Standards of Conduct
The use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol on the campus of South University Savannah or in facilities controlled by the South University Savannah are prohibited by college regulations and are incompatible with the South University Savannah goal of providing a healthy educational environment for students, faculty, staff and guests. The following information is provided in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989.

Effects of Drugs and Alcohol
Although individuals often use drugs and alcohol to achieve a variety of effects on mind and body that are found to be temporarily useful or pleasurable, drugs can be highly addictive and injurious. A person can pay a price in terms of his or her physical, emotional, and social health.

This price can be paid in a number of ways. The risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, is increased through unwanted or unprotected sex when one is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Drugs can be the trigger for violent crime. Economic and legal problems usually follow directly when one tries to support a drug habit by resorting to crime. The dependence, illness, loss of job, and loss of family or friends that can result from drug or alcohol use and abuse can be tragic.

In keeping with the mission of South University Savannah and the requirements of state and federal law, South University Savannah has adopted this program to ensure a drug-free campus and workplace and to prevent the use of controlled substances and the abuse of alcohol.

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Alcohol
Short Term Risks:
- Increased risks of accidents and injuries
- Alcohol-related traffic accidents (the leading cause of death for teens)
- Alcohol slows reaction time, decreases muscle coordination, and impairs vision
- Fatal overdose
- Unconsciousness or blackout
- Death by aspiration of vomit
- Nausea
- Gastritis

Long-Term Risks:
- Increased blood pressure
- Increased risk of heart attack
- Brain damage resulting in permanent psychosis
- Cancer of the mouth, esophagus or stomach
- Liver damage (cirrhosis, alcohol hepatitis, cancer)
- Ulcers and Gastritis
- Pancreatitis
- Birth defects
- In males--testicular atrophy and breast enlargement
- In females--increased risk of breast cancer
- Prolonged, excessive drinking can shorten life span by ten to twelve years.
Health Risks Associated with the Use of Drugs Amphetamines (Speed, Uppers):
- Malnutrition
- Hallucinations
- Dependence, psychological and sometimes physical

Deliriums (Aerosols, Lighter Fluid, Paint Thinner):
- Permanent damage to lungs, brain, liver, bone marrow
- Loss of coordination, confusion, hallucinations
- Overdose causing convulsions, death

Depressants (Barbiturates, Tranquilizers, Methaqualone):
- Confusion, depression, loss of coordination
- Dependence, physical and psychological
- Coma, death (caused by overdose)
- Can be lethal when combined with alcohol

Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP, DMT, STP, Mescaline):
- Hallucinations, panic, irrational behaviors (which can lead to increased risk of accidents, injuries)
- Tolerance overdose leading to convulsions, coma, death
- Possible birth defects in children of LSD users

Intravenous Drug Use:
- Places one at risk for HIV infection (the virus causing AIDS) when needles are shared

Marijuana and Hashish:
- Chronic bronchitis
- Decreased vital capacity
- Increased risk of lung cancer
- In men lower levels of testosterone and increase in abnormal sperm count

Stimulants (Cocaine):
- Painful nosebleeds and nasal erosion
- Intense "downs" that result in physical and/or emotional discomfort
- Tolerance and physical dependence can develop

Narcotics (Heroin, Morphine, Codeine, Opium):
- Malnutrition
- Hepatitis
- Loss of judgment and serf-control leading to increased risk of accidents, injuries
- Dependence
- Overdose leading to convulsions, coma, death

Sanctions

South University Savannah

School Sanctions
South University Savannah in all of its actions, seeks to uphold local, state and federal laws. Insofar as permitted by these laws, the South University Savannah will apply sanctions that could lead to a student being suspended or expelled or an employee being disciplined, suspended or dismissed for violation of the South University Savannah standards of conduct. Students and employees may also be referred for prosecution. Disciplinary sanctions may include the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program, at the student's or employee's expense, if necessary.

State Sanctions
Georgia law prohibits the purchase or possession of alcohol by a person under the age of 21, or the furnishing of alcohol to such a person. Driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs also is illegal. It is against Georgia law, under certain circumstances, to walk or be upon a roadway while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. The punishment for these offenses may include imprisonment,
payment of a fine, mandatory treatment and education programs, community service, and mandatory loss of one’s driver’s license.

Georgia criminal statutes provide for drug offense penalties in relation to the nature of the offense, the drug involved, whether the offense is a first or subsequent offense, and in some cases, the amount of the drug involved.

