



Medical Amnesty/Good Samaritan Policy

The health and safety of students is a primary concern at UNA. As such, in cases of severe alcohol/drug intoxication and/or alcohol poisoning, the University encourages individuals to seek medical assistance for themselves or others. If an individual seeks medical attention due to his/her level of intoxication, the Office of Student Conduct will not pursue conduct sanctions against the student for the sole violation of using or possessing alcohol or drugs. Additionally, those students who assist in obtaining medical attention for individuals who are intoxicated will not receive student conduct sanctions for violations of the Alcohol Policy in the Code of Student Conduct. In lieu of student conduct sanctions, the intoxicated student (and possibly the referring student) will be required to meet with the Director of Student Conduct or his/ her designee who may recommend educational components such as alcohol education, counseling, and/or an alcohol and substance abuse assessment.

Serious or repeated incidents will prompt a higher degree of concern/response which may include referral to the student conduct system. The Medical Amnesty Policy does not preclude student conduct sanctions due to any other violations of the Code of Student Conduct (not related to the Alcohol Policy). Likewise, the Medical Amnesty Policy does not prevent action by University Police or other law enforcement personnel. In circumstances where an organization is found to be hosting an event where medical assistance is sought for an intoxicated guest, the organization (depending upon the circumstances) may be held responsible for violations of the Alcohol Policy. However, the organization's willingness to seek medical assistance for a member or guest will be viewed as a mitigating factor in determining a sanction for any violations of the Alcohol Policy.

¹ Adapted, with gratitude, from Penn State University.

² Subject, of course, to statutorily conveyed rights to carry/possess weapons on campus and/or in locked vehicles on campus.

³ This policy attempts to balance the need of the community to create a civil climate while also embracing the 1st Amendment protection that attaches to most harassing speech that is simply offensive.

⁴ Failure to provide information during or participate in an investigation or a hearing, even resulting from concern over pending criminal or civil proceedings, does not make evidence “unavailable” at the time of the hearing.

⁵ Computation of time: When any period of time is referred to, such period in all cases are computed to exclude the first and include the last day of such period. Business days include normal University operating days and exclude holidays and weekends. The last business day ends at 4 p.m.