present in the living environment.

C. The possession, consumption, or presence of alcohol is prohibited at all times in residence hall rooms if each of the residents assigned to live in the room (i.e., the total head count comprising the living space) is under the age of 21. This restriction does not apply if at least one of the room's residents is of legal age. Possession is defined as any area or property for which the student currently occupies or is responsible.

D. The possession or use of "beer bong" or other devices which dispense alcohol in a rapid manner are prohibited.

E. Alcoholic drinking games are prohibited at all times.

F. All membership recruitment functions (fraternity/sorority, special interest groups, and other student organizations/groups) are required to be alcohol-free.

G. Kegs or other common sources of alcohol (including, but not limited to, the serving or provision of cans or bottles of alcohol to others) are not allowed on Longwood managed property except for events managed by the authorized University vendor.

H. In addition to the alcohol regulations and procedures described in this policy, all registered organizations will be subject to the additional expectations and standards of the Longwood-endorsed Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group (FIPG). Note that national organizations may have, and require compliance with, stricter policies regarding alcohol and drugs

I. The possession, use, and/or distribution of illegal drugs, as defined by the Drug Control Act of Virginia, or prescription drugs for which one does not have a legitimate prescription, are strictly prohibited. Possession is defined as any area or property for which the student currently occupies or is responsible.

III. Location

Residence Hall Room/Suite/Apartment: Limited to only those rooms where at least one of the assigned residents is over 21. The individual use of alcohol by persons 21 years of age or older is permitted as long as the residents' roommates/suitemates agree. Room/suite/apartment gatherings of more than one person must be in compliance with all Longwood policies, procedures, and regulations. It is the responsibility of the room/suite/apartment residents to insure compliance with all policies, procedures, and regulations.

Alcohol will be allowed in fraternity chapter rooms under the following conditions:

1. The event is hosted as a Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB) event in which there are no more than four alcoholic beverages per attendee of legal drinking age,

2. No attendee under the legal drinking age is consuming alcohol, and

3. The number of attendees present is limited to double the number of undergraduate fraternity chapter members, which is equal to one guest per fraternity chapter member. One alcoholic beverage is defined as a 12 oz. beer, a 4 oz. glass of wine, or 1 oz. of hard liquor.

Note: This is intended as a limitation on the amount of alcohol available per person, not as a guideline for what is an appropriate or legal amount of alcohol to consume at a gathering. Information on alcohol use and abuse is available from the Student Health and Wellness Center.

For events and functions requiring registration see Section VI Event Planning on Campus involving Alcohol. Other Locations: By permission of the Vice President for Student Affairs see Section VI.

Event Planning on Campus involving Alcohol.

IV. Minimum Sanctions for Alcohol and Other Drug Violations

It is important to note that all alcohol and drug offenses and sanctions are cumulative. Sanctions do not revert to a lower sanction based on time or completion of a previous sanction.

Minimum Sanctions for Alcohol Violations

The minimum sanction of Admonition will be administered to students found responsible for possession of alcohol paraphernalia such as beer bong, "trophy bottles", etc. Repeated violations of this type will result in administration of the more severe sanctions listed below.

The following minimum sanctions will be administered to students found responsible for all other violations of the Alcohol Policy. Students found responsible for driving under the influence will receive a minimum sanction starting at the 2nd offense level.

Note: The below sanctions are the minimum; sanctions may be increased or added to at the discretion of the hearing body.

1st Offense: Admonition and referral to Longwood's Alcohol Education Program, First Round, at a cost of \$75.00.

2nd Offense: One calendar year of Disciplinary Probation (effective immediately if the student is not on probation or at the conclusion of the current probationary period) and referral to Longwood's Alcohol and Drug Education Program, Last Call, at a cost of \$100.00. This is the minimum sanction administered for driving while impaired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

3rd Offense: Suspension and a required formal alcohol/substance abuse risk assessment from a licensed substance abuse counselor prior to readmission for which the student is responsible for payment.

Sanctions for Possession, Distribution, or Use of Illegal Drugs and/or Paraphernalia

Longwood University maintains a Zero Tolerance Policy with regard to the illegal distribution, possession, or use of drugs.

Distribution of Drugs (Conduct Charge #2):

1st Offense: Immediate Expulsion from Longwood University

Possession/Use of Drugs (Conduct Charge #11):

1st Offense: Disciplinary Probation from Longwood and a mandatory formal risk assessment conducted by a qualified alcohol/substance abuse counselor. In addition, the student will be referred to Longwood's Alcohol and Drug Education Program, Last Call, at a cost of \$100.00.

2nd Offense: Suspension from Longwood University
Possession/Use of Drug Paraphernalia (Conduct Charge #17):

1st Offense: One calendar year of Disciplinary Probation and referral to Longwood's Alcohol and Drug Education Program, Last Call, at a cost of \$100.00.

2nd Offense: Suspension from Longwood University

V. Longwood's Alcohol and Drug Education Programs

Longwood's Alcohol and Drug Education Programs, First Round and Last Call, are intended to help students explore their values and behaviors, and how their decisions today can affect their futures tomorrow. Issues of high and low risk drinking choices, the impact of alcohol and drug on the body and other aspects of their lives, addiction, and goal setting is highlighted.

Alcohol/Substance Abuse Risk Assessment

In order to help students gain increased insight into how their personal patterns of alcohol and other substance use may be putting them at risk for future violations, health concerns, academic problems, etc., a mandatory 90-minute assessment conducted by a qualified substance abuse counselor is included as a requirement for consideration of readmission for those students suspended as a result of violations of Longwood's Alcohol and Other Drug Policies. Students may opt to have the assessment performed at Crossroads in Farmville or by an independent qualified substance abuse counselor of which the student is responsible for payment.

Documentation must be provided to verify completion, with recommendations regarding the student being forwarded to the Director of the Office of Student Conduct and Integrity by the counselor conducting the assessment. Failure to meet the conditions of this sanction will result in a hold on registration, diplomas, and/or transcripts.

VI. Event Planning on Campus Involving Alcohol

All events/functions must be managed by a University-authorized third-party vendor.

Longwood University reserves the right, at any time, to modify or revise these and other guidelines and restrictions governing the registration and management of events/functions. For detailed information regarding event planning on campus involving alcohol including the approval process for events involving alcohol, registration of events or functions with university-authorized vendors, guest list guidelines and expectations at events involving alcohol, event management procedures for events involving alcohol, managing alcoholic beverages and restrictions, non-alcoholic beverages and food, security at events involving alcohol and promotion of events involving alcohol, please see Policies for Student Organizations at <http://www.longwood.edu/studentunion/15416.htm>. Under Organization policies.