Unlawful purchase or possession of any drug in Schedule I or Schedule II (includes cocaine, heroin, morphine, hallucinogens, etc.) carries a sentence of 2 to 15 years imprisonment for a first offense and 5 to 30 years for subsequent offense.

Unlawful manufacture, sale or possession with intent to sell of those drugs carries a sentence of 5 to 30 years for a first offense. Subsequent offenses can result in life imprisonment.

Unlawful purchase, possession, manufacture, or sale of marijuana carries a prison sentence of 1 to 10 years.

Drug trafficking (selling, manufacturing or possessing large quantities of illegal drugs) carries minimum mandatory prison terms and fines under Georgia law as noted below:

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<td>Cocaine (28 - 200 grams)</td>
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<td>Morphine, opium, heroin (4 - 14 grams)</td>
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<td>Marijuana (50 - 2000 lbs.)</td>
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*Mandatory sentences increase in proportion to quantity.*

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs carries the following penalties: **First conviction**: Fine of no less than $300 nor more than $1,000 and imprisonment for not less than 10 days nor more than 12 months. **Second conviction**: Fine of $600 to $1000, prison for not less than 90 days. **Third or subsequent conviction**: Fine of $1000 to $5000, prison for not less than 120 days.

Additional monetary penalties may also be imposed to compensate victims. If the DUI causes the death of another person, the prison sentence is from 2 to 15 years.

Furnishing alcoholic beverages to, and purchase or possession of alcoholic beverages by any person under the age of 21 is prohibited by Georgia law. The sentence for the first conviction is 30 days imprisonment, a $300 fine, or both. In addition to criminal penalties, anyone who furnishes alcohol to an underage person, knowing that such person will soon be driving, may become liable for injuries or damages caused by the underage drinking driver.

Additional sanctions exist under Georgia law for drug and alcohol-related offenses including denial of student loans and grants, ineligibility to participate in home loan and other assistance programs, and denial or revocation of professional licenses.
Federal Sanctions
Federal penalties and sanctions for illegal possession of a controlled substance include the following:

**First conviction:** up to 1 year in prison, fine of $1,000 to $100,000, or both
**Second conviction:** at least 15 days and up to 2 years imprisonment, $5,000 to $250,000 fine, or both
**After two drug convictions:** at least 90 days and up to 3 years in prison, $5,000 to $250,000 fine, or both. Special federal sentencing provisions for possession of crack cocaine include a mandatory prison term of at least 5 years and up to 20 years, fine of up to $250,000, or both, for a first conviction if the amount of crack exceeds 5 grams, for a second conviction if amount exceeds 3 grams, and for a third or subsequent conviction if the amount exceeds 1 gram.

Additional federal sanctions may also apply including forfeiture of vehicles used to transport controlled substances, denial of federal benefits including student loans, grants, and contracts and denial or revocation of certain federal licenses and benefits (exhibit A).
### Exhibit A:

