

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE POLICY

Illinois Wesleyan University exists primarily to provide students a liberal education of excellence—an education fostering the knowledge, skills, and values needed to sustain a lifetime of learning, citizenship, and leadership. An essential foundation of academic excellence is a learning environment free from threats to one’s safety and distractions from pursuit of personal and academic achievement. **The misuse of alcohol and use of illegal drugs are a threat to the safety and productivity of a healthy learning environment. It is a threat the University will not accept.**

The University acknowledges that students and other community members consume alcohol, but tolerates only the legal consumption of alcohol in a manner consistent with its educational mission, and the immediate safety and long-term health of the consumer. The devastating consequences of alcohol misuse and illegal drug use are too obvious and extensive to be left unattended. The consequences may lead to poor academic performance, interpersonal problems, legal confinement, motor vehicle accidents and fatalities, unplanned or unprotected sexual activity, physical and sexual assault, suicide, and other unacceptable outcomes.

Behavioral expectations of students with regards to the use of alcohol and illegal drugs:

- A student shall abide by the laws of the country or state in which s/he is residing.
- A student shall not become ill due to the effects of alcohol consumption or use of illegal drugs.
- A student shall not miss any scheduled event because of the effects of alcohol consumption or use of illegal drugs.
- A student shall not engage in destructive behavior toward property as a result of alcohol consumption or use of illegal drugs.
- A student shall not engage in behavior that causes embarrassment to the other members of the group, the faculty member(s), or the country hosts as a result of alcohol consumption or use of illegal drugs.
- Students in a group shall not facilitate nor ignore a fellow student who is abusing alcohol or using illegal drugs.

Additional policies regarding the use of alcohol or illegal drugs:

- Providing alcohol to persons under the legal drinking age is illegal and against IWU’s policy. Transporting quantities of alcohol to program sites with the intent of sharing the alcohol with members of the group is considered to be an irresponsible use of alcohol.
- If a student becomes incapacitated due to alcohol overuse or use of an illegal drug, and/or if s/he is in need of medical attention, others are strongly encouraged to contact the travel leader immediately, in order to protect the health and well being of the affected student. The person (or persons) making the call will not be subject to disciplinary action.

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Signature Form for Illinois Wesleyan University May Term Travel Student

May Term 2008 Travel Course _____

Instructor _____

I, _____, have received and have read the Illinois Wesleyan University Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy.

Signature

Date