

Alcohol Policy

The alcohol policy of Marietta College is in compliance with the laws of the State of Ohio, Washington County, and the city of Marietta. Students or groups who fail to comply with this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

The alcohol policy of Marietta College is also based upon the recognition that:

- The majority of Marietta College students cannot legally consume alcohol;
- A number of students that are of legal age to consume or possess alcohol choose not to do so; and
- Alcohol abuse on college campuses across the nation (including Marietta College) can be problematic.

Given these facts, the College acknowledges the desire of those students who are of legal age to consume alcohol. In addition, the college must ensure that the social life of the campus does not revolve around an activity in which the majority of students cannot participate.

Philosophy Supporting the Policy

Marietta College is primarily a residential college, which results in a dynamic, living community. This experience allows for a sense of community to be built among the students, faculty and administration, and it helps to strengthen both the ties and the sense of belonging to the institution. As a result, students have a responsibility to develop to understand how their actions affect the lives and experiences of those other members of the community. Responsible and legal alcohol use is a part of responsibility.

Marietta College recognizes that abuse of alcohol and other drugs is a problem on the nation's campuses. Alcohol abuse has a number of serious implications in the health, social development, and cognitive development of students, including lower GPAs and academic problems, financial difficulties, unwanted or unprotected sexual misconduct, injury as a result of intoxication, injury of another individual, damaged property, or death due to alcohol poisoning or a fatal injury. Alcohol is also known to be involved in chronic depression (Goral, 2004). Members of the College community who chose to not engage in alcohol are not immune to the effects of alcohol abuse. Students who are not engaging in alcohol use, but are living in the residential environment and are surrounded by individuals who are abusing alcohol are more likely to suffer academically due to disrupted sleeping or studying patterns, be assaulted physically by someone who has been consuming alcohol, be sexually assaulted by someone who has consumed alcohol, have personal property damaged by an intoxicated individual, or be responsible for the repairs of College property that was damaged by an individual under the influence of alcohol (Goral, 2004).

Researchers have demonstrated repeatedly that the environment of a college campus plays a large role in determining the alcohol use culture of that institution. Institutions that have a culture where alcohol use is expected, have few policies regulating the use of alcohol, and where the access to alcohol is not limited are institutions that are likely to experience high-risk alcohol consumption (Knopf, 2008).

For these reasons, Marietta College condemns excessive consumption of alcohol. The College also considers the decision of whether to consume alcohol to be a value judgment on the part of each individual of legal age. If alcoholic beverages are consumed, the consumption must take place in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, Washington County, and the City of Marietta, as well as the policy of Marietta College. The campus alcohol policy proceeds from the premise that all campus policy must support the Marietta College Mission Statement, the Pioneer Pledge, and the Student Code of Conduct. As an educational institution, Marietta College is committed to fostering the intellectual and personal development of its members. The abuse of alcohol or other substance and behaviors associated with such abuse is incompatible to the mission and purposes of the institution and is therefore prohibited.

Each member of the Marietta College community is responsible for supporting the alcohol policy. The College also reserves the right to respond to inappropriate alcohol-related behavior by an individual or organization on-or-off campus through the campus disciplinary structure. Enforcement on-campus is the responsibility of the Student Life Staff, Dean of Students Office, other faculty and staff, student groups, and individual students. This policy applies to all situations on campus where students and alcohol are present.

Marietta College's Official Position on Substance Abuse

Marietta College takes the official position that a student who seeks counseling or treatment for an alcohol problem will not be subject to any disciplinary action because of said counseling or treatment. Further, no record of such treatment or counseling will be made or used in any way to place the student in jeopardy at a future time.

The College recognizes alcoholism as a disease that can be treated. For the purpose of this policy, alcoholism is defined as a disease. A student is considered to have an alcohol abuse problem when use of such interferes with the student's behavior, academic performance and/or personal health. Alcohol abuse is defined as the student's consumption of alcohol to an extent where such consumption creates problem for the student or others.

Marietta College assures that any student having a problem with alcohol abuse will receive the same careful consideration and offer of treatment that is now extended to students with any other illnesses.

