
**UCLA Policy 865: Sale, Service, and Consumption of Alcohol
on UCLA Property
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I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

In accordance with policies that govern the use of University Property including but not limited to [UCLA Policy 850, General Use of UCLA Property](#), [UCLA Policy 860 Organized Events](#), and [UCLA Policy 862 Major Events](#), this Policy governs the sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on UCLA Property.

Events, programs, or activities *not* on UCLA Property that are sponsored, conducted, or associated with UCLA, including the use of the UCLA name or trademarks as specified in [UCLA Policy 110](#), are subject to the regulations of the properties on which such events are located along with the guidelines set forth by State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (“ABC”), and other applicable laws and University regulations including but not limited to those outlined in Attachments A & B.

This Policy does not cover the rules and regulations governing the procurement, approval, or reimbursement process for business meetings and entertainment-related alcohol purchases. Please refer to [UC Business Finance Bulletin: BUS-79 – Expenditures for Entertainment, Business Meetings, and Other Occasions](#) for more information.

II. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy:

See [UCLA Policy 850 General Use of UCLA Property Attachment A: Definitions](#)

Defined terms are capitalized in this Policy.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

In every instance where alcohol consumption is permitted, the individuals and organizations involved are responsible for compliance with applicable local, state (see Attachment A), and federal laws, this Policy, and other applicable University regulations including but not limited to those outlined in Attachment B.

In addition to complying with applicable laws and regulations, Event Organizers (e.g., University Units, Registered Campus Organizations (RCOs), Non-Affiliates, or individual student, staff or faculty, etc.) and all other individuals involved with the service and/or sale of alcohol on UCLA Property must:

1. Conduct business in a manner that aligns with UCLA True Bruin Values (<https://truebruin.ucla.edu/>);
2. Provide an environment that is conducive to sensible and responsible alcohol consumption;
3. Train staff about responsible alcohol sales and service, including but not limited to legalities and stipulations outlined in this Policy;
4. Adopt policies and procedures that discourage excessive alcohol consumption;
5. Market such events in a manner which integrates the message of social norms and harm reduction, and not those that encourage alcohol consumption (i.e., events which market “all you can drink”, “two for the price of one”, or highly discounted alcoholic beverages are prohibited); and
6. Set a procedure to check government-issued identification for anyone under the age of 21 years old. For events/gatherings where participants will include those under 21 years old, consider issuing wristbands to distinguish between those who are authorized to consume alcohol.

A. Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Public Organized/Major Events

1. The public sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except on premises licensed by the ABC, and where a permit has been approved by a Designated University Official including law enforcement as applicable.
2. Non-Affiliated Event Organizers who are also qualified non-profits may apply for an [ABC-221: Daily Authorization Form](#) (one-day permit) for alcoholic beverage sales at specific Organized/Major Events (see UCLA Policies [860](#) and [862](#)).
3. For-profit Event Organizers may arrange for alcoholic beverage sales at specific Organized/Major Events through a registered caterer eligible to acquire a liquor license for the event.
4. Non-profit Event Organizers may only sell donated alcoholic beverages at Organized/Major Events with alcoholic beverages only if they apply for an [ABC-221: Daily Authorization Form](#) and receive a one-day permit from the ABC to do so.
5. Charging a fee to an Organized/Major Event and then providing “complimentary” alcohol to the guests of the event for no additional charge constitutes a sale of alcohol requiring an ABC license.
6. A separate designated area for the sale and consumption of alcohol may be required within the event space to contain the activity based on the scope of the Organized/Major Events.

B. Alcohol Service without the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Private Organized/Major Events

1. Alcohol service without sale of alcoholic beverages may be allowed at certain private Organized/Major Events only with the approval by a Designated University Official.
2. Service without sale of alcoholic beverages must be complementary to the Organized/Major Event.
3. Charging a fee to an Organized/Major Event and then providing “complimentary” alcohol to the guests of the event for no additional charge constitutes a sale of alcohol requiring an ABC license.

4. The consumption of alcohol may not be the primary focus of the event and drinking contests or games are strictly prohibited.
5. Event Organizers must make nonalcoholic beverages complimentary and food available during the time alcohol is served.
6. Attendance must be limited to Event Organizer's members and their personally invited guests or participants.
7. Event Organizers must be present during the entire event and are responsible for compliance with all applicable laws and policies.
8. Event Organizers must ensure that alcohol consumption at events held in outdoor University locations (e.g., campus quads) have measures in place to prevent guests from transporting or consuming event served alcohol outside the designated event boundary.

