



Alcohol and Drug Prevention Policy

Annual Notice for Students and Employees

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Introduction

California Aeronautical University (CAU) has developed the following Alcohol and Drug Prevention Policy to comply with the requirements set forth by the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989. The University has certified to the US Department of Education that it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by its students and employees. This program includes a description of the following:

- standards of conduct,
- sanctions for violating federal, state and local law,
- health risks associated with the abuse of alcohol and the use of illicit drugs,
- treatment assistance, and
- disciplinary sanctions for students and employees.

The University distributes this information annually to all students and employees.

Standards of Conduct

CAU prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students or employees of the University. CAU will not tolerate any persons being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. These standards of conduct apply on-campus and to off-campus activities that are sponsored by the University.

Although many states have amended state laws to legalize recreational marijuana use, the drug is currently considered illegal federally. Therefore, CAU's Standards of Conduct have not been amended. CAU will not tolerate any persons being under the influence of drugs, including marijuana.

Legal Sanctions

The attached schedules contain the applicable legal sanctions under local, state or federal laws for the unlawful possession or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs.

Health Risks

Alcohol Abuse Health Risks

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), excessive alcohol use has immediate effects that increase the risk of many harmful health conditions. These immediate effects are most often the result of binge drinking and include the following:

- Unintentional injuries, including traffic injuries, falls, drownings, burns, and unintentional firearm injuries.
- Violence, including intimate partner violence and child maltreatment. Many victims report that offenders are under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol use is also associated with 2 out of 3 incidents of intimate partner violence. Studies have also shown that alcohol is a leading factor in child maltreatment and neglect cases and is the most frequent substance abused among these parents.
- Risky sexual behaviors, including unprotected sex, sex with multiple partners, and increased risk of sexual assault. These behaviors can result in unintended pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases.
- Miscarriage and stillbirth among pregnant women, and a combination of physical and mental birth defects among children that last throughout life.
- Alcohol poisoning, a medical emergency that results from high blood alcohol levels that suppress the central nervous system and can cause loss of consciousness, low blood pressure and body temperature, coma, respiratory depression, or death.

The CDC also indicates that over time, excessive alcohol use can lead to the development of chronic diseases, neurological impairments and social problems. These include but are not limited to:

- Neurological problems, including dementia, stroke and neuropathy.
- Cardiovascular problems, including myocardial infarction, cardiomyopathy, atrial fibrillation and hypertension.
- Psychiatric problems, including depression, anxiety, and suicide.
- Social problems, including unemployment, lost productivity, and family problems.
- Cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, liver, colon, and breast. In general, the risk of cancer increases with increasing amounts of alcohol.
- Liver diseases, including:
 - Alcoholic hepatitis.
 - Cirrhosis.
 - Among persons with Hepatitis C virus, worsening of liver function and interference with medications used to treat this condition.
- Other gastrointestinal problems, including pancreatitis and gastritis.

Use of Illicit Drugs Health Risks

The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) places all substances which were in some manner regulated under existing federal law into one of five schedules. This placement is based upon the substance's medical use, potential for abuse, and safety or dependence liability. Reference is made to these schedules in the tables within this program and a description of each schedule is indicated below:

Schedule I Controlled Substances

Substances in this schedule have a high potential for abuse, have no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and there is a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug or other substance under medical supervision.

Some examples of Schedule I substances include heroin, gamma hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), marijuana, and methaqualone.

Schedule II Controlled Substances

Substances in this schedule have a high potential for abuse which may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence. The drug or other substance in this schedule has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States or a currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions.

Examples of Schedule II substances include morphine, phencyclidine (PCP), cocaine, methadone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, and methamphetamine.

Schedule III Controlled Substances

Substances in this schedule have a potential for abuse less than substances in schedules I or II and abuse may lead to moderate or low physical dependence or high psychological dependence.

Anabolic steroids, codeine products with aspirin or acetaminophen, and some barbiturates are examples of Schedule III substances.

Schedule IV Controlled Substances

Substances in this schedule have a low potential for abuse relative to substances in Schedule III. Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to the drugs or other substances in Schedule III.

Examples of drugs included in Schedule IV are alprazolam, clonazepam, and diazepam.

Schedule V Controlled Substances

Substances in this schedule have a low potential for abuse relative to substances listed in schedule IV. The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States. Abuse of the drug or other substances may lead to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to the drugs or other substances in Schedule IV.

Examples include cough medicines with codeine.

Drug or Alcohol Assistance

The President, Provost or On-Site Administrator can assist students and employees with a list of available drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs. Participating in such program will be at the employee or student's own expense.

