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## 1. ALCOHOL POLICY

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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.

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### PHILOSOPHY SUPPORTING THE POLICY

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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 and 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 use 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, 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 staff of the Office of Student Life, Office of the Dean of Students, 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

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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

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- 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).
- 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 and common areas including but not limited to: stairwells, hallways, lounges, restrooms, lobbies, and laundry rooms
- 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 rules and regulations of their national policies (the local chapter is expected to abide by College policy).
- N. No alcohol promotions or advertisement for either College-sponsored or non-College-sponsored events of any kind involving alcohol are permitted on the Marietta College campus.

## SANCTIONS FOR ALCOHOL POLICY VIOLATIONS

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Violations of this policy by individuals or groups will be adjudicated by the appropriate student conduct procedures as specified in the Marietta College Student Handbook that include the Assistant Dean of Students, Dean of Students, the Peer Review Board, the Student Organization Review Board or the 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:

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

- 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:

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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:

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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:

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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 PAC events/athletic events/non-alcoholic events.
- Required involvement with a student organization.
- Creation of educational posters/bulletin boards/programs for residence halls (requiring approval from the Assistant Dean of Students prior to dispersal).
- Complete rounds with a Community Advisor on a Friday or Saturday night.
- Interview a Community Advisor, faculty member, member of the Office of Community Living, the Division of 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 the Assistant Dean of Students).
- Plan and execute three non-alcoholic events for the student's floor in their residence hall (in conjunction with their Community Advisor/Community Coordinator) on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday night.

#### OHIO LAW PROHIBITS:

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- 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 WITH ALCOHOL

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In an attempt to promote responsible use of alcohol and practice sound risk management the Office of Campus Involvement 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 Office of Campus Involvement for copies of the procedures and approval of events.

#### GOOD SAMARITAN POLICY

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In those instances in which a student contacts Marietta College Police or a Community Coordinator 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 Assistant Dean of Students to discuss the incident. The Assistant Dean of Students may refer the student(s) to the Dr. J. Michael Harding Center for Health and Wellness 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 Assistant Dean of Students or staff member from the Dr. J. Michael Harding Center for Health and Wellness.

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