STUDENT/STUDENT ORGANIZATION ALCOHOL POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to promote and educate about the lawful and responsible use of alcohol by students, and to educate about illegal drugs in order to maintain an environment that is consistent with the educational focus of Georgia Tech.

Georgia Tech will comply with all federal, state, and local laws and policies, including the policies of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, on the abuse of alcohol and other drugs by its students. The legal drinking age in the State of Georgia is 21.

Each member of the Georgia Tech community should be involved in the implementation of, and compliance with this Policy. Unless otherwise stated by law, each individual retains responsibility for his or her actions at all times regardless of his or her mental state, even if altered by alcoholic beverages or other drugs.

Campus organizations may develop and enforce additional group/individual standards which are more restrictive than those established in this Policy.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND SANCTIONS

In accordance with federal and state laws and because of the potential detriment to the health and well-being of its students, all students are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, dispensation, and sale of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances (including marijuana), and other dangerous drugs. The term “dangerous drug” is defined in the Official Code of Georgia Section 16-13-71.

A. Alcohol

The sale, distribution, and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on all Georgia Tech owned or leased (by) property, or on sidewalks/streets are specifically prohibited, with the exception of those designated annually by the Office of the President approved by the Office of the President or designee. An official list of designated locations is available in the Vice President for Student Affairs Offices and on the Student Affairs website. This policy does not prohibit the lawful use of alcohol in Institute-owned residences.

Individual possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages alcohol is acceptable, provided individuals DO NOT:

a. Possess or consume alcoholic beverages alcohol if under 21 years of age.

b. Furnish, or cause to be furnished, any alcoholic beverage alcohol to persons under 21 years of age.

c. Conspicuously display open containers of alcoholic beverages alcohol in any public location, including, but not limited to, grounds, sidewalks, and streets within campus boundaries (with the exception of the grounds), but not the public sidewalks and streets, or privately owned or leased property.

d. Sell alcoholic beverages.
Alcoholic beverages may be served and/or consumed by individuals over 21 and older at advertised events and activities that are advertised, promoted, sponsored, or supervised by a recognized-chartered Georgia Tech organization, providing the organization shall:

a. Be responsible for enforcing the entire Student Policy on Alcohol and Illegal Drugs.

b. Have an acknowledgment. Completed and confirmed review of the "Policy on Student Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Use," "Acknowledgement of Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Policy." This form will remain on file in the Student Organizations Resource Center, Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, Student Services Building, room 1412211 Student Center Commons. Acknowledgment of the Policy on Student Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Policy Forms are available in the Student Organizations Resource Center, Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement. This must be signed with every officer transition, change of officers.

c. Ensure that alcohol is not the focal point, the reason for, or the drawing card for an event.

d. Submit, and have approved, a completed Alcohol Event Planning Form to Student Affairs before the event. Alcohol Event Planning Forms are available in the Student Organizations Resource Center, Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement.

e. Not advertise the service or availability of alcoholic beverages at functions.

f. Ensure that alcoholic beverages are not consumed by any individual under the legal drinking age of 21.

g. Provide non-alcoholic beverages and food in reasonable quantity, in the same general area, and for the same time period, as the alcoholic beverages are accessible.

h. Control access to the alcoholic beverages through either a central point of distribution by a designated server or by another method such as wristbands within a designated area at the event (e.g. beer garden) and through the use of sober monitors. Only students who have shown proper proof of age may enter an the designated area where alcohol is being served. All alcohol must be distributed and consumed within the designated area, the beer garden. Control is for the purpose of restricting use by those under 21 and/or who are obviously intoxicated.

i. Not use organizational funds to purchase alcohol. Any money used to pay for alcoholic beverages must be taken from personal/private sources and paid to a licensed third party vendor. Alcoholic beverages may not be paid for by the student organization via a sale selling them at the activity or by charging an admission fee either in advance or at the door (as stated in the Georgia Code of Law, 1981 Section 3-3-21).

j. Not use kegs, punch fountains, or other common usage containers (such as punch bowls or frozen drink machines) for alcoholic beverages.

k. In the absence of a third-party vendor, designate or hire a TIPS (Training Intervention Procedures for Servers) trained server to monitor the service and consumption of alcohol. It is unlawful to serve or make available alcohol to obviously intoxicated persons (as stated in the Georgia Code of Law, Section 3-3-22).

l. Require a student staff member, an employee or full-time Institute employee, who must not be a minor, to be present for the duration of functions hosted by student organizations where alcohol is served or made available. Advisers are encouraged to attend such functions.

Promotional activities regarding alcohol are as follows:
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a. The posted advertisement of alcoholic beverages on campus is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to: chalking, electronic communications, bulletins, flyers, and social media sites, etc.

b. Campus publications are encouraged to minimize/eliminate all advertisement of alcoholic beverages.

c. No promotion or advertising on campus of incentive drinking ("happy hours," 2-for-1 specials," unlimited quantities of alcohol available at reduced prices or free, events focusing on the consumption of alcohol, etc.) is allowed permitted.

d. Chartered Student groups and organizations and student groups may not seek or accept sponsorship or support from companies/vendors whose main focus of business is the manufacture, distribution, or sale of alcohol, other drugs or related paraphernalia, products.

Participants in Study Abroad programs are bound by the legal drinking age of the respective countries in which they are traveling and in all other respects this policy applies.

Sanctions for Violation of Standards:

Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action and penalties in accordance with the Georgia Tech Student Conduct Code as published in the General Catalogue of Conduct.

Attempts to circumvent the provisions in this Policy policy in any way is an infraction of this Policy policy.

B. Possession and/or Use of Illegal Drugs

Georgia Tech does not permit or condone the illegal possession and/or use of controlled substances. Controlled substances means any drug, substance, or immediate precursor included in the definition of controlled substance in the Official Code of Georgia Section 16-13-21 (4) or Schedule I through V of Section 202 of the Federal Controlled Substance Act [21 United States Code 812]. The term "Dangerous dangerous drug" is used defined in the Official Code of Georgia Section 16-13-71.

Sanctions for Violation of Standards:

Any student who violates this Policy policy or any federal or state law or policy regarding the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of controlled substances or other dangerous drugs shall be subject to disciplinary actions and penalties in accordance with the Georgia Tech Student Conduct Code as published in the General Catalogue of Conduct.

Additionally, in accordance with Georgia law, any student convicted of a felony that involves the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of controlled substances or other illegal drug, or chartered student organizations and student groups involved in these activities will may be subject to specific penalties required by state law.

Further information regarding the effects of drug abuse and penalties for manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of controlled substances or other illegal drugs is available in the Counseling Center, Student Health Center/Wellness Center Stamps Health Services and the Dean of Students Office Office of the Dean of Students.
Participants in Study Abroad programs are bound by the policies of the Georgia Institute of Technology regarding the possession and/or use of controlled substances or other illegal drugs.

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELING, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS**

Students with alcohol- or drug-related problems, concerns may be referred to, or seek assistance from the Division of Student Affairs. The Division of Student Affairs provides trained professional and paraprofessional counselors in the Counseling Center for drug and alcohol abuse prevention, education, and counseling.

**POLICY REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed annually by a Task Force which includes student representation and is appointed by the Dean of Students or their designee, to determine its effectiveness, to ensure that policies are enforced and the disciplinary sanctions are consistently applied, to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the educational component of the policy, and to recommend and implement changes as appropriate.

**POLICY DISTRIBUTION**

The Dean of Students, or their designee, shall oversee the annual distribution of this Policy to every Georgia Tech student. Additional copies of the Policy on Student Alcohol and Illegal Drugs may be obtained from the Dean of Students Office.