#### Federal Trafficking Penalties for Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V (except Marijuana)

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<td>II</td>
<td>Cocaine 500-4999 grams</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not less than 5 yrs. and not more than 40 yrs. if death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than $5 million if an individual, $25 million if not an individual.</td>
<td>Cocaine 5 kilograms or more mixture</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than $10 million if an individual, $50 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Cocaine Base 28-279 grams</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $8 million if an individual, $50 million if not an individual.</td>
<td>Cocaine Base 280 grams or more mixture</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not less than 20 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>IV</td>
<td>Fentanyl 40-399 grams</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $8 million if an individual, $50 million if not an individual.</td>
<td>Fentanyl 400 grams or more mixture</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not less than 20 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Fentanyl Analogue 10-99 grams</td>
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<td>2 or More Prior Offenses: Life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of Other Schedule I &amp; II Substances</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not more that 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than Life. Fine $1 million if an individual, $5 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Drug Product Containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid</td>
<td><strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine $2 million if an individual, $10 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV) 1 Gram</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not less than 5 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not more than 15 yrs. Fine not more than $500,000 if an individual, $2.5 million if not an individual. <strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not more than 30 yrs. Fine not more than $1 million if an individual, $5 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of Other Schedule III Drugs</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not more than 10 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not more that 15 yrs. Fine not more than $500,000 if an individual, $2.5 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of Other Schedule IV Drugs (other than one gram or more of Flunitrazepam)</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than $100,000 if an individual, $250,000 if not an individual. <strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not more than 4 yrs. Fine not more than $200,000 if an individual, $500,000 if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of All Schedule V Drugs</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than $100,000 if an individual, $250,000 if not an individual. <strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not more than 4 yrs. Fine not more than $200,000 if an individual, $500,000 if not an individual.</td>
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| **Marijuana** | **First Offense:** Not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs., or more than life. Fine not more than $10 million if an individual, $50 million if other than an individual.  
**Second Offense:** Not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if other than an individual. |
| 1,000 kilograms or more marijuana mixture or 1,000 or more marijuana plants | |
| **Marijuana** | **First Offense:** Not less than 5 yrs. or more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine not more than $5 million if an individual, $25 million if other than an individual.  
**Second Offense:** Not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine not more than $8 million if an individual, $50 million if other than an individual. |
| 100 to 999 kilograms marijuana mixture or 100 to 999 marijuana plants | |
| **Marijuana** | **First Offense:** Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine $1 million if an individual, $5 million if other than an individual.  
**Second Offense:** Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine $2 million if an individual, $10 million if other than an individual. |
| 50 to 99 kilograms marijuana mixture, 50 to 99 marijuana plants | |
| **Hashish** | **First Offense:** Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than $250,000, $1 million if other than an individual.  
**Second Offense:** Not more than 10 yrs. Fine $500,000 if an individual, $2 million if other than individual. |
| More than 10 kilograms | |
| **Hashish Oil** | **First Offense:** Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than $250,000, $1 million if other than an individual.  
**Second Offense:** Not more than 10 yrs. Fine $500,000 if an individual, $2 million if other than individual. |
| More than 1 kilogram | |
| **Marijuana** | **First Offense:** Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine $1 million if an individual, $5 million if other than an individual.  
**Second Offense:** Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine $2 million if an individual, $10 million if other than an individual. |
| 1 to 49 marijuana plants | |
| **Hashish** | **First Offense:** Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than $250,000, $1 million if other than an individual.  
**Second Offense:** Not more than 10 yrs. Fine $500,000 if an individual, $2 million if other than individual. |
| 10 kilograms or less | |
| **Hashish Oil** | **First Offense:** Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than $250,000, $1 million if other than an individual.  
**Second Offense:** Not more than 10 yrs. Fine $500,000 if an individual, $2 million if other than individual. |
| 1 kilogram or less | |
Convictions for Drug-Related Offenses
Any student convicted of any drug-related criminal statute must notify the Dean of Student Affairs, in writing, no later than five (5) days after such conviction regardless of where the offense occurred. This is because under federal and state laws, any student convicted of a drug-related felony offense must be denied all federal and state assistance, including Pell Grants and Georgia Hope Scholarship. However, a criminal conviction shall not be necessary to find that a student has violated these standards of conduct, and South University Savannah need not, and ordinarily will not, defer its own actions and sanctions pending the outcome of any criminal proceeding.

Danger Signals Indicating a Drug or Alcohol Problem
Following is a listing of classic danger signals that may indicate the presence of a drug or alcohol problem:

- abrupt changes in mood or attitude
- decreased efficiency at work or at school
- frequent absences, tardiness, and/or early departures
- relationship problems with family, friends, and co-workers
- unusual outbursts of anger and hostility
- social withdrawal

Counseling
If you observe any of these changes in yourself or another student, you are encouraged to talk with a Counselor. The college contracts with Talk One-2-One, a free service, which provides confidential professional counseling via the telephone 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, at 1-888-617-3362. The Talk One-2-One counselor may refer you, for limited visits, with an area network mental health provider or assist you with locating resources within the community.

Abuse of alcohol or drugs can lead to dependency and addiction, with serious consequences for personal health and overall quality of life. There are drug and alcohol counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation facilities available in our area where students and employees may seek advice and treatment. The College Counselor can refer you to one that meets your needs.

Savannah Area Resources
There are also organizations that may be contacted for help. The National Institute on Drug Abuse Hotline (1.800.662.4357) is available from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Monday through Friday and from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on weekends.

A list of emergency and sliding-fee scale resources is available from the Student Affairs Office.

Assisted Recovery Center of Georgia, Inc. 352-2425
7722 Waters Avenue

Savannah Counseling Services 344-9403
515 #. 63d Street

Recovery Place of Savannah 355-1440
835 E. 65th Street

Alcoholics Anonymous Help Line 354-0993
1501 Eisenhower

24 Hour Alcohol Abuse Action Helpline and Treatment 1-800-821-4357