The University provides students with an online, interactive program that provides immediate personalized feedback about their alcohol use and related risk factors to reduce consumption. Students are required to review and complete the online program within the first term (10-weeks) of enrollment at CAU.

Disciplinary Sanctions

CAU will impose disciplinary sanctions on students and employees, consistent with local, State and Federal law. Any student or employee who violates the Standards of Conduct for alcohol-related violations may be dismissed from enrollment or terminated from employment and there may be a referral for prosecution, for violations of the Standards of Conduct. Any student or employee who violates the Standards of Conduct for drug-related violations will be dismissed from enrollment or terminated from employment and referral for prosecution, for violations of the Standards of Conduct.

Biennial Review

CAU conducts a biennial review of the program's effectiveness, implements changes, if needed, and ensures that the disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced. The University welcomes any feedback or suggestions students and employees may have to increase the effectiveness of this program.

As part of biennial review, CAU will determine and review the following:

- the number of drug and alcohol-related violations and fatalities that occur on the University, as defined by section 485(f)(6) of the HEA, or as part of any of the institution's activities and those reported to university officials; and
- the number and type of sanctions that are imposed by the institution because of drug and alcohol-related violations and fatalities on the institution's campus or as part of any of the institution's activities.

Violations, Fatalities & Sanctions Imposed

CAU is required to determine the number of violations, fatalities and sanctions imposed for drug and alcohol-related offenses that occurred on the University's campus or as part of any of the University's institution's activities and have been reported to university officials. This information is below:

California Aeronautical University		
2025 Drug & Alcohol Related Violations, Fatalities & Sanctions Occurring on Campus		
	Alcohol Related	Drug Related
Violations*	1	0
Fatalities	0	0
Sanctions Imposed	1	0
Type of Sanction Imposed	Reprimand; Censure; Probation; Essay on alcohol use and decision making.	N/A

*Note: The Violations from this report include violations of the law and the University's policies. This may be different from the Annual Security Report (ASR) as the ASR only considers violations of the law rather than both.

If you have any questions, please contact CAU President, Matthew Johnston.

State of California Penalties - Alcohol

Legal drinking age is defined by the State of California is 21 years of age or older. Additional penalties are noted in the California Codes.

Activity	Classification	Penalty
Any person who sells, provides, gives or causes to be sold an alcoholic beverage to any person under the age of 21.	Misdemeanor	Punishable by a fine of \$250 and/or no more than 32 hours of community service for first offense. Increased penalties for additional violations.
Any person under the age of 21 who purchases alcoholic beverages or consumes alcoholic beverages in on-sale premises.	Misdemeanor	Punishable by a fine of \$250 and/or no more than 32 hours of community service for first offense. Increased penalties for additional violations.

California Vehicle Code, Section 23152 makes it unlawful for a person to drive a vehicle while under the influence (DUI) of any alcoholic beverage and/or drug. Persons arrested for DUI who refuse to be tested per Section 13353 shall have their privileges to operate a vehicle suspended for 1 year or for 2 years for a second refusal within a period of 10 years.

At the time of the arrest, a driver who has 0.08 or more alcohol concentration in their blood, will, upon conviction, be sentenced to not less than 96 hours in county jail and a fine of not less than \$390, no more than \$1000. Driver's license will be suspended, and the court can require that a first-time offender install a certified ignition interlock device on any vehicle that the person owns or operates.

For persons under the age of 21, Section 23140 makes it unlawful for a person to drive a vehicle who has 0.05 or more alcohol concentration in their blood.

State of California Penalties - Marijuana & Controlled Substances

Marijuana – Defined by California Health and Safety Code, Sections 11357-11362.9

Except as provided by law under the California Compassionate Use Act of 1996, a person shall not knowingly possess or use, possess for sale, produce, transport, import into the state, sell, furnish, administer, or give away. Additional penalties are noted in Health and Safety Code, Sections 11357-11362.9, https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=11357.&lawCode=HSC

