

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

Southwestern Oregon Community College

AP 3560 Alcoholic Beverages

The possession, sale, or furnishing of alcohol on campus is governed by state law and these procedures. A person must be at least 21 years of age to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages in Oregon.

The possession, sale, consumption or furnishing of alcohol is controlled by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). However, the enforcement of alcohol laws on campus is the primary responsibility of the Vice President of Administrative Services and local law enforcement.

College Campuses have been designated “drug free” and only under certain circumstances is the consumption of alcohol permitted.

The possession, sale, manufacture or distribution of any controlled substance is illegal under both state and federal laws. Such laws are strictly enforced by the Vice President of Administrative Services and local law enforcement. Violators are subject to disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, fines and imprisonment. It is unlawful to sell, furnish or provide alcohol to a person under the age of 21. The possession of alcohol by anyone under 21 years of age in a public place or a place open to the public is illegal.

It is also a violation of this policy for anyone to consume or possess alcoholic beverages in any public or private area on college property, including facilities that are owned, leased, rented, or otherwise occupied by the College, without prior college approval. Organizations or groups violating alcohol or substance policies or laws may be subject to sanctions by the College.

Special Conditions or Events

The College President under special conditions and for unique events, may approve the service and consumption of alcohol on college property or at college events in accordance with Board Policy.

Authorization and Approval

Requests must be submitted in writing at least 10 business days in advance. Approval is generally limited to beer and wine service and culinary or instructional use. No general funds may be used.

Event Requirements

Events must align with the educational, cultural, or social goals of the College and must be physically separated from classes and the general student population.

Designated Locations

The Oregon Coast Culinary Institute (OCCI) is the primary approved location for the College per the Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Control Commission (OLCC). All other locations require specific Presidential approval and permitting through the OLCC.

Service and Distribution Controls

Any outside group must be able to reach a mutual agreement with OCCI with regard to food and alcohol service as part of a catering agreement. Alcohol must be purchased through OCCI, or an approved contractor and served by authorized personnel. Groups, organizations, or individuals are not permitted to directly purchase, provide, or serve alcohol at any campus location. All alcohol must be stored securely in locked cabinets.

Security and Operations

The College may require Campus Safety, with costs paid by the requesting group to be present at any event where alcohol is served.

Insurance and Liability

The requesting group must provide insurance and agree to indemnify and hold the College harmless from liability.

Curry Campus Guidelines

The Curry Campus does not have culinary services on campus, nor does it hold an OLCC permit. Therefore, the requesting group must enter into an agreement with an approved licensed catering contractor that complies with all federal, state, and local laws, including Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) requirements. All alcoholic beverages must be purchased by the approved catering contractor and served by the approved catering contractor.

Alcohol Use in Food or Beverage related courses

Oregon law includes an exemption for students enrolled in a food or beverage career program at a higher education institution, including a community college. "Food or beverage career program" means a course of study designed to qualify a person for a career in the food service industry or alcoholic beverage industry, including but not limited to a course of study in culinary arts, viticulture, winemaking, enology, brewing or restaurant management. (ORS 471.580)

- Permission for appropriate consumption of alcohol by students/staff, which is considered to be an integral part of these special classes, shall be included as part of the approval for scheduling such special classes. Under these special limited circumstances, alcoholic beverages may be permitted on campuses from time to time. Prior to advertising of such classes, the instructor must receive approval from their Dean and the College President.
- All course outlines/syllabi for these special classes must include notice that tasting of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited for students under the legal age limit, and some classes may restrict enrollment, whenever appropriate, to students only of legal age and those students able to taste alcoholic beverages as needed to successfully complete the class.
- Prior to participation in the course, all students must submit a signed Alcohol Related Events Hold Harmless form. Completed forms must be kept on file by the Administrative Services Department for six (6) years after the class has ended.

In all situations (either college-approved course(s) or specific college events, described above), the College President, and/or their designee has the right to deny the use of alcoholic beverages at any college event or for any college-approved course(s). This includes the use of alcohol by OCCI and Dining Services in the production of food. In such cases, all alcohol must be stored securely in locked cabinets.

Legal Reference(s):

34 Code of Federal Regulations Section 668.46(b);

23 U.S. Code Section 158;

23 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1208.4

ORS 471.105

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