

The Alcohol Policy

Introduction:

There are numerous sections of the Crime Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that deal with intoxicating liquor. An increasing public concern about alcohol abuse and alcohol-related injuries has been followed by a developing body of case law that has extended the liabilities of vendors to non-commercial or “social” hosts on whose premises alcohol is served to minors or intoxicated persons of any age. The Haverford College Policy of Drug-Free Schools, adopted in compliance with federal requirements, forbids the unlawful possession, use of, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol. Mindful of legal obligations, Haverford College has developed a policy that seeks to achieve the following goals:

Goals of the Alcohol Policy:

1. To remind students of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and of the Honor Code, all of which should govern their behavior with respect to alcohol. Students are entrusted to hold themselves to high standards of conduct, such as concern for the safety of themselves and others, and respect for others’ decisions concerning alcohol and other controlled substances, so long as these decisions are not in violation of the Policy;
2. To stress moderation, safety, and individual accountability for those who choose to drink;
3. To maintain a respectful social atmosphere that is free of coercion for those who choose to drink, and those who choose not to drink and a climate in which alcohol is not the center of parties or other social events;
4. To maintain a community in which alcohol abuse and its effects are minimal;
5. To promote an ethos in our community where any people who commit acts of sexual misconduct or sexual violence are held accountable, including when they and/or the survivor is inebriated;
6. To create and promote a social culture that is actively vigilant for any signs of sexual misconduct or sexual violence, particularly in high-risk settings – for example, when alcohol is present;
7. To promote a social culture that empowers members of the community to prevent the perpetuation of rape culture and prepares them to interrupt or stop acts of sexual violence or sexual misconduct, including when explicit and uncoerced consent cannot be given. One can find definitions of sexual violence, sexual misconduct, rape culture, and consent in these two links:
 - a. <https://www.haverford.edu/sexual-misconduct/what-sexual-misconduct>
 - b. <http://www.wavaw.ca/what-is-rape-culture/>
8. To provide confidential and effective guidance for those with specific needs related to alcohol use and alcoholism; and
9. To provide information and education about the effects of alcohol for all its students.

All members of the community are expected to be familiar with and abide by the Alcohol Policy. It is the duty of all students to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Honor Code and the Alcohol Policy and to help others to do the same. With regard to the consumption of alcohol, it is recognized that students are responsible for their own well-being, as well as the

well-being of others. Thus, behavior that puts lives at risk, in terms of mental and physical health and legal liability, cannot be condoned.

The Policy:

Article I

Students have the responsibility to confront others whose behavior under the influence of alcohol is inconsistent with the welfare of themselves and others in the community. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, mental/verbal violence, physical violence, sexual violence, and sexual misconduct. This also includes, but is not limited to, any racist, sexist, homophobic, and transphobic behavior or language. When community members lose their ability to reason and control their actions due to excessive alcohol consumption, it is threatening to them, to those around them, and ultimately to the community as a whole. Students are responsible for preventing themselves and others from ever reaching that point – and thus should take the necessary steps to do so.

Inebriation shall not be seen as an acceptable or justifiable excuse for disruptive behavior and confrontation for such behavior shall be dealt with as prescribed by the Honor Code.

Article II

Any infractions of Article II will fall under the jurisdiction of Honor Council and JSAAPP. Students have the responsibility to preserve the natural integrity of the campus and therefore to maintain the good condition of the College by preventing any instances of destruction, defacement, littering, and other offenses that can occur as results of alcohol consumption. Events that involve the consumption of alcohol can often lead to the scattering of cups, broken glass, and other waste that affects the condition of the grounds and the safety of the students. In addition, excessive consumption of alcohol can lead to the defacement and vandalism of campus buildings by community members. Students have the responsibility for preventing and resolving these issues in the interest of student safety and the College's ecological and aesthetic environment.

Article III

1. Events: Since the majority of the students are under twenty-one, the legal drinking age in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, alcoholic beverages are not to be served or consumed at student events open to and/or advertised in the college, bi-college, or tri-college communities with the exemption of special events that have been approved by the Joint Student-Administration Alcohol Policy Panel (JSAAPP). In order to receive permission for an aforementioned "special event," the event coordinators must first submit in writing a proposal for the event to JSAAPP. These events must meet the following criteria in order to be considered:
 - a. The event may only take place in Lunt Basement or in James House.
 - b. The event must be aimed towards promoting the fine or performing arts.