General Policies for Alcohol

- a. An individual must be of legal age (21 years of age or older) to consume or possess alcohol on campus.
- b. An underage (under 21 years of age) individual is not permitted to be in the presence of alcohol except under the following circumstances:
 - Verification is received from College Police that the underage person is not under the influence of alcohol
 - The underage individual is within the confines of their living space (room or apartment) where one resident of the living space is of legal age (21 years of age or older)
 - The door is left open
- c. Under no circumstance is an individual of legal age permitted to purchase and/or provide alcohol beverages to an underage individual.
- d. Under no circumstance is an individual, regardless of their age, permitted to provide a location for individuals underage (under 21 years of age) to consume alcohol.
- e. Alcohol consumption to the point of severe intoxication is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. When severe intoxication is an accompaniment to other Student Code of Conduct violations, under no circumstance may it be regarded as a mitigating factor and may result in additional disciplinary sanctions.
- f. Inducing or forcing another individual to consume alcohol (including, but not limited to hazing incidents) is prohibited.
- g. Wine and malt beverages are the only alcohol beverages permitted for possession and/or consumption by an individual of legal age on the Marietta College campus. No liquor or any other intoxicating liquid is permitted on campus.
- h. An individual of legal age is allowed to possess a maximum of twelve (12)-12 ounce containers of malt beverages (beer, ale, "coolers," "hard lemonade," etc.) that contain 10% or less alcohol per volume, or up to one 750ml bottle of wine on their person or in their control (room, backpack, car, etc.) for personal consumption in a living space (this includes empty as well as full containers).
- i. The purchase, possession and/or use of bulk quantities of alcoholic beverages (i.e. more than 24 12-ounce containers of beer, kegs of alcohol, beer bong, and other common containers) are not permitted on the Marietta College campus.
- j. Possession of paraphernalia (e.g. funnels, beer sticks or any other device) used in drinking games or activities intended to increase the rate of consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited and said items will be confiscated by College officials.
 - Sheets of plywood and rectangular tables decorated in such a way as to indicate a beer pong playing surface will be confiscated.

- k. The use of paraphernalia for drinking games is prohibited.
- l. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted within residence hall floors and programmatic units that are designated as alcohol and/or substance free housing.
- m. Registered student organizations, departments and offices shall follow all Social Function Policies and Procedures. If the registered student organization is affiliated with a national organization, it is the responsibility of the local chapter to comply with the rule and regulations of their national policies (the local chapter is expected to abide by College policy).
- n. No alcohol promotions or advertisement for College-sponsored events of any kind are permitted on the Marietta College campus unless approval has been granted by the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life.

Sanctions for Alcohol Policy Violations

Violations of this policy by individuals or groups will be adjudicated by the appropriate judicial procedures as specified in the Marietta College Student Handbook that includes the Conduct Officer, Peer Review Board, Dean of Students, Student Organization Review Board or Critical Issues Board. All violations of this policy are cumulative and carry over throughout a student's career at Marietta College. The degree of sanctioning for a student may depend on a number of factors including the level of the violation, any mitigating factors regarding the incident, and the number and type of past violations.

Repeat violations will result in additional sanctions, and may be subject to the succeeding tier's sanctions.

Tier 1 Violations:

Examples of Tier 1 Violations include but are not limited to:

- Being in the presence of alcohol with the door not propped open
- An individual of legal age who is in possession of more alcohol than allowed by policy
- An individual in the possession of drinking game paraphernalia
- Promoting alcohol for a College sponsored event

Sanctions of Tier 1 Violations include but are not limited to:

- Fine of \$50-\$150
- A minimum of 10 disciplinary work hours

Tier 2 Violations:

Examples of Tier 2 Violations include but are not limited to:

- An individual under the age of 21 possessing or consuming alcohol
- Possession of liquor
- Possession of bulk quantities of alcohol (as outlined in line h)
- Possession of alcohol in substance free areas
- Use of drinking game paraphernalia
- Alcohol served/consumed outside of guidelines outlined in line n

Sanctions of Tier 2 Violations include but are not limited to:

