

Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

Georgia law prohibits the purchase or possession of alcohol by a person under the age of 21 or the furnishing of alcohol to such a person. Driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is also illegal. It is against Georgia law to, under certain circumstances, walk or be upon the roadway while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. The punishment for these offenses may include mandatory treatment and education programs, community service, payment of a fine, imprisonment, and loss of one's driver's license. Students facing legal action off campus may be held accountable through the Shorter University Student Conduct system.

Under Georgia and federal law, it is a crime to possess, manufacture, sell or distribute illegal drugs. Shorter University expects all members of the community to comply with the state and federal laws pertaining to drugs. The sale, purchase, manufacture, distribution, and use of drug paraphernalia are prohibited. This does not apply to the possession and use of controlled substances as part of the care and treatment of disease or injury.

Shorter University has an Alcohol and Other Drug Coalition made up faculty, staff, and students. The mission of the AODC is to engage the Shorter University community to make educated and responsible choices within a Christian framework in matters of alcohol and other drugs in support of the mission and standards of the Shorter University community.

The use of alcohol, illegal drugs, and marijuana are prohibited at Shorter University, including all sites for the College of Adult and Professional Programs and any University sponsored event on or off campus, and are incompatible with the goals of the institution. The use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs is potentially harmful, physically and mentally, and often interferes with the user's ability to function adequately in his or her academic and social life. It also often impinges upon the social and academic rights of others. Special efforts are made to keep alcohol and drugs off campus and to prevent distribution on campus.

Several opportunities are offered throughout the year to learn about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse, as well as the danger of tobacco. An online alcohol and drug program, MyStudentBody.com, has a self-assessment portion and then a post-test, which measures a student's understanding of alcohol and other drugs and their effect on the body. By doing the self-assessment and post-test, students learn valuable information on the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.