

Illegal Drugs and Alcohol Use and Abuse

Illegal Drugs

Every UTMB student shall be responsible for compliance with all local, state, and federal laws regarding controlled substances including but not limited to their use, sale, distribution, possession, or manufacture. Violations of any local, state, or federal law regarding controlled substances may subject the person to disciplinary proceedings by the Dean of Students Office without regard to any proceedings in local, state, or federal courts. When the standards of conduct regarding illicit drugs are violated, sanctions may be imposed by the Dean of Students. Possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, a fine, assignment to community service, notification of parents, suspension, time-frame suspension, or expulsion.

Sanctions upon conviction in the criminal court system for possession, distribution, or manufacture of controlled substances range from fines and probation to imprisonment. Amounts of fines, terms of probation, or years of imprisonment generally are contingent upon the circumstances and amounts of drugs in possession, sale, distribution, or manufacture. A violation of this policy subjects the offender(s) to internal disciplinary and/or law enforcement action, which may include a court appearance citation or arrest.

Alcohol beverages

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive environment for students, staff, faculty, and guests. All members of the UTMB community are expected to maintain self-control. Conduct should be consistent with ideals of academic excellence, health, and responsible social behavior, including recognition of the rights of others. It is also recognized that UTMB is a community of free and open inquiry in which adults are encouraged to make responsible decisions in their lives, including abstinence from or careful use of alcohol. UTMB recognizes the freedom of conscience that determines such issues, but cautions that such freedom does not imply license to violate the law or UTMB policy.

UTMB may impose penalties for conduct related to the unlawful use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, which include disciplinary probation, payment for damage to or misappropriation of property, suspension of rights and privileges, suspension for a specified period of time, expulsion, or such other penalty as may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances

All members of the UTMB community should at all times be cognizant of and comply with state and local liquor laws. It is unlawful in the state of Texas for any person under the age of 21 to possess, purchase, or drink alcoholic beverages, except when with either a parent or adult spouse. Providing alcoholic beverages to minors other than where the law provides is prohibited. A violation of this policy subjects the offender(s) to internal disciplinary and/or law enforcement action, which may include a court appearance, citation, or arrest.

Drug and alcohol-abuse education programs

[Maintaining a Drug-Free Campus at UTMB](http://www.utmb.edu/drug-free/reports/DrugFree_2009-2010.pdf) is a UTMB publication that details specific offenses and disciplines for students, residents, fellows, faculty and employees. Rehabilitation/counseling services available on campus are included in this publication which may be found on the internet. Additional information regarding Drug Free Schools and Campus Act/Penalties for Alcohol Offenses can be found online **http://www.utmb.edu/drug-free/reports/DrugFree_2009-2010.pdf**