C. Consumption of Alcohol

The consumption of alcohol is only permitted in the following locations and circumstances and in accordance with applicable laws and University regulations:

1. In individual residence rooms, residential apartments, and residential houses at the discretion of the occupants and in accordance with [On Campus Housing Regulations](#) policy, and State laws.
2. Private, controllable offices/spaces of University Units conducting a small meeting or function (30 persons or less) among employees with the approval of and in the presence of a Director-level staff member or faculty member predesignated by the University Unit. All persons in attendance must be 21 years of age or older. It is highly recommended that University Units engage a licensed professional server.
3. In the following circumstances where a permit has been approved by ABC and/or by a Designated University Official:
 - a. In locations covered by a license issued by the ABC.
 - b. At Organized/Major Events and only in the area specifically designated on the permit issued by ABC and in the Events Online (EOL).

D. Restrictions for Alcohol Service

Regardless if alcohol is complimentary or sold, the following restrictions apply:

1. Servers of alcohol must be at least 21 years of age and a licensed professional server who has passed Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) training and is current with their RBS certification, unless it meets the criteria of section III.C.
2. Alcohol may not be served and/or consumed at an Organized Event or Major Event where attendance is expected to consist predominantly of individuals under 21 years of age.
3. Individuals are prohibited from bringing their own alcoholic beverages to Organized/Major Events.
4. State funds may not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages. Federal funds, such as from sponsored awards, may not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages unless the award explicitly allows such a purchase.
5. Additional regulations apply to Organized/Major Events that take place within, or on grounds immediately adjacent to, the University undergraduate residence halls and residential suites, whether planned by University Unit, RCO, Authorized Student Government, or Non-Affiliate Event Organizers.

6. When individuals in attendance are under 21, there must be a clear process to verify age such as checking government-issued IDs and the use of wristbands to distinguish those who are 21 and over from those under 21.

Refer to [On-Campus Housing Regulations](#) for the specific policy and regulations

F. Alcohol-Related Advertisement

This section is intended to apply to advertisements for Organized/Major Events; it is not intended to apply to advertising in campus publications by alcoholic beverage manufacturers or distributors.

1. Advertisements, social media postings, or any form of promotions which may include but are not limited to Organized/Major Events including activities organized by University Units, RCOs, and Non-Affiliates on UCLA Property that reference alcoholic beverages, in any form (e.g., print ads, e-mail or website announcements, banners, signs, flyers, t-shirts, etc.), must adhere to the following restrictions:
 - a. Must not portray drinking as a means to academic or social success, or encourage excessive drinking;
 - b. Must not associate alcohol with the performance of tasks that require skilled reactions, such as the driving of an automobile or operating heavy machinery;
 - c. Must not suggest that drinking is the sole purpose or dominant theme of an event;
 - d. Must not promote alcohol consumption as an expectation during the event or activity; and
 - e. Must not suggest or imply the overconsumption of alcohol is encouraged or condoned.
2. Distribution of products that utilize UCLA Assets (as defined in [UCLA Policy 110](#)), including promotional clothing, specialty items, and other consumer items, is subject to [UCLA Policy 110: Use of the University's Names, Seals, and UCLA Trademarks](#) and [UC Trademark Licensing Code of Conduct](#). University Units, RCOs, and ASGs may not distribute promotional items that utilize an alcoholic beverage trademark or logo in combination with a University trademark or logo, without express permission from the UCLA Marks Office and comply with related University standards.

G. Non-Compliance

Individuals and/or groups who fail to comply with this Policy may be subject to disciplinary action under University policies or, as applicable, collective bargaining agreements (up to and including immediate termination of employment, student and/or organization suspension, etc.), and/or criminal penalties under law. Further, failure to comply with this Policy may result in denial of use and/or event cancellation by the Designated University Official.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Summary of State and Local Laws
- B. References To Other UCLA Policies and Regulations

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Administrative Vice Chancellor

Attachment A: SUMMARY OF STATE AND LOCAL LAWS

The following listing is not intended to be exhaustive of all the laws, codes, and ordinances governing the consumption, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages. Rather, it is a summary of some of the more pertinent legal restrictions, and should be used to guide the planning and implementation of Organized/Major Events at which attendance is likely to consist predominantly of individuals under 21 years of age and at which alcoholic beverages will be present.

