

## Alcohol (and Drug) Policy

The CBU Student Handbook is full of all kinds of important information for CBU Students. The following link will open the Current Student [Handbook](#) to the Table of Contents. The Alcohol Policy section can usually be found around page 17 of the Handbook.

The Alcohol Policy Section in the Fall 2013 Handbook has the following words.

“As a Christian college founded by Southern Baptists, California Baptist University actively encourages abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverage. Consequently, possession of alcoholic beverage, use of alcoholic beverage, and/or being under the influence of alcohol, is not permitted on University Premises or at University-sponsored or supervised activities, regardless of a Student’s age. In addition to being considered a violation of the Standard of Student Conduct, California state law prohibits any person under twenty-one (21) years of age to possess and/or use alcoholic beverages. California Baptist University reserves the right to employ the use of a digital breathalyzer to determine Blood Alcohol Content (BAC), when there is a reasonable suspicion a Student is under the influence of alcohol. Generally, Students under the age of twenty-one (21) whose breathalyzer test results reveal any BAC will be considered to be in violation of the CBU Standard of Student Conduct. Any Student whose breathalyzer test results reveal a BAC greater than .08 will be considered to be in violation of the CBU Standard of Student Conduct. Breathalyzer test results may be used as Evidence during the judicial process.

Alcohol and other drugs can cause serious harm. Absorbed into the blood stream and transmitted to virtually all parts of the body, even moderate doses can reduce physical coordination and mental alertness, making certain activities such as sports and driving dangerous. Larger doses of alcohol can cause staggering, slurred speech, double vision, sudden mood swings, and unconsciousness. In addition, binge or long-term heavy drinking, as well as, drug abuse may result in respiratory arrest and death, and increase one’s risk of developing liver and heart disease, circulatory problems, peptic ulcers, various forms of cancer, irreversible brain damage, and psychological and/or physical addiction. The consequences for a first violation of the Alcohol Policy may include, but are not limited to, required participation in an alcohol education and awareness program(s), assignment of community service, ineligibility and loss of scholarship/stipend for service as an athlete, Student Leader, and/or Student Representative for a specified period of time.

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The consequences for a second violation of the Alcohol Policy may include, but are not limited to, required participation in an alcohol education and awareness program(s), assignment of community service, ineligibility and loss of scholarship/stipend for service as an athlete, Student Leader, and/or Student Representative for a fixed period of time.

The consequences for a third violation of the Alcohol Policy may include, but are not limited to, suspension from the University. Students who fail to comply with Sanctions may be suspended for the duration of the semester. In the event of suspension, Sanctions must be completed prior to future enrollment. California Baptist University Students who serve as Student Representatives and/or Student Leaders are expected to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages (whether or not classes are in session).”

You are encouraged to click on the noted link above to see the updated and complete discussion of this important matter.