

THAPAR UNIVERSITY, PATIALA

29. ANTI-ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE POLICY

THAPAR UNIVERSITY, PATIALA has the responsibility to maintain an educational environment conducive to academic and vocational achievement. The UNIVERSITY recognizes that the Use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs may interfere with student's educational goals and also may interfere with the education environment in the university campus. Therefore, THAPAR UNIVERSITY has a stringent policy governing the use of alcohol and other drugs. The purchase, possession, use, consumption, sale, distribution or storage of any alcoholic beverage, controlled substance or illegal drug is prohibited on university campuses, training sites and at all UNIVERSITY sponsored student events, conferences and activities. The said policy is applicable to the existing students and as well as to the new inducted students.

As per The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003, smoking of tobacco in public places, except in special smoking zones in hotels, restaurants, airports is prohibited. Places where smoking is restricted include auditoriums, movie theatres, hospitals, public transport (aircraft, buses, trains, metros, monorails, taxis,) and their related facilities (airports, bus stands/ stations, railway stations), restaurants, hotels, bars, pubs, amusement centres, offices (government and private), libraries, courts, post offices, markets, shopping malls, canteens, refreshment rooms, banquet halls, discotheques, coffee houses, educational institutions and parks.

The students as per this policy are requested to adhere strictly the specific norms as stated below. This policy is a part and parcel of the rules and regulations of the university.

1. The purchase, possession, use, consumption, sale, distribution or storage of any alcoholic beverage, controlled substance or illegal drug is prohibited on university campuses, training sites and at all UNIVERSITY sponsored student events, conferences and activities.
2. Under suspicious circumstances, the students may be tested at random for substance abuse at any point of time during their stay on campus.
3. Students may be asked by the university authorities to submit the drug/alcohol test report after regular interval of time.
4. Students involved in accidents can be asked to submit the drug/alcohol test report.
5. If any student of Thapar University, Patiala is found under the influence/ possession/ distributing of alcohol/ drugs or in possession of illegal/banned drugs/substances or if found distributing the same or is caught smoking cigarettes in the university campuses, training sites and at all UNIVERSITY sponsored student events, conferences and activities; it could potentially lead to termination of the student from the rolls of the university.
6. An affidavit to this effect shall submitted by the students and their parents at the time of admission, Annexure-1 & 2. Such affidavit shall also be provided by the existing students and their parents.