

ALCOHOL POLICY FOR GRADUATE STUDENT EVENTS

POLICY STATEMENT

Yeshiva University is committed to creating and maintaining an environment that is free of alcohol abuse. The University expects that the consumption of alcohol will be done responsibly and lawfully, and further expects that individuals adopt specific measures to help prevent alcohol abuse in the University community. **In no event does the University permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages by its undergraduate students, or by any persons under the age of 21 years.**

A Graduate Student Event refers to an event sponsored by any graduate student organization or club (whether or not on University premises).

REASON FOR POLICY

The University is committed to upholding local, state and federal law; requiring proper management of Graduate Student Events where alcoholic beverages will be served; and minimizing the misuse of alcoholic beverages. The University wishes to ensure that the University community has a clear understanding of its expectations concerning the consumption of alcohol at Graduate Student Events.

APPLICABILITY OF THIS POLICY

This Policy applies to all members of the University community seeking to serve or consume alcohol at a Graduate Student Event. Additional rules may apply to particular schools/colleges within the University.

POLICY ELABORATION AND PROCEDURES

This Policy is intended to protect the learning environment; to promote the safety of the University community; and to reinforce the University's goals of teaching, research, and public service.

General Rules

- Persons under the age of 21 years are prohibited from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverage on University premises or at a Graduate Student Event (whether or not on University premises). No member of the University community may serve or furnish any alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21 years or who cannot establish that they are 21 years of age or older.
- **Undergraduate students, regardless of age, are PROHIBITED from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverage on University premises or at any student event (whether or not on University premises).**
- Alcoholic beverages may only be served by a professional certified bartender familiar with applicable liquor laws and capable of controlling and serving alcohol.
- A Graduate Student Event held off-campus where alcohol will be served must only be held at a properly licensed and insured establishment.

- Advertising for a Graduate Student Event where alcohol will be served may not focus on the consumption of alcohol but should emphasize the purpose or other acceptable aspect of the event. On-campus advertising of the Graduate Student Event must only be placed on designated bulletin boards. The University reserves the right to remove any advertising it determines in its discretion not to be in compliance with these requirements (or otherwise).
- In no event should anyone under the influence of alcohol operate a motor vehicle.
- In no event should anyone misrepresent one's age for the purpose of purchasing, possessing, or consuming alcohol.
- The following actions are prohibited at all Graduate Student Events:
 - Creating, offering, or engaging in drinking games and other behaviors that may induce or encourage the consumption of alcohol.
 - Serving or furnishing alcoholic beverages to someone who appears to have exceeded his/her limit.
 - Forcing the consumption of alcoholic beverages for any reason.
- Students will be held directly responsible for the destruction of personal or public property; the violation of the safety or rights of others; the violation of any federal, state or local law; or the violation of any other University policy which may occur while they are under the influence of alcohol. Such behavior will result in disciplinary action against the student by the University (including the requirement to receive psychological or medical assessment and/or counseling and appropriate treatment; suspension and expulsion) or by federal, state or local law enforcement. In addition, the University may take disciplinary action against the student organization or club sponsoring the event (up to and including loss of official status and termination of funding). If the identity of perpetrators cannot be determined, the student organization or club sponsoring the event during which property damage occurred will be required to assume financial responsibility and may also lose their official status and funding.
- The University assumes no responsibility for any liability incurred as a result of any violation of this Policy or other University policies, or any violation of applicable laws governing the use and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- The University disclaims any intention to assume duties to protect University community members from their own abuse of alcohol or other drugs, or to protect third parties from the conduct of University community members.
- Failure to comply with this Policy will result in disciplinary action by the University (up to and including, in the case of a student, suspension and expulsion and, in the case of a student organization or club, up to and including loss of official status and termination of funding).

INDIVIDUALS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CALL FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THEMSELVES OR OTHERS WHO ARE DANGEROUSLY INTOXICATED.

