

Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program and the Drug-Free Workplace and Campus Program

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Standards of Conduct

The use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol on the campus of South University - Novi or in facilities controlled by South University - Novi are prohibited by college regulations and are incompatible with South University - Novi goal of providing a healthy educational environment for students, faculty, staff and guests. The following information is provided in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989.

Effects of Drugs and Alcohol

Although individuals often use drugs and alcohol to achieve a variety of effects on mind and body that are found to be temporarily useful or pleasurable, drugs can be highly addictive and injurious. A person can pay a price in terms of his or her physical, emotional, and social health.

This price can be paid in a number of ways. The risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, is increased through unwanted or unprotected sex when one is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Drugs can be the trigger for violent crime. Economic and legal problems usually follow directly when one tries to support a drug habit by resorting to crime. The dependence, illness, loss of job, and loss of family or friends that can result from drug or alcohol use and abuse can be tragic.

In keeping with the mission of South University - Novi and the requirements of state and federal law, South University - Novi has adopted this program to ensure a drug-free campus and workplace and to prevent the use of controlled substances and the abuse of alcohol.

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Alcohol

Short Term Risks:

- Increased risks of accidents and injuries
- Alcohol-related traffic accidents (the leading cause of death for teens)
- Alcohol slows reaction time, decreases muscle coordination, and impairs vision
- Fatal overdose
- Unconsciousness or blackout
- Death by aspiration of vomit
- Nausea
- Gastritis

Long-Term Risks:

- Increased blood pressure
- Increased risk of heart attack
- Brain damage resulting in permanent psychosis
- Cancer of the mouth, esophagus or stomach
- Liver damage (cirrhosis, alcohol hepatitis, cancer)
- Ulcers and Gastritis
- Pancreatitis
- Birth defects
- In males--testicular atrophy and breast enlargement
- In females--increased risk of breast cancer
- Prolonged, excessive drinking can shorten life span by ten to twelve years.

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Drugs

Amphetamines (Speed, Uppers):

- Malnutrition
- Hallucinations
- Dependence, psychological and sometimes physical

Deliriums (Aerosols, Lighter Fluid, Paint Thinner):

- Permanent damage to lungs, brain, liver, bone marrow
- Loss of coordination, confusion, hallucinations
- Overdose causing convulsions, death

Depressants (Barbiturates, Tranquilizers, Methaqualone):

- Confusion, depression, loss of coordination
- Dependence, physical and psychological
- Coma, death (caused by overdose)
- Can be lethal when combined with alcohol

Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP, DMT, STP, Mescaline):

- Hallucinations, panic, irrational behaviors (which can lead to increased risk of accidents, injuries)
- Tolerance overdose leading to convulsions, coma, death
- Possible birth defects in children of LSD users

Intravenous Drug Use:

- Places one at risk for HIV infection (the virus causing AIDS) when needles are shared

Marijuana and Hashish:

- Chronic bronchitis
- Decreased vital capacity
- Increased risk of lung cancer
- In men lower levels of testosterone and increase in abnormal sperm count

Stimulants (Cocaine):

- Painful nosebleeds and nasal erosion
- Intense "downs" that result in physical and/or emotional discomfort
- Tolerance and physical dependence can develop

Narcotics (Heroin, Morphine, Codeine, Opium):

- Malnutrition
- Hepatitis
- Loss of judgment and self-control leading to increased risk of accidents, injuries
- Dependence
- Overdose leading to convulsions, coma, death

Sanctions South University - Novi of Michigan

School Sanctions

South University - Novi, in all of its actions, seeks to uphold local, state and federal laws. Insofar as permitted by these laws, South University - Novi will apply sanctions that could lead to a student being suspended or expelled or an employee being disciplined, suspended or dismissed for violation of South University - Novi standards of conduct. Students and employees may also be referred for prosecution. Disciplinary sanctions may include the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program, at the student's or employee's expense, if necessary.