- Fine ranging from \$100-250
- A minimum of 15 disciplinary work hours
- Alcohol education program
- Additional Educational Sanction

*Repeat violations of the alcohol policy will result in a parental notification

Tier 3 Violations:

Examples of Tier 3 Violations include but are not limited to:

- An individual of age providing alcohol to underage individuals
- Individuals of any age providing a location for minors to consume alcohol
- Alcohol consumption to the point of severe intoxication that manifests in the destruction of property or harm to oneself or others

*See also Good Samaritan Policy for additional information

- Inducing or forcing another individual to consume alcohol

Sanctions of Tier 3 Violations include but are not limited to:

- Fine ranging from \$200-500

- A minimum of 35 disciplinary work hours
- Alcohol assessment and treatment as deemed necessary by counselor
- Parental notification
- A minimum of two additional educational sanctions

Additional sanctions may be recommended for any level of violation based upon the circumstances of each individual case. These additional sanctions may include but are not limited to:

- Restitution for damages incurred due the incident
- Being placed on College Probation
- Suspension from co-curricular activities unless academically required as part of the probationary status
- Recommendation for off-campus assessment
- Removal from college housing
- Community service projects
- Required attendance at CUB events/Athletic events/non-alcoholic events
- Required involvement with a student organizations
- Creation of educational posters/bulletin boards/programs for residence halls (requiring approval from Resident Director prior to dispersal)
- Complete rounds with a resident assistant on a Friday or Saturday night
- Interview a resident assistant, faculty members, member of the Dean of Students Office, Student Life, an athletic coach or a police officer about how they view alcohol at Marietta College, and how it affects their jobs and the experience of students at the College (requiring approval/facilitation from Resident Director)
- Plan and execute three non-alcoholic events for the student's floor in their residence hall (in conjunction with their resident assistant/resident director) on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday night.

Ohio Law Prohibits:

- Persons under 21 years old from consuming, purchasing, or possessing alcoholic beverages
- Giving or selling alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 years old
- Having an open container of alcoholic beverage in a public place, regardless of your age. Public places are those which anyone can enter freely and include sidewalks, streets, tree lawns, some outdoor areas of apartment complexes, and inside parked or moving cars.
- Using false identification to obtain alcoholic beverages
- Allowing underage persons to consume alcoholic beverages on your property

Punishment for these first-degree misdemeanors can be up to six months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,000.

Social Functions

In an attempt to promote responsible use of alcohol and practice sound risk management the Office of Student Life has developed procedures for use by faculty, staff, departments, recognized groups and registered student organizations for hosting events where alcohol will be present. Please contact the Director of Student Activities for copies of the procedures and approval of events.

Good Samaritan Policy

In those instances in which a student contacts College Police or a Residence Hall Director seeking assistance with another intoxicated student, neither the student making the contact nor the student in need of assistance will be charged with violations of the Alcohol Policy. The students however will be asked to meet with the Dean of Students to discuss the incident. The Dean of Students may refer the student(s) to Counseling & Psychological Services for possible alcohol intervention. No formal judicial action will be taken unless the student(s) involved demonstrate a repeated lack of care for their well being and that of the college community or fail to follow the recommendations of the Dean of Students or Counseling & Psychological Services.

Controlled Substance Policy

As an institution within the State of Ohio, Marietta is committed to encouraging compliance with all state and local laws. Marietta College is opposed to the unlawful possession and use of controlled substances. It is only in an environment free of substance abuse that Marietta College can fulfill its mission. For these reasons, it is the policy of Marietta College that all activities on College property shall be free of the unlawful use of controlled substances.

In accordance with the Drug-Free School and Communities Act, Marietta College has determined that the following

behaviors violate this policy:

1. The use of non-prescribed controlled substances.
2. Possession and trafficking (manufacturing, dispensing, or selling) of controlled substances.
3. Improper use of prescription medications.
4. Possession of drug related paraphernalia (i.e., water-bongs, bongs, bowls, and other common containers) is not permitted on the Marietta College campus.

