

18.1 Violations of local, state, and/or federal laws and statutes by any student will be considered violations of all-campus policies, whether the incident occurs on or off the campus.

18.2 The College may discipline a student for acts of misconduct that are not committed on College property if the acts arise from College-related activities that are being conducted off the campus; or if the acts undermine the security and/or safety of the College or surrounding community, the integrity of the educational process, or pose a serious threat to self or others.

The judicial process for handling alleged violations cited by a Hope College employee or other law enforcement agencies is the same process outlined in the “Judicial Procedure for the Hope College Judicial System”.

The court’s decision will have no bearing in such a situation. It is important for the student to understand that the criminal case and College judicial process are two separate processes.

Summary Suspension

Summary Suspension is when the college asks a student to leave the campus community immediately for behavior or conduct that is unacceptable. The authority to place a student on Summary Suspension is vested in the President. The President has authorized the Dean of Students or the Dean of Student’s designee to utilize this authority.

a) Conduct-based Summary Suspension may be instituted for students whose conduct is seriously endangering the safety, health, or morals of the student or persons within the college community. Summary suspension also may be instituted when the student’s behavior or conduct impairs the proper functioning of the college. A judicial allegation must be part of the conduct-based summary suspension and the suspension will remain in effect until an outcome had been reached through the college judicial process. In certain cases where the behavior is extremely flagrant, an assessment of the individual may be requested.

b) Health-Based Summary Suspension may be instituted for students who: Are dangerous to themselves or others, cannot satisfactorily attend to their needs, or whose presence on campus exacerbates their condition. The college may require medical, psychological, or other types of assessments as a condition of remaining at the college. The health-based summary suspension will remain in place until the circumstances are effectively addressed, and documentation from appropriate medical/mental health professionals has been received by the Dean of Students and reviewed by the Assistant Dean for Health and Counseling; Director of Counseling and Psychological Services.

Summary Suspension decisions may be made in consultation with the student, appropriate college faculty/staff, and the student’s parent or guardian. Students will be notified of summary suspension decisions in a timely manner and, when appropriate, both in-person and in writing.

Substance Abuse

Questions about substance abuse may be directed to Dr. Kristen Gray, Assistant Dean for Health and Counseling and Director of the Counseling & Psychological Services, 395-7945.

Hope College is concerned that its students enjoy a state of good health. Because the abuse of all drugs, including over-the-counter, alcohol, as well as street or illegal substances, presents a hazard to our physical well-being, the college discourages these risks.

Health risks due to illicit use of drugs and alcohol are significant. Alcohol related health risks include decreased alertness, fatigue, disinhibition of sexual or aggressive impulses, mood swings, loss of motivation, impaired judgment, impaired social or occupational functioning, blackouts, dependence, or alcohol poisoning. Alcohol use and abuse has been known to precipitate belligerent and aggressive behavior resulting in physical and sexual assault or depressive symptoms leading to suicidal preoccupations and behavior. The association between drinking, driving

and automobile accidents is well documented.

Health risks associated with marijuana include tachycardia, anxiety, suspiciousness or paranoid thinking, impaired judgement, social withdrawal; in some cases delusional behavior and coordination is affected. It can also cause bronchitis, decreased vital lung capacity, lower testosterone levels, abnormal sperm, and developed psychological dependence. Marijuana interferes with judgement and reasoning skills, particularly those involved in concept formation, reading, counting, and ability to follow complicated instruction.

Cocaine related health risks include elevated blood pressure, perspiration or chills, nausea or vomiting, painful nosebleeds, nasal erosion, visual or tactile hallucinations, delusions and strong psychological dependence. Amphetamines long term effects include insomnia, malnutrition, and acute psychoses. Depressants cause slowed response time, loss of rational judgment, and decreased coordination and motor skills. Dependence can develop producing serious withdrawal symptoms including death. Hallucinogens may produce tachycardia, heart palpitations, blurring of vision, and tremors. Marked behavioral changes include anxiety or depression, paranoid thinking, impaired judgement, as well as asocial and occupational disfunctioning. Painkillers and narcotic analgesics can quickly lead to physical dependence and withdrawal symptoms.

There are also health risks associated with inhalants and nicotine. With excessive use of caffeine there can be the occurrence of restlessness and psychomotor agitation, nervousness, insomnia, gastrointestinal disturbance, and difficulty concentrating as well as other symptoms.

College Actions

Hope College policies clearly prohibit the illegal use of alcohol and drugs. The college will impose sanctions on students or employees ranging from warning up to and including expulsion or referral for prosecution for violations of college standards of conduct.

Good Faith

The college, in adopting and implementing this policy pursuant to the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, further certifies that it will make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a safe, drug-free community and to respect the privacy of its students and employees.

Hope College Kinesiology Policy on Alcohol, Tobacco and Illegal Drug Use

Questions about this policy may be directed to Dr. Mark Northuis, Chairperson, 395-7698

Statement of Problem

The Hope College Department of Kinesiology recognizes the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs as a significant problem on college campuses and for many student-athletes, resulting in negative effects on behavior, relationships, academic performance, and the overall learning environment. The use and misuse of these substances also affects athletic performance as well as team and college morale.

Statement of Education and Prevention

All Hope College student-athletes shall adhere to all College policies with regard to alcohol and illegal drug use. Our student-athletes represent the team and the athletic program in-and out-of-season. The Hope College Department of Kinesiology recognizes its role in preventing alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drug use by student-athletes and promoting health as a part of this policy. This will be evident through the following actions:

1. This policy will be reviewed annually on the Monday evening before classes begin in the fall with all team captains and coaching personnel. The athletic director for women will organize and coordinate this meeting in even numbered years. The athletic director for the men will organize and coordinate this meeting in the odd number years.
2. Each head coach will submit a list of all possible team members to his/her athletic director prior to the Monday evening meeting before classes begin.