Procedures for Serving Alcohol at Graduate Student Events

- A student organization or club sponsoring a Graduate Student Event (whether or not on University premises) where alcohol will be served must register the event in advance with the applicable graduate student special events office at least two weeks in advance of the event. This registration is separate and apart from any other action required to hold the event, such as reserving the event venue, and shall be made in writing. See [Appendix A](#).
- All guests must be at least 21 years of age.
- For a Graduate Student Event held on-campus:
 - Only wine and beer may be served or consumed. Kegs and other alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
 - The purchase of alcohol and the hiring of a professional bartender must be done through the applicable graduate school special events office. No other alcohol may be purchased and/or brought into a Graduate Student Event.
 - Alcohol may not be sold and an admission fee may not be charged except under limited circumstances with the express permission of the University's General Counsel.
 - The student organization or club must also provide University Security with a list of invited guests (who are not University students, faculty, staff or other holders of University identification) at least twenty-four hours in advance of the event.
 - A sufficient quantity of non-alcoholic beverages (e.g., soda and bottled water) must be prominently available in the same general location as the alcoholic beverages, and substantial food (not pretzels, chips or other snacks) must be available in sufficient amounts for the number of people attending.
 - Students may not appropriate, store or transport alcohol for later use.
 - There shall be at least two student representatives who shall act as non-alcohol consuming monitors at the Graduate Student Event. Their names and contact information (and acknowledgement of responsibility) must be provided in writing to the applicable graduate student special events office at least two weeks in advance of the event pursuant to the attached registration form. If there is any reason that a designated representative cannot be present and act as a monitor, an alternate must be appointed and a revised registration form with his/her name and contact information (and acknowledgement of responsibility) must be submitted immediately to the applicable graduate school special events office. These monitors will be responsible to:
 - attend the Graduate Student Event from start to finish, and refrain from consuming alcohol during the Graduate Student Event.
 - communicate immediately with University Security if there are any problems with students, guests or other individuals, or any violations of University policy.
 - with respect to uninvited guests, immediately inform the bartender not to serve them and contact University Security to remove them from the premises.
 - remain until all of the alcohol is packed up and appropriately put away in a secure location designated by the graduate school special events office, and work with the professional bartender and University Security to ensure that this is completed promptly following the Graduate Student Event.

- The University reserves the right to end alcohol service or to end the entire Graduate Student Event at any time in its discretion.
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages must be limited to the predetermined boundaries for the event, and must be limited to the predetermined hours of the event.

CONTACTS

The applicable Dean of Students is the University official responsible for the interpretation and administration of this Policy.

RELATED DOCUMENTS AND POLICIES

Drug and Alcohol Policy (<http://yu.edu/student-life/resources-and-services/standards-policies/>)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Approved by the Policy Approval Committee in August 2012.

APPENDIX A-1

REGISTRATION FOR ON-CAMPUS GRADUATE STUDENT EVENT SERVING ALCOHOL

- Name of Sponsoring Student Organization or Club:

- Name/Date and Time/Location of Event:

- Anticipated Number of Guests:

- Name and Cell Phone Number of Two Non-Alcohol Consuming Monitors at Event:

1. _____

2. _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MONITORS:

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the University's ALCOHOL POLICY FOR GRADUATE STUDENT EVENTS and agree to abide by its terms and conditions. I agree that I will:

- attend the Event from start to finish, and refrain from consuming alcohol during the Event.
- communicate immediately with University Security if there are any problems with students, guests or other individuals, or any violations of University policy.
- with respect to uninvited guests, immediately inform the bartender not to serve them and contact University Security to remove them from the premises.
- remain until all of the alcohol is packed up and appropriately put away in a secure location, and work with the professional bartender and University Security to ensure that this is completed promptly following the Event.

(Print Name)

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Date)

**ON BEHALF OF THE SPONSORING STUDENT ORGANIZATION OR CLUB
[TO BE EXECUTED BY AN OFFICER OF THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION OR CLUB]:**

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Date)

APPENDIX A-2

REGISTRATION FOR OFF-CAMPUS GRADUATE STUDENT EVENT SERVING ALCOHOL

- Name of Sponsoring Student Organization or Club:

- Name/Date and Time/Location of Event:

- Anticipated Number of Guests:

ON BEHALF OF THE SPONSORING STUDENT ORGANIZATION OR CLUB
[TO BE EXECUTED BY AN OFFICER OF THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION OR CLUB]:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Date)