Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program and the Drug-Free Workplace and Campus Program
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Standards of Conduct
The use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol on the campus of South University, Virginia Beach or in facilities controlled by South University, Virginia Beach are prohibited by college regulations and are incompatible with the South University, Virginia Beach 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, Virginia Beach and the requirements of state and federal law, South University, Virginia Beach 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, Virginia Beach School Sanctions
South University, Virginia Beach in all of its actions, seeks to uphold local, state and federal laws. Insofar as permitted by these laws, South University, Virginia Beach 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, Virginia Beach 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 Virginia

- **Mandatory Minimum Sentence**

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* Mandatory minimum sentence

- **Hash & Concentrates**

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- **Paraphernalia**

| Possession of paraphernalia | misdemeanor | 15 years | $ 1,000 |

- **Miscellaneous**

Conviction causes a driver’s license suspension for a period of 2 years

### Possession
Possession of 20 grams or less is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum sentence of 1 year imprisonment and a maximum fine of $1,000.

Possession of more than 20 grams is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of $5,000.

Possession of 25 or more plants is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 15 years in jail and a fine of $10,000. Possession of less than 25 plant is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of $5,000.

### Sale/Delivery
The delivery of 20 grams or less without remuneration is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum sentence of 1 year imprisonment and a maximum fine of $1,000.

The sale of 25 lbs. or less is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of $5,000.

The sale of 25 lbs.-2,000 lbs. (or 300-2,000 plants) is a felony punishable by a mandatory minimum sentence of 3 years imprisonment and a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of $25,000.
The sale of 2,000 lbs.-10,000 lbs. (or 2,000-10,000 plants) is a felony punishable by a mandatory minimum sentence of 7 years and a maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment as well as a maximum fine of $50,000.

The sale of 10,000 lbs. or more is a felony punishable by a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years imprisonment and a maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment as well as a maximum fine of $200,000.

Sale or delivery within 1,000 feet of a school, college, park, or other specified areas is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of $10,000.

**Hash & Concentrates**

Hashish or concentrates are considered schedule I narcotics in Virginia. Possession of less than 3 grams of hashish or concentrates is a misdemeanor of the first degree. A misdemeanor of the first degree is punishable by a term of imprisonment no greater than 1 year and a fine no greater than $1,000. Possession of 3 grams or more of hashish or concentrates is a felony in the third degree. A felony of the third degree is punishable by a term of imprisonment no greater than 5 years and a fine no greater than $5,000.

Possessing more than 3 grams of hash, selling, manufacturing, delivering, or possessing with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, hashish or concentrates is a felony of the third degree. A felony of the third degree is punishable by a term of imprisonment no greater than 5 years and a fine no greater than $5,000.

The offense is charged as a felony of the second degree if the offense occurred:
- within 1,000 feet of a child care facility between 6 A.M. and 12 midnight;
- within 1,000 feet of a park or community center;
- within 1,000 feet of a college, university or other postsecondary educational institute;
- within 1,000 feet of any church or place of worship that conducts religious activities;
- within 1,000 feet of any convenience business;
- within 1,000 feet of public housing;
- within 1,000 feet or an assisted living facility.

A felony of the second degree is punishable by a term of imprisonment no greater than 15 years and a fine no greater than $10,000.

Virginia defines any product, equipment, or device used to make hashish or concentrates as drug paraphernalia.

**Paraphernalia**

Possession of drug paraphernalia is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum sentence of one year imprisonment and a maximum fine of $1,000.

**Miscellaneous**

Conviction causes a driver's license suspension for a period of 2 years.

If you are under age 21, you cannot purchase, possess or consume alcohol. If law enforcement stops you while driving after illegal consumption of alcohol, you are subject to administrative license suspension (ALS). If you are convicted of driving after illegally consuming alcohol and were found to have a BAC of 0.02 and less than 0.08, the court penalty will include a suspension of your driving privilege for one year from the date of conviction, and a minimum mandatory fine of $500, or the requirement that you complete at least 50 hours of community service. Regardless of age, if driving on a DUI suspended or restricted license, you may be charged with DUI if you drive with a BAC of 0.02 percent or higher. If you provide or sell alcoholic beverages to a person under age 21, intoxicated or ordered by a court to refrain from consuming alcohol, you are subject to a fine up to $2,500, twelve months in jail and mandatory suspension of your driver’s license for up to one year. These same penalties apply if you
assist someone under age 21 in obtaining or purchasing alcohol.

If you’re under age 21 and you purchase, possess and/or consume alcohol, you face a fine ranging from $500 to $2,500, up to 12 months in jail and mandatory suspension of your driver’s license for at least six months but not more than one year.

**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 mixture</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>II</td>
<td>Cocaine Base 28-279 grams mixture</td>
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<td>IV</td>
<td>Fentanyl 40-399 grams mixture</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 Analogue 100 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 mixture</td>
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<td>Heroin 100-999 grams mixture</td>
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<td>Heroin 1 kilogram or more mixture</td>
<td><strong>2 or More Prior Offenses:</strong> Life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>I</td>
<td>LSD 1-9 grams mixture</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>Methamphetamine 5-49 grams pure or 50-499 grams mixture</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>PCP 10-99 grams pure or 100-999 grams mixture</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>Fumitrazepam (Schedule IV) 1 Gram</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. <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 All Other Schedule IV Drugs (other than one gram or more of Fumitrazepam)</td>
<td><strong>First Offense:</strong> Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than $250,000 if an individual, $1 million if not an individual. <strong>Second Offense:</strong> Not more than 10 yrs. Fine not more than $500,000 if an individual, $2 million if other than 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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### Federal Trafficking Penalties for Marijuana, Hashish and Hashish Oil, Schedule I Substances

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<td>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.</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>1,000 kilograms or more marijuana mixture or 1,000 or more marijuana plants</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>100 to 999 kilograms marijuana mixture or 100 to 999 marijuana plants</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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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. However, a criminal conviction shall not be necessary to find that a student has violated these standards of conduct, and South University, Virginia Beach 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.

Virginia Beach Area Resources
There are also organizations that may be contacted for help.

Drug Treatment Center of Virginia Beach
Drug Addiction Treatment Center
Address: 2697 International Pkwy, Virginia Beach, VA 23452
Phone:(757) 275-8804

Alcoholics Anonymous
Alcoholism Treatment Program
Address: 4968 Euclid Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462
Phone:(757) 490-3980

Al-Anon Family Group Inc
Drug Addiction Treatment Center
Address: 1600 Corporate Landing Pkwy, Virginia Beach, VA 23454
Phone:(757) 563-1600

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