

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND PARTY PLANNING

University regulations prohibit any student organization from serving or permitting the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at anytime by anyone on university controlled property or at university sponsored activities. This policy is a part of UCA's effort to participate in a national program to reduce problems associated with alcohol and other drugs. UCA seeks to assure a healthy environment for students, faculty, and staff where the use of alcohol and other drugs do not interfere with the learning experience. In the event of an off-campus party where alcohol is consumed, the following guidelines should be followed.

Organizations are responsible for:

1. **Actively advocating for the rights of the non drinker.** Recognize a person's right not to drink and discourage those who would try to influence people to drink against their will.
2. **Providing alternative non-alcoholic beverages other than water.** When alcoholic beverages are served there should always be beverages available for those who choose not to drink and for those who are under age 21.
3. **Discouraging abusive drinking.** Drinking should never be the primary focus of an activity. Drinking games and unlimited drinks should be prohibited.
4. **Complying with the law.** No person under the age of 21 should be served an alcoholic beverage. A certified bartender should check identification. Be sure to measure drinks. Allow no self serve.
5. **Providing transportation.** Never allow an individual to drive who has had too much to drink. Remember, a person can be legally drunk without seeming to be drunk. Don't let that person become a statistic.
6. **Hosting the party in a responsible way.** Serve plenty of food during the party but especially during the last hour of the party as the food absorbs some of the alcohol.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the UCA Health Promotion and Wellness Center in the Student Health Center, 3rd Floor (450-3133). Also, see UCA Drug Free Schools and Communities Policy.