1. *Business & Professions (B&P) Code* Section 25658: It is not permissible to provide alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.
2. *B&P Code* Section 25658: The purchase of any alcoholic beverage by any person under the age of 21 is prohibited.
3. *B&P Code* Section 25661; *Vehicle Code* Section 13004: The manufacture, use, possession, or provision of a false state identification card, driver's license, or certificate of birth is prohibited.
4. *B&P Code* Section 25662: The possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage by one under 21 on any street or in any public place or in any place open to the public is prohibited.
5. *Penal Code* Section 647(f): Being drunk in public and unable to exercise care for oneself or others or blocking sidewalks or streets is prohibited.
6. *Vehicle Code* Section 13202.5: Anyone under the age of 21 years who is convicted of any of the offenses listed in sections 1-5 above will have his or her California driver's license suspended for one year. (This is true even if the offense does not involve a motor vehicle in any way.)
7. *Vehicle Code* Sections 21200, 23140, 23220, 23221, 23152, and 23153: Driving a motor vehicle or bicycle while under the influence of alcohol is prohibited.
8. *Vehicle Code* Sections 23220 et seq: Possessing an alcoholic beverage in an open container in a motor vehicle or on a bicycle is prohibited, regardless of who is driving or whether one is intoxicated.
9. *Vehicle Code* Section 23224: No person under the age of 21 years shall knowingly drive a motor vehicle carrying any alcoholic beverage unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult relative.
10. *B&P Code* Section 23399.1: Unless ALL three of the following conditions are met, a license to serve or dispose of alcohol is required:
 - a. There is no sale;
 - b. The premises are not open to the public during the time alcoholic beverages are being served, consumed, or otherwise disposed; and
 - c. The premises are not maintained for the purposes of keeping, serving, consuming, or disposing of alcoholic beverages.

If any of the above conditions are NOT met, a license must be secured from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Department (available online at www.abc.ca.gov).

11. *B&P Code* Section 25602: Serving alcohol to an intoxicated person is prohibited.

12. *B&P Code* Section 25604: Selling, either directly or indirectly, any alcoholic beverages except under the authority of a California Alcoholic Beverage Control License is prohibited. This includes selling glasses, mixes, ice, tickets for admission, etc
13. *L.A. Municipal Code* Section 41.27(c): Consumption of alcoholic beverages in a public place (unless licensed for consumption of alcohol on premises) is prohibited.

Attachment B: REFERENCES TO OTHER UCLA POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

1. UCLA Policy 850, General Use of UCLA Property
<https://www.adminpolicies.ucla.edu/APP/Number/850.0>
2. UCLA Policy 860, Organized Events <https://www.adminpolicies.ucla.edu/APP/Number/860.0>
3. UCLA Policy 852, Public Expression Activities
<https://www.adminpolicies.ucla.edu/APP/Number/852.0>
4. UCLA Policy 862 Major Events <https://www.adminpolicies.ucla.edu/APP/Number/862.0>
5. *University of California Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students*, Section 100 et seq, “Policy on Student Conduct and Discipline,” 5/17/02, available online at: <https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710530/PACAOS-100>
6. *UC Business & Finance Bulletin BUS-79*, “Entertainment,” 7/1/2022, available online at: <https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/3420364/BFB-BUS-79>
7. *DA 0554*, “Delegation of Authority--University Approval of Liquor Licenses for Campus Facilities”, 1/10/77, available online at: <https://policy.ucop.edu/files/da/da0554.html>
8. *Policy Applying to Affiliated and Registered Men's and Women's Fraternities, and Other Similar Organizations by the University of California, Los Angeles*, 4/7/97, available online at: <https://fsl.ucla.edu/file/909fa78b-95e5-4f92-9791-40765fbc6e3a>
9. *Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life*: <https://fsl.ucla.edu/>
10. *On-Campus Housing Regulations*, available online at <https://reslife.ucla.edu/rules/on-campus-housing-regulations>
11. *Party Notification Form*, available online at: <https://ucla.app.box.com/v/partynotification>
12. *Rose Bowl Game Day Information*: <https://uclabruins.com/sports/2021/8/21/gameday-information-ucla-football-2021>
13. *UCLA Policy 110 : Use of the University's Names, Seals, and UCLA Trademarks*, available online at: <https://marks.ucla.edu/policies-and-guidelines>
14. *OFSL Council Policies are linked from*: fsl.ucla.edu
15. *UCLA Intramural Sports Handbook*, available online at: <https://www.imleagues.com/spa/network/5c9ebf87cb564aa7a823da95b8d6ab16/handbooks>
16. *UCLA Recreation Guide to Membership*, available online at: www.recreation.ucla.edu/recreate/membership.aspx?main=1&sub=184&mymenu=3
17. UCLA Student Conduct Code: <https://deanofstudents.ucla.edu/student-conduct-code>
18. UCLA Policies Governing Workplace Conduct: <https://chr.ucla.edu/policies-and-labor-contracts/policies-governing-workplace-conduct>
19. UCLA Faculty Conduct Policies: <https://catalog.registrar.ucla.edu/Policies-and-Regulations/Regulations/Faculty-Conduct-Policies>
20. UC Faculty Code of Conduct: https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/apm/apm-015.pdf
21. UCLA Academic Personnel Manual: <https://apo.ucla.edu/policies-forms/apm>