Quantity	Age	Classification	First Offense	Second offense or subsequent offense
Possession of not more than 28.5 grams of cannabis, or not more than four grams of concentrated cannabis, or both	Persons under 18 years	Infraction	complete four hours of drug education or counseling and up to 10 hours of community service over a period not to exceed 60 days.	complete six hours of drug education or counseling and up to 20 hours of community service over a period not to exceed 90 days.
	Persons at least 18 years of age but less than 21 years of age	Infraction	punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100).	
Except as authorized by law, possession of more than 28.5 grams of cannabis, or more than four grams of concentrated cannabis	Persons under the age of 18 who possess more than 28.5 grams of cannabis or more than four grams of concentrated cannabis, or both	Infraction	Upon a finding that a first offense has been committed, complete eight hours of drug education or counseling and up to 40 hours of community service over a period not to exceed 90 days.	Upon a finding that a second or subsequent offense has been committed, complete 10 hours of drug education or counseling and up to 60 hours of community service over a period not to exceed 120 days
	Persons 18 years of age or over who possess more than 28.5 grams of cannabis, or more than four grams of concentrated cannabis, or both	Misdemeanor	shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of not more than six months or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or by both that fine and imprisonment.	
Except as authorized by law, possession of not more than 28.5 grams of cannabis, or not more than four grams of concentrated cannabis, upon the grounds of, or within, any school providing instruction in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, during hours the school is open for classes or school-related programs	Persons under the age of 18	Infraction	Upon a finding that a first offense has been committed, complete eight hours of drug education or counseling and up to 40 hours of community service over a period not to exceed 90 days.	Upon a finding that a second or subsequent offense has been committed, complete 10 hours of drug education or counseling and up to 60 hours of community service over a period not to exceed 120 days
	Persons 18 years of age or over	Misdemeanor	A fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), upon a finding that a first offense has been committed.	A fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of not more than 10 days, or both, upon a finding that a second or subsequent offense has been committed.

Controlled Substances (formerly classified Dangerous Drugs) (defined by California Health and Safety Code, Sections 11377-11382.5)

Except as provided by law, a person shall not knowingly possess or use, possess for sale, produce, transport, import in the state, sell, furnish, administer, or give away, or attempt to import into the state or transport any controlled substance. Additional penalties as noted in Health and Safety Code, Sections 11377-11382.5.

Activity	Classification	Penalty
A person who possesses or uses a dangerous drug.	Misdemeanor/Felony	Monetary fine, up to 1 year imprisonment.
A person who possesses a dangerous drug for the purpose of selling.	Felony	Imprisonment
A person who transports a dangerous drug.	Felony	Imprisonment up to 4 years.

Controlled Substances (formerly classified Narcotics) (defined by California Health and Safety Code, Sections 111350-11356.5)

Except as provided by law, a person shall not knowingly possess or use, possess for sale, produce, transport, import in the state, sell, furnish, administer, or give away. Additional penalties as noted in Health and Safety Code, Sections 111350-11356.5.

Activity	Classification	Penalty
A person who possesses or uses a narcotic drug.	Misdemeanor/Felony	A fine of \$1000 or community service. Additional penalties, including jail time, for
A person who possesses a narcotic drug for the purpose of selling	Felony	Imprisonment up to 4 years.
A person who transports a narcotic drug	Felony	Imprisonment up to 5 years

Federal Trafficking Penalties - Marijuana

Federal Trafficking Penalties for Marijuana, Hashish and Hashish Oil, Schedule I Substances	
Marijuana 1,000 kilograms or more marijuana mixture or 1,000 or more marijuana plants	First Offense: Not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs., or more than life. Fine not more than \$10 million if an individual, \$50 million if other than an individual. Second Offense: Not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if other than an individual.
Marijuana 100 to 999 kilograms marijuana mixture or 100 to 999 marijuana plants	First Offense: Not less than 5 yrs. or more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine not more than \$5 million if an individual, \$25 million if other than an individual. Second Offense: Not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$50million if other than an individual.
Marijuana 50 to 99 kilograms marijuana mixture, 50 to 99 marijuana plants	First Offense: Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual.
Hashish More than 10 kilograms	
Hashish Oil More than 1 kilogram	
Marijuana less than 50 kilograms marijuana (but does not include 50 or more marijuana plants regardless of weight) 1 to 49 marijuana plants	First Offense: Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than \$250,000, \$1 million if other than an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 10 yrs. Fine \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if other than individual.
Hashish 10 kilograms or less	
Hashish Oil 1 kilogram or less	

