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## Drug & Alcohol Abuse Policy for Students

### Policy 6.10

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Abuse Policy for Students  
Responsible Office: Campus Life  
Services

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### Policy Statement

The use of illegal drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, and LSD carries serious penalties. Under State of Georgia law, mere possession of an illegal drug may constitute a felony and could result in serious monetary fines, as well as imprisonment for 20 years or more. Similarly, the unauthorized use of legal, prescription drugs may constitute a felony and also carries serious penalties. While not an illegal drug *per se*, alcohol may also be abused and may result in criminal penalties. State of Georgia law may impose serious sanctions for drug- or alcohol-related crimes, including loss of or ineligibility for a professional license, or employment with any state agency. In addition to legal penalties, Medical College of Georgia will suspend or expel any student convicted of a drug-related felony in any state, effective the date of the conviction.

### Reason For Policy

All students enrolled at the Medical College of Georgia are subject to State of Georgia laws when physically present within the State of Georgia. State of Georgia law may impose serious sanctions for drug-related crimes, including loss of or ineligibility for a professional license, or employment with any state agency. Most of the educational programs at Medical College of Georgia prepare students for professions that require professional licensure. Thus, if students are convicted of a felony or are unable to obtain professional licensure, they will be unable to practice in their professions.

It is the policy of the Medical College of Georgia that students committing criminal acts on or off campus will be treated as citizens of the community. Clearly, Medical College of Georgia cannot protect members of its community--including faculty, staff and students--who commit criminal offenses. This applies to drug-related crimes as well.

### Entities Affected By This Policy

All full-time and part-time students attending the Medical College of Georgia are affected by this policy. This includes students participating in distance education who may reside outside Augusta or outside the State of Georgia.

### Who Should Read This Policy

All students and faculty at the Medical College of Georgia, whether they reside within Augusta and the State of Georgia or elsewhere should be aware of this policy.

### Contacts

Contact	Phone	e-mail/URL
Campus Life Services	(706) 721-3356	<a href="mailto:campuslifeservices@mcg.edu">campuslifeservices@mcg.edu</a> <a href="http://www.mcg.edu/students/affairs/">http://www.mcg.edu/students/affairs/</a>
Student Health Services	(706) 721-3448	<a href="mailto:studenthealth@mcg.edu">studenthealth@mcg.edu</a> <a href="http://www.mcg.edu/shs/">http://www.mcg.edu/shs/</a>

### Website Address For This Policy

<http://www.mcg.edu/aaffairs/policies/pdfs/p610.pdf>

**Related Documents**

Student Conduct Code and Procedures:

<http://www.mcg.edu/students/handbook/documents/StudentConductCodeandProcedures.pdf>

**Overview**

The following statement of policy is designed to emphasize, in fairness to all members of the university community, the possible repercussions of the illicit use of drugs or alcohol. In addition to the policies of the Medical College of Georgia and the Board of Regents concerning abuse of drugs and alcohol, numerous and serious sanctions are imposed under state and federal laws regarding the unlawful possession, distribution or use of illicit drugs and alcohol. In addition to legal penalties, Medical College of Georgia will suspend or expel any student convicted of a drug-related felony in any state, effective the date of the conviction.

While not an illegal drug *per se*, alcohol may also be abused and may result in criminal penalties. Persons convicted of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol may lose their driver's license, receive substantial fines, or go to prison.

It is the policy of the Medical College of Georgia that students committing criminal acts on or off campus will be treated as citizens of the community. Clearly, the Medical College of Georgia cannot protect members of its community--including faculty, staff and students--who commit criminal offenses. This applies to drug- and alcohol-related crimes as well. It should not be inferred from the statements above that Medical College of Georgia is indifferent about what happens to members of its community; rather we have a deep concern for those who violate the law.

**Process/Procedures**

Students who violate this drug and alcohol abuse policy are subject to action under the MCG Student Conduct Code and Procedures.

**Responsibilities**

The responsibilities each party has in connection with Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Policy 6.10, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy for Students, are:

Students at Medical College of Georgia	Know and obey all local, state, and federal laws regarding use of legal and illegal drugs and alcohol
Campus Life Services	Adjudicate any violations of this policy under the Student Conduct Code and Procedures