

USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The sale, possession and use of alcohol on campuses of the University of Maine System must comply with the laws of the State of Maine and with local campus regulations and procedures. The acquisition, possession, transportation and consumption of alcohol by anyone under 21 years of age is prohibited by University policy.

Alcohol may be possessed or consumed on University property only by persons 21 years of age or older in their rooms or in appropriately licensed and/or approved campus facilities. Persons are expected to assume responsibility for their own behavior while drinking and must understand that being under the influence of alcohol in no way lessens their accountability to the University community.

Policy 101.13 : Alcoholic Beverages Policy

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

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SUBJECT: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES POLICY

APPLIES TO: ALL EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

ISSUED BY: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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A. Philosophy

The University of Southern Maine is a unique community where students, faculty, staff, and guests interact. The work of this community centers around its role as an educational institution. One significant component of this community is the social interaction of its citizens. Social settings may vary in size and purpose, and some may include the consumption of alcoholic beverages. At the same time, USM is a workplace and it is expected that balance and sound judgment prevail in the use of alcoholic beverages on campus.

B. Basic Principles

1. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus is allowed only for persons 21 years of age or older.
2. Persons are expected to assume responsibility for their own behavior while drinking and must understand that being under the influence of alcohol in no way lessens their accountability to the University community.
3. Whenever alcohol is served there will be a variety of non-alcoholic beverages and food available in sufficient quantities to last for the entire event.

C. General

The issue of serving and consumption of alcohol on public property and in public places is a matter that calls for judgment, discretion, and certain operating practices and policies at the University of Southern Maine.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons of legal age is permitted as follows:

1. Public sale at designated times in defined areas of the Portland and Gorham Campus.
2. Functions that include the legal serving of alcoholic beverages can only be scheduled in the Hastings Lounge, 1 Payson Smith, Portland Campus Center, and the Gorham Dining Center. (ARAMARK needs a one month notice in order to secure permit for 1 Payson Smith and Hastings Lounge.)

In keeping with the philosophy and basic principles noted above the following policies and procedures are in effect for employees, students, and the general public.

I. Alcoholic Beverages Possession and Consumption Policy for Employees.

Employees are expected not to consume alcoholic beverages during working hours whether on or off University premises.

Employees are not to keep alcoholic beverages on University premises.

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is

not permitted in the following locations:

1. Private offices
2. Small conference (meeting rooms)
3. Classrooms
4. Buildings; houses other than Portland Campus Center, Gorham Dining Center, Hastings Lounge, and 1 Payson Smith
5. Any requests for exception to the locations listed in item 4, must be submitted in writing to the Provost. The University, as do other employers, has some responsibility for the actions of those served alcoholic beverages. Recent litigation urges sensitivity to the potential responsibility of University personnel in any event where alcohol is consumed.

II. Alcoholic Beverages Possession and Consumption Policy for Students

The acquisition, possession, transportation, and consumption of alcoholic beverages including, but not limited to, ale, beer, and wine are governed by various requirements of Maine State Law.

All students should be aware of these laws, particularly the following:

1. Anyone under 21 years of age who purchases or possesses any intoxicating liquor may be subject to a fine.
2. Anyone who knowingly aids a minor in procuring liquor may be punished by a fine or imprisonment, or both.

In addition to the observation of Maine State Law with exposure to the penalties provided by law, students must observe the following University regulations:

Alcoholic beverages may be possessed or consumed on the Southern Maine campus only by persons 21 years of age or older and only under the following circumstances:

1. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in a public place. This regulation applies to any and all USM functions open to the public, such as concerts, dances, athletic events, and the out-of-doors, unless previously designated a special event.
2. Permission may be granted by the Director of Student Activities/Campus Centers Programs for consumption of alcoholic beverages in specified areas. Requests for such permission must be made in writing to the Coordinator well in advance of the event.
3. The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons of legal age is permitted in residence halls other than public entranceways, corridors, and lounges.
4. Persons are expected to assume responsibility for their own behavior while drinking and must understand that being under the influence of alcohol in no way lessens their accountability to the University or community.

Violations of alcoholic beverage regulations may be handled under the Student Conduct Code.

III. Alcoholic Beverages Possession and Consumption for General Public.

The general public is expected to abide with University policy regarding alcohol as stated in Section C. General.