

1.6 DRUGS

Possession, use, and distribution of stimulants, depressants, narcotics, and/or hallucinogenic drugs, and other illegal agents having potential for abuse, except for a properly designated physician's or dentist's prescription, is forbidden by University Policy and local, state and/or federal law. In addition, the abuse of legal substances may also be considered a violation of University Policy, e.g., huffing nitrous oxide, whippits. Such use, possession and conduct are prohibited on Saint Louis University's premises, or as part of any University activity. Selling, bartering, exchanging or giving away such substances to any person is illegal and prohibited. Any Student engaged in such activity may be reported to law enforcement agents and will be subject to conduct action, including but not limited to suspension or dismissal. Please refer to Section 2.7.13 of the University's Community Standards for more information as to what constitutes a violation of the University's Drug Policy.

Medical and Recreational Marijuana: In 2018, the State of Missouri legalized the medical use of marijuana (19 CSR 30-95). In November 2022, the State of Missouri passed a ballot initiative to amend the State Constitution to legalize the purchase, possession, consumption, use, delivery, manufacture, and sale of marijuana for personal use for adults over the age of 21. However, the possession or use of marijuana remains an offense under the Controlled Substances Act, a federal law. Saint Louis University is obligated to comply with all federal laws and regulations. In order to remain in compliance, Saint Louis University will not permit the possession or use of marijuana on-campus, or at University-sponsored events, regardless of age, and will not permit the possession or use of marijuana at educational or other activities sponsored, conducted, or authorized by Saint Louis University or its Student Organizations, whether on or off campus, in any on-campus housing, or in any other SLU buildings or other property. Any Student who uses or possesses marijuana on-campus, regardless of age, will be referred to the Office of Student Responsibility and Community Standards. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) will confiscate and dispose of any marijuana found on campus belonging to Students under the age of 21. The Department of Public Safety will confiscate marijuana found on campus belonging to Students over the age of 21 for a period of no longer than 48 hours. Students over the age of 21 may request to retrieve their marijuana from DPS during this time period insofar as they secure an off-campus location to store their marijuana.

In accordance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, the University annually communicates to Students information that includes the University Alcohol and Drug Policies, counseling and assistance programs, University and legal outcomes, health risks, and uses and effects of controlled substances. All Students should become familiar with this information.

For assistance and information on issues relating to drugs, please contact the Student Health Center at (314) 977-2323 or the University Counseling Center at (314) 977-8255 (TALK) (24-hours).