



**University Policy Statement**

**UPS 330.231**

**POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF DRUGS  
BY STUDENTS\***

**UNIVERSITY POLICY**

The University's policy is to conform to all applicable laws (California Health and Safety Code) and follows the current stance of the medical and mental health professions regarding the use of psychoactive substances including, but not limited to, stimulants, depressants, narcotics, inhalants, hallucinogens and marijuana.

The University expects all students and student groups to comply with all local, state and federal laws. It is the responsibility of each individual to be aware of, and abide by, all federal, state, and local ordinances and university regulations. Current laws provide for severe penalties for violations which may result in criminal records.

Although California's "Compassionate Use" Act allows for the controlled use of medical marijuana in the state of California, students, staff, and faculty who legally obtain a medical marijuana "registration card" are not permitted to possess and/or consume marijuana on Cal State Fullerton property or at university-sponsored events (either on or off campus). Use and/or possession of marijuana in any form remains a crime under federal law. At the federal level, the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) criminalizes the growing and use of marijuana, and all colleges and universities who receive federal grants are subject to compliance with not only the Controlled Substances Act, but also with the Drug Free Communities and Schools Act, and the Drug Free Workplace Act. This prohibits the university from allowing any form of marijuana use on campus.

**VIOLATION OF DRUG POLICY**

Student involvement in the manufacture, use, possession, distribution or sale of illegal drugs or the misuse of any legal drug or the use of other substances in a manner which is a threat to health or safety is a concern to the University. Such behavior may subject a student to disciplinary action by the University. Dependent upon the nature of the violation, University sanctions may include but are not limited to educational intervention, reparations, suspension or expulsion aside from or in addition to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws. University action may be taken whether or not independent action is taken by civil authorities.

## **RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRUG EDUCATION**

There are many risks associated with the use of drugs which affect not only the individual user but other members of the community. Problems associated with drug abuse include but are not limited to poor academic performance, relationship difficulties, accidents, and injuries to self and others. Students are encouraged to seek assistance and/or support for themselves or others through any of the following campus resources:

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- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Health Education and Promotion
- Student Health and Counseling Center

If emergency assistance is required, students may also contact University Police.

The office of the Vice President for Student Affairs will educate and distribute information regarding drugs and provide this information through applicable University sources.

Source: Student Academic Life Committee

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