



Drug Abuse Policy

The University considers drug use to be a serious concern. As such, Students enrolled in Texas Christian University are subject to disciplinary action for the possession, manufacture, use, sale or distribution (by either sale or gift) of any quantity of any prescription drug or controlled substance or for being under the influence of any prescription drug or controlled substance, except for the use of an over-the-counter medication or for the prescribed use of medication in accordance with the instructions of a licensed physician. Controlled substances including but not limited to: marijuana, K2 and other synthetic cannabinoids, synthetic stimulants (such as bath salts), cocaine, cocaine derivatives, heroin, amphetamines, methamphetamines, barbiturates, steroids, LSD, GHB, edibles, Adderall, Rohypnol, and substances typically known as “designer drugs” such as “ecstasy.” Possession of paraphernalia associated with the use, possession or manufacture of a prescription drug or controlled substance is also prohibited (see [Code of Student Conduct section 3.2.10, Drugs](#)). Students having prohibited substances in their residence and students in the presence of these substances or paraphernalia may be subject to the same penalties as those in possession.

There are some instances where a student may be asked or required to submit to a drug screen examination. The minimum penalty for a first-time non-incident based positive drug screen will be referral to drug education counseling or to a drug treatment program and disciplinary action at the discretion of the Dean of Campus Life. A letter may be sent to the parents or guardians of any student under 21 years of age who had a positive drug screen.

The minimum penalty for a first-time violation of the Drug Abuse Policy for use or possession of a prescription drug or controlled substance may be disciplinary probation for a full year, participation in drug education and assessment, 80 hours of community service, and subject to random drug-testing for a full year. The student may be evicted from university housing, especially if the use or possession happened in a University-owned facility or at a University-sponsored event. The parents or guardians of any student found in violation of the drug policy may be contacted regarding the violation. Amount and type(s) of substance(s) found will be taken into consideration during sanctioning.



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Any student who violates the Drug Abuse Policy for use or possession of a prescription drug or controlled substance for a second time or has an additional positive drug screen may be suspended from the University for at least one year. Readmission to the University will occur only after the suspended student provides proof of drug counseling and/or treatment from a licensed counselor or certified treatment program.

Possession of drug paraphernalia, including but not limited to “bongs”, pipes, hookahs and/or other devices that may be used to facilitate consumption of drugs, may subject a student to the same penalties as those imposed for use and possession of a prescription drug or controlled substance.

The penalty for a violation of the Drug Abuse Policy for sale, distribution, or manufacture of a prescription drug or controlled substance may be permanent expulsion from the University.

In all offenses, depending on the surrounding circumstances, additional disciplinary sanctions may be levied. Individual violations will accumulate over the course of a student's academic career.

Code of Student Conduct Section 3.2.10—Drugs

Use, production, distribution, sale, possession, being under the influence of, or driving under the influence of drugs, including cannabis in any form, and/or prescription drugs in a manner prohibited under federal and/or Texas law, including failing to adhere to the Alcohol and Drug Policy – International Travel while participating in a TCU sponsored activity outside the U.S. Possession of drug paraphernalia is considered the same as possession of drugs. Being where drugs and/or drug paraphernalia are present may also be considered the same as possession of drugs. Any substance that tests positive for THC, regardless of how that substance was sold, shall be considered marijuana for purposes of this Code.

Growing and/or the use of cannabis is a federal crime and federal agencies can prosecute users and growers of cannabis regardless of state law. It is also a federal crime to use or possess cannabis on University premises. Cannabis use or possession includes, but is not limited to smoking, vaping, or consumption through food, extracts, or concentrates.



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Prohibited prescription drug use or possession includes, but is not limited to the use or possession of prescription drugs (i.e. Adderall™, Ritalin™, Xanax™, Vyvanse®, etc.) contrary to the prescription, and/or use or possession of prescription drugs issued to any other person, regardless of relationship, or without a prescription.

Prohibited drug-related outcomes include, but are not limited to:

- a. First drug use and/or possession violation may result in at least one (1) year of conduct probation; thirty (30) hours of community service, ten (10) hours of which may be facilitated by Substance Use and Recovery Services staff; completion of at least two (2) sessions with Substance Use and Recovery Services staff; following all Substance Use and Recovery Services staff recommendations; completion of an in-person or online educational workshop; meetings with the Dean of Students staff, as deemed appropriate; and random drug testing during the term of the probation at the student's expense. Additionally, residence hall eviction will be considered, especially if the incident occurred in a University facility or during a University-sponsored event. Persistent drug use or possession while on conduct probation may subject the student to an off-campus assessment for and compliance with a higher level of care, and/or an extension of conduct probation;
- b. Additional violations of the [Drug Abuse Policy](#) and/or section 3.2.10 may result in suspension for at least one (1) academic year. Readmission to the University will occur only after the suspended student provides proof of drug counseling and/or treatment from a licensed counselor or certified treatment program. Readmitted students may be subject to random drug testing during the first academic year after their return to the University at the student's expense;
- c. Using drugs and/or alcohol to intentionally incapacitate another person will result in at least a one (1) year suspension; and/or
- d. Production, sale, or distribution of drugs may result in immediate expulsion from the University.



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Parents may be notified of any illegal drug policy violation. Fort Worth police may also be contacted for drug violations. The amount and type(s) of substance(s) found will be taken into consideration when determining outcomes, which may result in additional modified outcomes.

For students who bring their own concerns of drug use, disorder, dependency, or addiction to the attention of University officials outside the threat of drug tests or conduct outcomes and seek assistance, a conduct Report will not be pursued. The student will be referred to Substance Use and Recovery Services for a meeting with staff and follow any recommendations made. If a student persists in their own drug use despite the risk of consequences and recommendations made by Substance Use and Recovery Services staff, the conduct process will be initiated.