



Alcohol Use Policy

Texas Christian University has the responsibility of maintaining an educational environment conducive to academic achievement and, at the same time, helping young people grow into mature and responsible adults. Though each individual ultimately must decide whether or not to use alcoholic beverages, the University, through its Board of Trustees, has determined what practices are permitted on campus.

Students should be aware that the legal drinking age in the state of Texas is 21 years. Texas Christian University conforms to state law and also has further specific regulations to govern the use, sale and possession of alcoholic beverages on University property.

Students who choose to drink, either on or off the campus, are expected to handle alcohol responsibly and conform to the laws of this state. Violation of state law, city ordinance or University regulations is considered grounds for disciplinary action.

Except for certain specified areas in University residence halls approved by the vice chancellor for student affairs, and for specific events authorized by the chancellor or provost in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center or other buildings, the consumption, sale or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on campus. The consumption of alcohol is permissible for persons of legal drinking age in parking lots used for patrons of TCU football games at Amon Carter Stadium from five hours before and two hours after a TCU home football game. Patrons may not bring alcohol into the stadium at any time.

Residents of legal age (21 years) and over may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in their rooms or in the rooms of other students 21 years of age or older. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in hallways, stairways, elevators, lobbies, lounges, recreation areas, restrooms and all other areas of the residence hall. Students' rooms may not be used as an "open bar" but may be used for private gatherings with no more than six guests.

The purchase or sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited everywhere on the campus. Furthermore, no person may provide any alcoholic beverages to any person under 21 years of age. The University also prohibits the use or possession of alcoholic beverages in all instructional settings, including those remote to the campus.

Information about specific penalties imposed for violation of alcohol use policies are available online at www.studenthandbook.tcu.edu or you may contact the Office of Campus Life at 817.257.7926.