State Sanctions

| MICHIGAN UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PENALTIES FOR DRUG OFFENSES Act 1 MCLA 333.7401 et seq. | | | |
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| NARCOTIC DRUG & Cocaine | Delivery and Possession with Intent to Deliver | Possession | Use |
| 1000 gms. or more | Felony Maximum Penalty Life Imprisonment and/or fine not more than \$1,000,000 | Felony Maximum Penalty Life Imprisonment and/or fine of not more than \$1,000,000 | |
| Between 450 gms. and 999 gms. | Felony Not more than 30 yrs. and/or \$500,000 fine | Felony Not more than 30 yrs. and/or \$500,000 fine | |
| Between 50 gms. and 449 gms. | Felony* Not more than 20 yrs. and/or \$250,000 fine | Felony* | Not more than 20 yrs. and/or \$250,000 |
| Less than 50 gms. | Felony Not more than 20 yrs. and/or \$25,000 fine. Felony | | Not more than 4 yrs. and/or \$25,000 fine |
| Many Schedule 1, 2, 3 Felony | Not more than 7 yrs. and/or \$10,000 fine Felony | | Not more than 2 yrs. and/or \$2,000 fine |
| Misdemeanor | Not more than 1 yr. and/or varying fine, between \$1,000 or \$2000 | | Any amount of Ecstasy (MDMA) or Methamphetamine Felony |
| Felony | Not more than 10 years and/or \$15,000 fine | Misdemeanor | Not more than 1 year and/or \$2000 fine. Same penalty for cocaine use. Schedule 4 |
| Not more than 4 yrs. and/or \$2,000 fine | Felony | | Not more than 2 yrs. and/or \$2,000 fine |
| Misdemeanor | Not more than 1 yr. and/or \$1,000 Schedule 5 | Felony Not more than 2 yrs. and/or \$2,000 fine | Misdemeanor Not more than 1 yr. and/or \$2,000 fine (and lysergic acid diethylamide, peyote, mescaline, dimethyltryptamine, psilocin and psilocybin) |
| Not more than 6 mos. and/or \$500 (and lysergic acid diethylamide, peyote, mescaline, dimethyltryptamine, psilocin and psilocybin) | Marijuana | | Felony |

Mandatory sentences increase in proportion to quantity.

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs carries the following penalties: **First conviction:** Fine of no less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 and imprisonment for not less than 10 days nor more than 12 months. **Second conviction:** Fine of \$600 to \$1000, prison for not less than 90 days **Third or subsequent conviction:** Fine of \$1000 to \$5000, prison for not less than 120 days

Additional monetary penalties may also be imposed to compensate victims. If the DUI causes the death of another person, the prison sentence is from 2 to 15 years.

Furnishing alcoholic beverages to, and purchase or possession of alcoholic beverages by any person under the age of 21 is prohibited by Michigan law. The sentence for the first conviction is 30 days imprisonment, a \$300 fine, or both. In addition to criminal penalties, anyone who furnishes alcohol to an underage person, knowing that such person will soon be driving, may become liable for injuries or damages caused by the underage drinking driver.

Additional sanctions exist under Michigan law for drug and alcohol-related offenses including denial of student loans and grants, ineligibility to participate in home loan and other assistance programs, and denial or revocation of professional licenses.

Federal Sanctions

Federal penalties and sanctions for illegal possession of a controlled substance include the following:

First conviction: up to 1 year in prison, fine of \$1,000 to \$100,000, or both **Second conviction:** at least 15 days and up to 2 years imprisonment, \$5,000 to \$250,000 fine, or both **After two drug convictions:** at least 90 days and up to 3 years in prison, \$5,000 to \$250,000 fine, or both. Special federal sentencing provisions for possession of crack cocaine include a mandatory prison term of at least 5 years and up to 20 years, fine of up to \$250,000, or both, for a first conviction if the amount of crack exceeds 5 grams, for a second conviction if amount exceeds 3 grams, and for a third or subsequent conviction if the amount exceeds 1 gram.

Additional federal sanctions may also apply including forfeiture of vehicles used to transport controlled substances, denial of federal benefits including student loans, grants, and contracts and denial or revocation of certain federal licenses and benefits (exhibit A).

Exhibit A:

Federal Trafficking Penalties for Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V (except Marijuana)

| Schedule | Substance/Quantity | Penalty | Substance/Quantity | Penalty |
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| II | Cocaine 500-4999 grams mixture | <p>First Offense: Not less than 5 yrs. and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than \$5 million if an individual, \$25 million if not an individual.</p> <p>Second Offense: Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual.</p> | Cocaine 5 kilograms or more mixture | <p>First Offense: Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than \$10 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual.</p> <p>Second Offense: Not less than 20 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.</p> <p>2 or More Prior Offenses: Life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.</p> |
| II | Cocaine Base 28-279 grams mixture | | Cocaine Base 280 grams or more mixture | |
| IV | Fentanyl 40-399 grams mixture | | Fentanyl 400 grams or more mixture | |
| I | Fentanyl Analogue 10-99 grams mixture | | Fentanyl Analogue 100 grams or more mixture | |
| I | Heroin 100-999 grams mixture | | Heroin 1 kilogram or more mixture | |
| I | LSD 1-9 grams mixture | | LSD 10 grams or more mixture | |
| II | Methamphetamine 5-49 grams pure or 50-499 grams mixture | | Methamphetamine 50 grams or more pure or 500 grams or more mixture | |
| II | PCP 10-99 grams pure or 100-999 grams mixture | PCP 100 grams or more pure or 1 kilogram or more mixture | | |

