

2020-2022 San Ignacio University Biennial Review of Drug and Alcohol Programs

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Introduction

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act requires that institutions of higher education have adopted and implemented a drug and alcohol prevention program as a condition of receiving funding under any federal program. Specifically, the law requires a biennial review by the institution of its programs to determine the effectiveness of its efforts. The material included in this document is designed to fulfill the requirement for a biennial review (2020-2021, 2021-2022 academic years) of drug and alcohol policies, prevention programs and associated discipline practices implemented by SIU. Additionally, the review provides information as to the number of drug and alcohol-related violations and fatalities that occur on campus or as a part of the institution's activities and are reported to campus officials as well as the number and type of institutional sanctions imposed as a result of the violations and fatalities.

Annual notice is distributed to all students and staff via San Ignacio University email

Policies

In accordance to San Ignacio University <u>Substance Abuse Policy and Procedure</u>, San Ignacio University students may not be impaired by alcohol or drugs or in possession of illegal drugs or alcohol while on University property or while participating in University sanctioned activity. Students whose behavior is impaired by legal drugs are also subject to this policy.

Students found in violation of drug and/or alcohol laws are subject to discipline in accordance with the university code of conduct policy, up to and including expulsion from the University. The University retains the right to dismiss a student from the University. In addition, SIU faculty and staff need to abide by the Drug Free Workplace Policy and Procedure. As a condition of employment, employees shall:

- 1. Refrain from the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in the workplace.
- 2. The use of any legally obtained drug, including alcohol, to the point of intoxication or influence adversely affecting the employee's job performance, is prohibited.
- 3. No employee shall report to work or be on duty when his or her judgment or physical condition has been impaired by alcohol, medication, or other substances.
- 4. Notify the immediate supervisor of any criminal drug statute conviction no later than 5 days after such conviction.

Any employee who violates the Drug Free Workplace Policy and Procedure is subject to discipline up to and including termination. The University may require an employee who violates this policy to successfully and satisfactorily complete a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local agency.



SIU will also include information during new employee orientation and new student orientation to reach every employee and student. Our policies and procedures are also available online, in the catalog and in the student handbook.

Also, the University has a tobacco-free and smoke-free environment policy.

Health Risks Associated with Illicit Drug and Alcohol Use

There are definite health risks associated with drug and alcohol use. Alcohol or any other drug used in excess over time can produce illness, disability, and death. The health consequences of substance abuse may be immediate and unpredictable, such as cardiac arrest with cocaine use, or more subtle and long-term, such as liver deterioration associated with the prolonged use of alcohol. In addition to health-related problems, other concerns relating to substance abuse include the following: People who abuse alcohol and other drugs often have erratic lifestyles which interfere with sleep, nutrition and exercise. Alcohol and substance abuse may lead to financial difficulties, domestic violence, deterioration of the family structure, motor vehicle accident injuries and reduced job performance. Repeated abuse of alcohol can lead to dependence. A description of specific drugs and effects can be found in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's DEA Drug Fact Sheets.

Community Resources

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

2-1-1 Broward

http://211-broward.org/

2-1-1 Broward can help you find food, housing, health care, senior services, child care, legal aid and much more.

IED Foundation

https://www.jedfoundation.org/

JED is a nonprofit that protects emotional health and prevents suicide for our nation's teens and young adults.

The Trevor Project

https://www.thetrevorproject.org/

National organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to the LGBTQ community.

Sunserve

https://www.sunserve.org/

A social service agency servicing the LGBTQ community to provide critical life assistance and professional mental health services with an emphasis on economically disadvantaged, marginalized youth, adults and seniors in the greater South Florida metropolitan area.



Women in Distress

https://www.womenindistress.org/

A full service domestic violence center serving Broward County, Florida. Services include a 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter program, individual counseling, support groups and professional trainings, which are aimed at educating the community on domestic violence.

Nancy J. Cotterman Center

https://www.broward.org/Nancy|CottermanCenter/Pages/Default.aspx

Broward County's only Certified Rape Crisis and Accredited Children's Advocacy Center.

Yes institute

https://yesinstitute.org/

Provides services, resources, and education on gender and orientation.

Children's Bereavement Center

https://childbereavement.org/

Provides free Peer Support Groups for children, young adults, and adult caregivers after the death of a loved one.

United Way Broward

https://www.unitedwaybroward.org/

Provides resources for health, education and financial stability of every person in the community.

Translifeline

https://www.translifeline.org/

A trans-led organization that connects trans people to the community, support, and resources they need to survive and thrive.

All incoming/new students will receive information at orientation about SIU's smoke-free campus as well as the Student Code of Conduct and other policies, enforcement, sanctions, and safety. Participation in orientation is mandatory for new students. Students also learn about sexual assault prevention.

Number of Drug and Alcohol-related Violations and Fatalities

2020: Drug arrest violations: 0

2020: Drug fatalities: 0

2020: Drug sanctions: 0

2020: Alcohol arrest violations: 0

2020: Alcohol fatalities: 0 2020: Alcohol sanctions: 0 2021: Drug arrest violations: 0

2021: Drug fatalities: 0 2021: Drug sanctions: 0

2021: Alcohol arrest violations: 0



2021: Alcohol fatalities: 0 2021: Alcohol sanctions: 0

2022: Drug arrest, fatalities, and sanction violations: Unknown at this time 2022: Alcohol arrest, fatalities, and sanction violations: Unknown at this time

Program Goals and Goal Achievement

- Highlight the effects of primary and secondary consequences of alcohol use.
- Identify consistent universitywide message regarding alcohol
- Promote alcohol and drug preventive education initiatives that contribute to student success
- Educate the campus on the importance of abstaining from drugs and alcohol and the dangers of the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol
- Ensure that all disciplinary actions taken in response to a violation of any drug and alcohol policy are administered fairly and consistently

Conclusion

San Ignacio University has adequate policies and procedures, and resources available to address students and staff use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol. SIU has enforced these policies as indicated above, and the university will continue to provide and improve educational programs for students and employees that focus on the risk of alcohol and drug use.

This review was put together in collaboration with <u>Campus Safety</u>.