Unlawful possession, use, manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcohol or illicit drugs may lead to referral to the appropriate federal, state and/or local authorities for prosecution. Depending on the nature of the offense, it may be categorized as a misdemeanor or a felony and may be punished by fine and/or imprisonment.

Federal law prohibits the trafficking and illegal possession of controlled substances (see 21 United States Code, Sections 811 and 844). Depending on the amount, first offense maximum penalties for trafficking marijuana range from five years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 to imprisonment for life and a fine of \$4 million. Depending on the amount, first offense maximum penalties for trafficking class I and II controlled substances (methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, cocaine base, PCP, LSD, fentanyl analogue) range from five years to life imprisonment and maximum fines range from \$2-\$4 million. First offense penalties for the illegal possession of a controlled substance range from up to one year in prison and a fine of at least \$1,000 but not more than \$250,000, or both.

Drug/Schedule	Quantity	Penalties	Quantity	Penalties
Cocaine (Schedule II)	500-4999 gms mixture	First Offense: Not less than 5 yrs, and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 or more than life. Fine of not more than \$2 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual Second Offense: Not less than 10 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual	5 kgs or more mixture	First Offense: Not less than 10 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 or more than life. Fine of not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual Second Offense: Not less than 20 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$20 million if not an individual 2 or More Prior Offenses: Life Imprisonment
Cocaine Base (Schedule II)	5-49 gms mixture		50 gms or more mixture	
Fentanyl (Schedule II)	40-399 gms mixture		400 gms or more mixture	
Fentanyl Analogue (Schedule I)	10-99 gms mixture		100 gms or more mixture	
Heroin (Schedule I)	100-999 gms mixture		1 kg or more mixture	
LSD (Schedule I)	1-9 gms mixture		10 gms or more mixture	
Methamphetamine (Schedule II)	5-49 gms pure or 50-499 gms mixture		50 gms pure or more pure or 500 gms or more mixture	
PCP (Schedule II)	10-99 gms pure or 100-999gms mixture	100 gms or more pure of 1 kg or more mixture		
Other Schedule I & II drugs (and any drug product containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid)	Any Amount	First Offense: Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 yrs, or more than life. Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual Second Offense: Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than life. Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual		
Flunitrazepam	1 gm or more			

		individual		
Other Schedule III drugs	Any amount	First Offense: Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual		
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)	300 to 999 mgs	Second Offense: Not more than 10 yrs. Fines not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if not an individual		
All other Schedule IV drugs	Any amount	First Offense: Not more than 3 yrs. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual		
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)	Less than 30 mgs	Second Offense: Not more than 6 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if not an individual		
All Schedule V drugs	Any amount	First Offense: Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than \$100,000 if an individual, \$250,000 if not an individual		
		Second Offense: Not more than 2 yrs. Fine not more than \$200,000 if an individual, \$500,000 if not an individual		
Drug	Quantity	First Offense	Second Offense	
Marijuana	1,000 KG or more	Not less than 10 yrs, not more than life If death or serious injury, not less than 20 yrs, not more than life Fine not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual	Not less than 20 yrs, not more than life If death or serious injury, mandatory life Fine not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$20 million if other than an individual	
Marijuana	100 kg to 999 kg mixture; or 100 to 999 plants	Not less than 5 yrs, not more than 40 yrs If death of serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life Fine not more than \$2 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual	Not less than 10 years, not more than life If death or serious injury, mandatory life Fine not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual	
Marijuana	More than 10 kgs hashish; 50-99 kg	Not more than 20 years	Not more than 30 years	

	mixture more than 1 kg of hashish oil; or to 99 plants	If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual	If death or serious injury, mandatory life Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than individual	
Marijuana	1 to 49 plants; less than 50 kg mixture	Not more than 5 yrs Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million other than individual	Not more than 10 yrs Fine \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if other than individual	
Hashish				
Hashish Oil				

The State of Ohio and the City of Marietta also may impose penalties for trafficking and illegal possession or use of controlled substances. State and local penalties for trafficking illicit drugs include fines that range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 and mandatory jail sentences that range from six months to 10 years. Illegal use of possession of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia may warrant fines ranging from \$100 to \$5000 and jail sentences ranging from 30 days to 10 years, depending on the amount and substance possessed. Violations may also lead to forfeiture of personal and real property and the denial of federal benefits such as grants, contracts, and student loans.