| Substance/Quantity | Penalty |
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| Any Amount Of Other Schedule I & II Substances | First Offense: Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual. |
| Any Drug Product Containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid | Second Offense: Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual. |
| Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV) 1 Gram | |
| Any Amount Of Other Schedule III Drugs | <p>First Offense: Not more than 10 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not more than 15 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2.5 million if not an individual.</p> <p>Second Offense: Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not more than 30 yrs. Fine not more than \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual.</p> |
| Any Amount Of All Other Schedule IV Drugs (other than one gram or more of Flunitrazepam) | <p>First Offense: Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual.</p> <p>Second Offense: Not more than 10 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if other than an individual.</p> |
| Any Amount Of All Schedule V Drugs | <p>First Offense: Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than \$100,000 if an individual, \$250,000 if not an individual.</p> <p>Second Offense: Not more than 4 yrs. Fine not more than \$200,000 if an individual, \$500,000 if not an individual.</p> |

Federal Trafficking Penalties for Marijuana, Hashish and Hashish Oil, Schedule I Substances

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| <p>Marijuana 1,000 kilograms or more marijuana mixture or 1,000 or more marijuana plants</p> | <p>First Offense: Not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs., or more than life. Fine not more than \$10 million if an individual, \$50 million if other than an individual.</p> <p>Second Offense: Not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if other than an individual.</p> |
| <p>Marijuana 100 to 999 kilograms marijuana mixture or 100 to 999 marijuana plants</p> | <p>First Offense: Not less than 5 yrs. or more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine not more than \$5 million if an individual, \$25 million if other than an individual.</p> <p>Second Offense: Not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$50million if other than an individual.</p> |
| <p>Marijuana 50 to 99 kilograms marijuana mixture, 50 to 99 marijuana plants</p> | <p>First Offense: Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual.</p> <p>Second Offense: Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual.</p> |
| <p>Hashish More than 10 kilograms</p> | |
| <p>Hashish Oil More than 1 kilogram</p> | |
| <p>Marijuana less than 50 kilograms marijuana (but does not include 50 or more marijuana plants regardless of weight) 1 to 49 marijuana plants</p> | <p>First Offense: Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than \$250,000, \$1 million if other than an individual.</p> <p>Second Offense: Not more than 10 yrs. Fine \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if other than individual.</p> |
| <p>Hashish 10 kilograms or less</p> | |
| <p>Hashish Oil 1 kilogram or less</p> | |

Convictions for Drug-Related Offenses

Any student convicted of any drug-related criminal statute must notify the Dean of Student Affairs, in writing, no later than five (5) days after such conviction regardless of where the offense occurred. This is because under federal and state laws, any student convicted of a drug-related felony offense must be denied all federal and state assistance, including Pell Grants. However, a criminal conviction shall not be necessary to find that a student has violated these standards of conduct, and South University - Novi need not, and ordinarily will not, defer its own actions and sanctions pending the outcome of any criminal proceeding.

Danger Signals Indicating a Drug or Alcohol Problem

Following is a listing of classic danger signals that may indicate the presence of a drug or alcohol problem:

- abrupt changes in mood or attitude
- decreased efficiency at work or at school
- frequent absences, tardiness, and/or early departures
- relationship problems with family, friends, and co-workers
- unusual outbursts of anger and hostility
- social withdrawal

Counseling

If you observe any of these changes in yourself or another student, you are encouraged to talk with a Counselor. The college contracts with Talk One-2-One, a free service, which provides confidential professional counseling via the telephone 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, at 1- 888-617-3362. The Talk One-2-One counselor may refer you, for limited visits, with an area network mental health provider or assist you with locating resources within the community.

Abuse of alcohol or drugs can lead to dependency and addiction, with serious consequences for personal health and overall quality of life. There are drug and alcohol counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation facilities available in our area where students and employees may seek advice and treatment. The College Counselor can refer you to one that meets your needs.

Novi - Area Resources

There are also organizations that may be contacted for help. The Brighton Center for Recovery can be reached at 810-227-1211. The National Institute on Drug Abuse Hotline (800-662-4357) is available from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Monday through Friday and from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on weekends.

A list of emergency and sliding-fee scale resources is available from the Academic Affairs Office.