

## **Alcohol on Campus Policy**

**Policy Name:** Alcohol on Campus Policy

**Approval Authority:** President

**Interpreting and Implementing Authority:** Director of Auxiliary Services and Dean of Students

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### **Policy Statement**

Wesleyan College seeks to ensure that any alcohol consumption that occurs on campus or at college-sponsored events is undertaken in an atmosphere that promotes social and legal responsibility. Consistent with Georgia law, and according to the policy below, only persons who are 21 years of age or older are permitted to consume alcohol on the Wesleyan campus in designated areas or at approved Wesleyan sponsored events.

### **Background**

The College took a relaxed approach to alcohol consumption on campus during the 1970s when the drinking age was 18. In 1984, the Trustees banned consumption, except that there was some question as to whether this rule applied only to students. The ban was clarified in the mid-1990s when alcohol was completely banned on campus (excluding Bradley House). In March 2007, the Trustees approved allowing the College to serve alcohol on the campus for special College-sponsored events. In October 2009, the Trustees approved the consumption of alcoholic beverages by groups renting campus facilities (see Outside Groups Renting Facilities, below.)

This policy lays out how and when alcohol may be served on campus. The best interests of our students come first. Facility rental events, with or without alcohol, must not interfere with the quiet and comfort of students.

### **Entities Affected by the Policy**

Any group/individual serving alcohol on campus.

### **Policy Details**

Any person purchasing, possessing or consuming alcohol on Wesleyan's campus and at college-sponsored events at which alcohol consumption is permitted must comply with applicable Georgia laws and Wesleyan College policies.

#### **Student Sponsored Events**

1. In order for alcohol consumption at an event, either on or off campus, to be officially sanctioned by the College, an event with alcohol must be requested in writing by the president of the organization desiring to have alcohol then approved by the Center for Leadership and Involvement staff no later than two weeks prior to the date of the scheduled event. Requests will be reviewed within one week of submission.
2. Alcoholic beverages may only be served to students and their guests of legal age.
3. Nonalcoholic beverages and food must be served at all events at which alcohol consumption is permitted.
4. Students must uphold the Honor Code at all times and are responsible for guests and guest behavior at all times.
5. Disorderly conduct, reckless behavior, or any other disruption or disturbance to campus life due to intoxication is a violation of the College policy.
6. Students may only drink alcoholic beverages in designated areas during approved student sponsored events.
7. Those who choose to consume alcohol must use it in a responsible manner that will not interfere with the rights of others or be detrimental to themselves, those around them, or Wesleyan as a whole.

**College Sponsored Events**

1. Alcohol may be served at faculty/staff events. If students are present, alcoholic beverages may only be served to students and guests of legal age.

**Outside Groups Renting Facilities**

1. All alcohol requests must be approved in writing.
2. Group agrees to comply with all laws and regulations of the state of Georgia (21+)
3. METZ catering personnel are trained to properly serve alcohol. If Metz is not used to cater the event, the 3rd party server of alcohol must provide the Lessor with a Certificate of Insurance for General Liability, including Liquor Liability, for no less than \$1,000,000 and name WESLEYAN COLLEGE as Additionally Insured.
4. Group must provide the name and contact information for a key contact person who agrees to remain at the event for the entire duration to monitor activities while alcohol is served.
5. Alcoholic beverages may only be served to guests of legal age.
6. All events where alcohol is served must end by 11pm.

**Alcohol in the Residence Halls**

See the Wesleyan Student Handbook

**Violations of the Policy**

1. Anyone student who violates the policy is in violation of the Honor Code and subject to disciplinary action. The first offense will result in an automatic \$50 fine and may result in a referral to Honor Council. Any subsequent offense will be referred directly to Honor Council.
2. Outside groups who violate the policy will not be allowed to rent facilities in the future. If damage is incurred due to alcohol violations they are responsible for any costs incurred.
3. Faculty/staff who violate the policy will be disciplined by their supervisor.

**Interpreting and Implementing Authority**

Director of Auxiliary Services is responsible for implementing and enforcing the policy for outside and college sponsored events. The Dean of Students is responsible for student groups.