

Controlled Substance Policy Information

Muskingum University is committed to encouraging compliance with all state and local laws. Muskingum University is opposed to the possession and use of hallucinogens, drugs, and narcotics by all members of the University community. In keeping with Ohio and federal laws which prohibit the use, possession, sale or offering for sale of narcotics and hallucinogens, including marijuana, and other drugs, Muskingum University will encourage and cooperate in the enforcement of these laws including possible prosecution of its students or employees by local law enforcement agencies.

Expectations

Students may not possess or use any controlled substances, including narcotics, hallucinogens, or any other drugs, including prescription drugs without a prescription. Smells or sounds related to the use of controlled substances are reasonable evidence to initiate a drug search or for use in a student code of conduct process. Students may not possess any drug paraphernalia, including constructive possession of paraphernalia.

Students may not sell, provide, or give controlled substances to any individuals. Due to the severity of the impact on the community, trafficking controlled substances is considered a serious violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Students may not use or abuse any substance in a manner that alters one's mental state, including abuse or misuse of prescription drugs.

A major consequence of alcohol or other drug abuse may cause the development of an addiction. While almost anyone may develop an addiction, some students are more vulnerable than others due to inherited biological factors. In particular, students whose parents or grandparents had an alcohol or other drug problem may develop an addiction more quickly and easily than other students.

Alcohol or drug-addicted students often suffer from arrested development with the onset being at the age they began using. Alcohol or drug-addicted students may cease growing intellectually and emotionally and may never learn to cope with problems constructively, but attempt instead to avoid and compound problems by getting "high."

Muskingum University is committed to increasing awareness about alcohol/drug issues, to prevention strategies that discourage irresponsible and illegal use, and to providing ongoing support for those individuals who have decided not to use alcohol and illegal drugs.

Controlled Substances Misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

Possession, constructive possession, or use of controlled substances- Students may not possess or use any controlled substances, including narcotics, hallucinogens, or any other drugs, including prescription drugs without a prescription. Smells or sounds related to use of controlled substances are reasonable evidence to initiate a drug search or for use in a student conduct process.

Possession or constructive possession of drug paraphernalia- Students may not possess any drug paraphernalia. Any item that is or has been used for use of drugs or masking use will be considered paraphernalia.

Trafficking controlled substances- Students may not sell, provide, or give controlled substances to any individuals. Due to the severity of the impact on the community, trafficking controlled substances is considered a serious violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Inhaling or ingesting any mind-altering substance- Students may not use or abuse any substance in a manner that alters one's mental state, including abuse of prescription drugs.

Controlled Substance Policy Enforcement Outcomes

- Participation in substance abuse counseling assessment, follow-up substance abuse treatment plan inclusive of individual and/or group therapy as determined appropriate
- Restorative Assignment
- Parental contact letter detailing incident written by the student (if under 21)
- Educational assignment and reflective component
- Minimum of one semester of conduct probation (time-limited suspension may be sanctioned based upon the circumstances of the incident).