

Alcohol Policy

This alcohol policy, like other standards of conduct applicable to the College community, is intended to further the educational mission of the Oregon Institute of Technology. OIT's mission includes the development of ethically sensitive and responsible individuals who are able to distinguish between individual freedom and the need to accept the restrictions intrinsic to living in a community. Thus, while we balance personal liberty with responsibility, and educational opportunity with liability concerns, our intent is to determine the appropriateness of alcohol at each event, attempting to strike the appropriate balance of these conflicting principles.

The development of a philosophy and corresponding regulations concerning the use of alcoholic beverages at OIT is challenging, yet essential. Such a policy must show concern for the health, safety and welfare of all individuals (members of the campus community as well as those from outside the campus), and for the social and educational environment of the College community. Thus, this policy includes statements regarding our Commitment to Education (Appendix A), Consequences (Appendix B), Health Risks (Appendix C), and Campus and Community Resources (Appendix D). OIT strives to balance the following principles:

- The OIT alcohol policy must be in compliance with the laws of the State of Oregon, the local community, and the College;
- In our litigious society, institutions are often found to be liable for individual behavior, particularly when it applies to college students. This applies to all OIT functions, both on and off campus. We strive to minimize OIT's liability in this regard;
- OIT strives to provide an educational setting in which students can learn about both the freedom and the responsibility involved in the exercise of personal choice.

The complete Alcohol Policy with Appendices is available from the Office of the President, the Office of the Vice President of Finance and Administration, the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Information Desk in the College Union.