

Summary of Caltech Undergraduate Student Policy on Alcohol and Other Drugs

Caltech is committed to providing students with a safe, healthy, and productive academic and living environment. Caltech's approach to preventing the abuse of alcohol and other drugs includes educating students regarding the medical and psychological hazards of abuse and to increase student sensitivity to the ways in which alcohol and substance abuse interfere with personal development, and with the rights and privileges of others. Students are required to comply with the following policies and guidelines, as a condition of continued admission.

- Consistent with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, Caltech maintains an academic and residential environment free from drug and alcohol abuse.
- Individual students are responsible for their own conduct, and for complying with state and federal laws as well as Institute policy and the Honor Code.
- Students may not:
 - Use, possess, cultivate, manufacture, sell or transfer illegal drugs (including marijuana), or illegally use other drugs or prescriptions.
 - Consume, possess or purchase alcohol if they are under 21.
 - Provide alcohol to anyone under 21.
 - Provide alcohol to an obviously intoxicated person.
 - Operate equipment or vehicles, or work in experimental labs, while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
 - Participate in drinking games, including “water pong.”
 - Have an accessible shared supply of alcohol (kegs, etc.) or store alcohol in common areas.
 - Consume alcohol in public or common areas, including courtyards, walkways, green spaces, house lounges, and dining halls, regardless of age—unless the event is registered.
- Alcohol may be consumed and stored in the campus apartments or private rooms of individuals who are over the age of 21, by individuals who are over the age of 21.
- Any purchase of alcohol with Institute funds (house dues, etc.) requires prior approval by the Dean’s office.
- If more than 15 people are present at any student gathering or event on campus when alcohol is being consumed, the event must be registered, regardless of location (private or public), and the following policies apply:
 - Professional bartenders are required, as is the presence of campus security, unless a dean grants an exception.
 - Event hosts must be 21 or over.
 - Any event at which more than 50 guests are anticipated must provide wristbands to guests who are 21 and over.
- Sanctions for violations of these policies may include:
 - Verbal and written warnings.
 - Education, counseling, or community service.
 - Social probation.
 - Suspension from Caltech housing.
 - Suspension or permanent separation from Caltech.

This summary does not provide a comprehensive account of Caltech’s alcohol and substance abuse policy, which can be found here: http://hr.caltech.edu/documents/49-citpolicy_substance.pdf

Information about registration for undergraduate events can be found here: <https://spa.caltech.edu/>