- c. The event organizers plan the event with the aim of promoting the goals of the Alcohol Policy in mind—stressing moderation, safety, and individual accountability for those who choose to drink and providing a positive drinking atmosphere in which alcohol is not the center of the event. Additionally, online discussions relating to the presence of alcohol at an event are highly
 - d. discouraged.
 - e. Alcohol may not be served at the event if the event coincides with Prospective Student Weekend.
 - f. If the event organizers wish to organize a series of events, they can apply once at the beginning of the semester for all the events that semester, given JSAAPP approval.
2. Private Parties: Outside of approved special events, alcoholic beverages may be consumed only in private spaces. A private space is defined as a student residence or an outdoor area, such as a stoop, porch, or yard that is immediately adjacent to a student residence. The College recommends students not consume alcoholic beverages outdoors on College grounds, hallways or stairwells. Furthermore, alcoholic beverages may only be served in indoor private spaces or adjacent areas. Serving or consuming alcohol on athletic fields used by any College team or outside group is prohibited, in compliance with NCAA regulations.
3. Alcoholic beverages may neither be served nor consumed in public spaces such as, but not limited to, Founders Great Hall and Common Room, the Dining Center, all classroom and laboratory buildings, all libraries, any athletic fields used by any College team or outside group, and any space not defined as a private space without the express written permission of the President of the College.
4. The guidelines apply to all students, including those twenty-one years of age or older.
5. While the distribution of alcohol to all individuals under the age of 21 is illegal, the distribution of alcohol to those under the age of 18 is especially troublesome and will not be condoned.
6. If drinking, students should work to curtail behaviors that may pose a hazard to the comfort and safety of party or event guests, other occupants of the dormitory, and themselves, including, but not limited to, creating excessive noise and/or blocking corridors, stairwells, or doorways, mental/verbal violence, physical violence, sexual violence, and sexual misconduct.
7. As is the case with JSAAPP approved special events, all private parties must not advertise the presence of alcohol.

Article IV

1. Students who consume alcohol in a manner incompatible with the goals of the Alcohol Policy should must be asked to refrain from the offending action by the host or other party guests. In incidents where the students feel that a violation of the Alcohol Policy has occurred and where the confronting party and confronted individual fail to reach a resolution, they should follow the procedure of the campus on which the incident occurred. For this reason, students choosing to attend parties or events at Bryn Mawr College should first familiarize themselves with Bryn Mawr's Alcohol and Party Policies and Honor Code.

2. At Haverford, disregard for these and other party policies should be brought to the attention of JSAAPP. This panel will address strictly procedural violations of the Policy, and will present resolutions aimed at repairing the breach of trust caused by the violation. These resolutions will be presented orally and in writing to both the confronting and confronted parties, as well as to the Dean of the College. Referrals can be made by Honor Council. A student has a period of seven days after the completion of a JSAAPP Inquiry in which to appeal to the Dean of the College or his/her designate to change the resolution(s). If the Dean in question wishes to offer alternative resolutions, he/she must consult with JSAAPP prior to the notification of the change in resolutions. The appeal must be presented orally and in writing, and may be made on either substantive or procedural grounds.
3. When confronting an individual does not or cannot lead to the satisfactory resolution of a problem, the individual whose behavior allegedly violates the Honor Code shall ultimately be brought to the attention of Honor Council. Honor Council will bring a case to the attention of the Office of the Dean if there is a threat to the life or safety of individuals or of damage to College or private property resulting from inebriation or a violation of the Alcohol Policy. As cases of violence, sexual misconduct, and/or sexual violence do not fall under the purview of Honor Council, students can rely on any of the following resources including Campus Safety, the Dean's Office, Title IX officers, and the local police. For a complete list of on-and off-campus resources, please refer to "The Circle (<https://www.haverford.edu/sexual-misconduct/on-campus-resources>)." A no-contact order is a possibility. Flagrant or repeated violations of the Party Guidelines could constitute such a case. Such behavior may result in separation or exclusion of the confronted person(s) from the College.
4. In some cases, Honor Council, JSAAPP, or the Office of the Dean will consult counselors with expertise in alcohol abuse and alcoholism if such expertise is deemed relevant.
5. JSAAPP is composed of one member of Students' Council, one member of Honor Council, and one member of the Women*s Center who are appointed by their respective bodies at the beginning of each semester; one representative from each of the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes, two representatives from the Office of the Dean of the College, and a chair or two co-chairs. The Chair(s) and elected positions for class representatives will be year-long positions. Honor Council or Students' Council members, if elected and then appointed for consecutive semesters, may remain on JSAAPP for the entire year if desired. The election of the JSAAPP Chair(s) will follow the procedures set forth in Section 5.08 of the Constitution of the Haverford College Students' Association (entitled "Nomination and Election of the Students' Council"). The election of JSAAPP class representatives will follow the procedures for Fall Honor Council elections, except that all positions are year- long terms. If there is ever a vacancy in any class representative position, JSAAPP will ask the Appointments Committee of Students' Council to appoint a member of the appropriate class to fill the vacancy.

Article V

1. Coordinators of parties and other social events must abide by the party policy of the host campus.

2. It is expected that hosts will inform their guests of relevant provisions of the Honor Code and the Alcohol Policy. Should the provisions of the Alcohol Policy be violated by non-College members, their continued access to this campus may be restricted.
3. Faculty and staff members who entertain students should be aware of the responsibilities and risks to the College and to themselves as individual social hosts under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
4. If the Party Guidelines are not followed either by guests or hosts, it is the obligation of students aware of the violation to approach those in violation and seek a resolution.

Article VI

As with the Honor Code, the students of the community need to reaffirm their commitment to the Alcohol Policy to demonstrate that they accept both the freedom and privileges regarding alcohol consumption and the responsibilities that it entails. The Policy shall be re-ratified every year, and it may be amended at any Plenary. Amendments to the Policy may be proposed by any member of the Students' Association. Amendments will be passed by a two-thirds vote of the total attendance at Plenary. A two-thirds majority vote of those at Plenary shall be necessary for final ratification of the entire Policy. The final text of the Policy shall be immediately forwarded to the President and Dean of the College for presentation to and approval by the Board of Managers.

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