

**Sam Houston State University**  
**A Member of The Texas State University System**

President's Office Policy PRE-01  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE POLICY

The sale or service of alcoholic beverages on the campus of Sam Houston State University is not permitted except in agricultural courses as a part of the academic curriculum, "special use" buildings or designated facilities, all of which must be approved in advance by the President or designee. The University permits the use of alcoholic beverages at tailgate parties or picnic activities at designated NCAA intercollegiate athletic events only on the day of the event, during stated time parameters, and in the general proximity of the event, including outdoor locations or parking areas.

Departments, individuals, or sponsoring organizations of events (where alcoholic beverages are to be served in special use buildings, or other designated facilities) are required to complete **the alcohol section on the Aramark form in Bearkat Buy**. The request should be initiated at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the event and completed thirty (30) business days in advance of the event and must include the building location and type of alcohol restricted (beer, wine, liquor, etc.). A room reservation is required through the building liaison before hosting an event on campus.

Alcohol for special events must be served by a licensed caterer, who must present a copy of a current Texas State license permitting them to serve alcohol on University property. The University catering service, Aramark, maintains appropriate licensure, and per contract with Sam Houston State University, has right of first refusal for all University purchases and University sponsored events. If an outside vendor is used, proof of general liability insurance coverage in a sufficient amount determined by the University will be required. Alcohol for academic courses may only be served by a faculty member with sufficient, current licensing or permitting as required by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Alcohol may not be purchased with state appropriations, tuition, student assessed fees, or grant funds (unless specifically budgeted and approved by the sponsor). In the event of external restrictions on funds, the most restrictive policy will control.

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on any property owned and/or controlled by Sam Houston State University are prohibited except where permitted explicitly by published policies. The legal age for the purchase, consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages in the State of Texas is 21. The legal age for participation in an academic course related to alcohol technology, production, or brewing which involves sensory perception including tasting without consumption is 18. The legal ages referenced herein are subject to change by action of the State Legislature and will become effective on campus as prescribed by law. Violators of state law or University policy will be subject to University penalties and criminal charges.

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