Marietta College may also impose sanctions for those found guilty of trafficking, illegal possession of a controlled substance and/or possessions of drug relation paraphernalia. The sanctions can range from a fine, community service, and referral for education to expulsion from school.

Health Risks Associated with Alcohol and Other Drug Use/Abuse

Alcohol

Alcohol consumption causes a number of changes in behavior and physiology. Even low doses significantly impair judgment, coordination and abstract mental functioning. Statistics show that alcohol use is involved in a majority of violent behaviors on college campuses, including acquaintance rape, vandalism, fights and incident of drinking and driving. Continued abuse may lead to dependency which often causes permanent damage to vital organs and deterioration of healthy lifestyle.

Cannabis (Marijuana, Hashish)

The use of marijuana may impair or reduce short-term memory and comprehension, alter sense of time and reduce coordination and energy level. Users often have lowered immune system and an increased risk of lung cancer.

Hallucinogens

Lysergic acid (LSD), mescaline and psilocybin (mushrooms) cause hallucinations. The user may experience panic, confusion, suspicion, anxiety and loss of control. Delayed effects and flashbacks, can occur even when use has ceased. Phencyclidine (PCP) affects the section of the brain that controls the intellect and keeps instincts in check. Because the drug blocks pain receptors, violent PCP episodes may result in self-inflicted injuries.

Cocaine/Crack

Cocaine users often have a stuffy, runny nose and may have a perforated nasal septum. The immediate effects of cocaine use include dilated pupils and elevated blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate and body temperature, followed by depression. Crack, or freebase rock cocaine, is extremely addictive and can cause delirium, hallucinations, blurred vision, severe chest pains, muscle spasms, convulsions and even death.

Amphetamines

Speed, methamphetamine and some diet pills can cause a rapid or irregular heartbeat, tremors and loss of coordination, reduced appetite, irritability, panic and paranoia. Heavy users are prone to violence and psychotic behavior.

Opiates

Codeine, heroin, morphine and other opioid pain relievers cause the body to have diminished pain reactions, drowsiness, respiratory depression and arrest, nausea, confusion, constipation, and possibly coma or death.

MDMA (Ecstasy)

Short term use of MDMA can cause increased tactile sensitivity, enhanced self-confidence, energy bursts feelings of peacefulness, acceptance and closeness with others, loss of inhibition, confusion, hallucinations, muscle tension, increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, increased body temperature, dehydration, involuntary teeth clenching, nausea, blurred vision, rapid eye movement, faintness, chills and sweating, impaired memory and learning. While long-term use of MDMA can lead to depression, sleep problems, liver and kidney damage, drug cravings, severe anxiety, paranoia, permanently impaired memory and ability to learn.

Anabolic Steroids

Steroid users often experience hypertension, cholesterol changes, liver cysts and cancer, kidney cancer, hostility and aggression, acne, premature stoppage of growth and reproductive side effects for both sexes.

Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Referral Assistance:

Assistance concerning alcohol and other controlled substance related problems are available from several sources at the College. Individuals needing personal assistance, individuals who know of someone who needs help, or individuals with questions concerning alcohol and other controlled substance problems may contact in confidence any of the following:

- Counseling & Psychological Services, Andrews Hall
- Student Health Center, Broughton Center, Suite 200

Alcohol & Other Drug Treatment in Washington County: L&P Services (740) 376-0930

Training on issues regarding alcohol and other controlled substance use and abuse is provided to the Residence Life staff, including student staff (RA's) in the residence halls. Additionally, other members of the Student Life staff and Campus Policy periodically receive appropriate training. Counseling Services members are available to residence hall personnel as needed for consultation concerning individual students with alcohol and other controlled substance problems. In addition, the Athletic Department provides educational workshops focusing on alcohol and other controlled substance abuse and all first-year students must attend a mandatory educational program