Federal Trafficking Penalties – Other Drugs

Federal Trafficking Penalties for Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V (except Marijuana)				
Schedule	Substance/Quantity	Penalty	Substance/Quantity	Penalty
II	Cocaine 500-4999 grams mixture	First Offense: Not less than 5 yrs. and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than \$5 million if an individual, \$25 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual.	Cocaine 5 kilograms or more mixture	First Offense: Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than \$10 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not less than 20 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual. 2 or More Prior Offenses: Life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.
II	Cocaine Base 28-279 grams mixture		Cocaine Base 280 grams or more mixture	
IV	Fentanyl 40-399 grams mixture		Fentanyl 400 grams or more mixture	
I	Fentanyl Analogue 10-99 grams mixture		Fentanyl Analogue 100 grams or more mixture	
I	Heroin 100-999 grams mixture		Heroin 1 kilogram or more mixture	
I	LSD 1-9 grams mixture		LSD 10 grams or more mixture	
II	Methamphetamine 5-49 grams pure or 50-499 grams mixture		Methamphetamine 50 grams or more pure or 500 grams or more mixture	
II	PCP 10-99 grams pure or 100-999 grams mixture		PCP 100 grams or more pure or 1 kilogram or more mixture	

Substance/Quantity	Penalty
Any Amount of Other Schedule I & II Substances	First Offense: Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than Life. Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual.
Any Drug Product Containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid	
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV) 1 Gram	
Any Amount of Other Schedule III Drugs	First Offense: Not more than 10 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not more than 15 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2.5 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not more than 30 yrs. Fine not more than \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual.
Any Amount of All Other Schedule IV Drugs (other than one gram or more of Flunitrazepam)	First Offense: Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 10 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if other than an individual.
Any Amount of All Schedule V Drugs	First Offense: Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than \$100,000 if an individual, \$250,000 if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 4 yrs. Fine not more than \$200,000 if an individual, \$500,000 if not an individual.

The next page provides the Uses and Effects of Drugs. This is a summary reference chart taken from the US Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) 2024 Edition of the Drugs of Abuse – A DEA Resource Guide. For more information about illegal and legal drugs and their effects, visit the DEA's website at: <https://www.dea.gov/factsheets>. The DEA also review the up-to-date informative guide entitled Drugs of Abuse available at: <https://www.dea.gov/stories/2025/2025-01/2025-01-03/dea-releases-2024-edition-drugs-abuse-resource-guide>.

DRUGS OF ABUSE: USES & EFFECTS

Based on DEA Drugs of Abuse: A Resource Guide, 2024 Edition

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DEA Schedule	Category	Examples	Common Reasons for Use	Immediate Effects	Major Risks
I/II	Opioids	Fentanyl, Heroin, Oxycodone	Pain relief, relaxation	Drowsiness, slowed breathing	Overdose, addiction, death
II	Stimulants	Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Amphetamine	Energy, alertness, focus	Increased heart rate	Cardiovascular complications, psychosis, addiction
III/IV	Depressants	Xanax, Valium	Relaxation, sleep	Sedation	Dependence, respiratory depression, overdose
I	Hallucinogens	LSD, Psilocybin, Mescaline	Altered perception	Hallucinations	Panic reactions, impaired judgment, accidents
II/III	Dissociatives	PCP, Ketamine, DXM	Detachment	Confusion, hallucinations	Memory impairment, injury
I	Cannabis	Marijuana, THC Products	Relaxation, euphoria	Impaired coordination	Dependence, impaired driving
I	MDMA	Ecstasy, Molly	Sociability	Increased energy	Hyperthermia, dehydration
NS	Inhalants	Solvents, Nitrous Oxide	Intoxication	Dizziness	Brain injury, sudden death
I/Varies	Synthetic Drugs	K2/Spice, Bath Salts	Cannabis-like effects	Agitation, paranoia	Seizures, psychosis

Current Drug Threats: Counterfeit pills may contain fentanyl. Fentanyl presents a high risk of fatal overdose. High-potency THC products may produce stronger impairment.

Warning Signs of Substance Misuse: Declining work or school performance; mood or behavior changes; secrecy, social withdrawal, or isolation; sleep disturbances; financial difficulties; impaired judgment.

Call 911 Immediately If a Person Exhibits: Unresponsiveness, slow or stopped breathing, blue or gray lips/fingernails, seizures, or loss of consciousness.

DEA Schedule Legend: I = No accepted medical use; high abuse potential | II = Accepted medical use; high abuse potential | III = Moderate abuse potential | IV = Lower abuse potential | V = Lowest abuse potential | NS = Not Federally Scheduled

For more detailed information about specific substances, health effects, scheduling classifications, legal status, and prevention resources, please refer to *Drugs of Abuse: A DEA Resource Guide, 2024 Edition* published by the DEA.

Sources: 1. DEA Drugs of Abuse: A Resource Guide, 2024 Edition; 2. DEA Drug Scheduling Guidance; 3. NIDA Commonly Abused Drugs Chart.