

MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE
Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy



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Alcohol and Drug Use

It is the policy of Morris Brown College to comply with the Drug Free Workplace act of 1988 (41 USC 701-707). To this end, every reasonable effort will be made to provide and maintain a safe and healthy workplace and academic environment free from the dangers stemming from the manufacture, distribution, possession, and use of any controlled substance.

Accordingly, Morris Brown College students are prohibited by the College from using, possessing, manufacturing, dispensing, distributing or being under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or illegal drugs on College-owned property, at College-sponsored activities, or while attending off-campus events as an official representative of the College. Moreover, no Morris Brown College employee shall sell, possess or consume alcoholic beverages on College property or as part of any of the College's activities, without appropriate prior written approval from the President. Finally, Morris Brown College employees, students, and College-sponsored organizations must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws pertaining to the use, possession, manufacture, dispensation or distribution of alcohol, controlled substances, or illegal drugs.

The term "controlled substances" as used in this policy refers to those drugs and substances whose possession, sale, or delivery results in criminal sanctions under Georgia law. The College also prohibits the sale, possession, and/or distribution of drug paraphernalia including, but not limited to, hookahs, bong, pipes, etc., as well as the sale, delivery, or transfer of a prescription or prescription drug.

A federal or state drug conviction can also disqualify a student for Federal Student Aid funds.

Federal Student Aid Penalties for Drug Convictions

A federal or state drug conviction (but not a local or municipal conviction) can disqualify a student from using federal student aid. Only convictions occurring during a period of enrollment in which the student was receiving federal student aid are counted against students for aid eligibility purposes, as indicated on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The following chart indicates the suspension period for related offenses.

	Possession of Illegal Drugs	Sale of Illegal Drugs
1st Offense	1 year from date of conviction	2 years from date of conviction
2nd Offense	2 years from date of conviction	Indefinite Period
3rd + Offense	Indefinite Period	Indefinite Period

A student may regain eligibility prior to the end of the period of ineligibility if he/she successfully completes a qualified drug rehabilitation program that includes passing two unannounced drug tests if he/she passes two unannounced drug tests administered by such a program, or if the conviction is reversed, set aside, or otherwise rendered invalid. A rehabilitation program is considered qualified if it meets at least one of the following criteria:

- It is qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly from a federal, state, or local government program.
- It is qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a federally or state-licensed insurance company.
- It is administered or recognized by a federal, state, or local government agency or court.

- It is administered or recognized by a federally or state-licensed hospital, health clinic, or medical doctor.

Please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Sheet from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of National Drug Control Policy for more information at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/>.

Sanctions and Penalties

Any member of the Morris Brown College faculty, staff or student body that violates the College's Alcohol and Drug Policy shall be subject to corrective disciplinary actions and sanctions. Student sanctions can range from suspension up to and including expulsion from College academic programs as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and Disciplinary System. Faculty and staff sanctions can range from suspension up to and including termination.

In addition to internal college sanctions, violators of the Morris Brown College Alcohol and Drug Policy are subject to referral to the appropriate federal, state, or local authorities for prosecution in the courts. Depending upon the nature of the crime, persons convicted of violating federal and state laws prohibiting the unlawful use, possession, dispensation, and distribution of alcohol, controlled substances, or illegal drugs may also face criminal prosecution.

Advertisements and Promotions

Publications of any type and in any college-sanctioned media must not accept or contain commercial advertising or other materials that promotes, depicts, or encourages the consumption, use, or purchase of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances. Moreover, neither the College's name, the names of its organizations, nor its logos, mascots, marks, or other identifying indicia may be used in conjunction with any materials, references, or imagery, including commercial sponsorship, related to the consumption, use, or purchase of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.

Serving Alcohol at College Sponsored Events

If alcohol is to be served at a College sponsored and approved event, approval must be obtained from the President's Office. At the initial meeting, the President's Office will assist in obtaining any necessary permits. All guidelines and regulations contained in the College's Alcohol and Drug Use Policy must be strictly observed, including the prohibition of students consuming alcohol while on campus. The sponsors of the event assume the responsibility of adhering to College guidelines and state and federal law and ensuring that appropriate behavior is maintained at all times.

All events must terminate by the President's decision given prior to the event.

1. Alcoholic beverages are to be consumed only in the designated room(s) approved for the event.
2. Proof of legal drinking age will be required at the bar.
3. Only those beverages provided by the sponsoring organization of an event are to be consumed. Individuals are not permitted to bring their own beverages to an event.
4. The College encourages low risk use of alcohol. No person will be served alcohol if they are already visibly intoxicated. No alcohol will be given away as a prize.
5. Drinking games will not be allowed.
6. No person may obtain alcohol for another person unless the person is present at the time of purchase, regardless of whether they are of legal drinking age.
7. Soft drinks and food must be made available for the duration of any activity where alcoholic beverages are served.

8. Morris Brown College will discourage the inappropriate use of alcohol by any member of its community.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Counseling

Morris Brown College has a drug and alcohol prevention program, MBC CHOICE, that is available to students. Please contact Choice@Morrisbrown.edu for more information or go to [About MBC Choice – Morris Brown College](#).

Drug and alcohol counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation programs for students are available from a variety of community sources. Morris Brown College has a formal relationship with St. Joseph Mercy Care also known as Mercy Care. Address--424 Decatur St SE, Atlanta, GA 30312--Phone: (678) 843-8600. Programs regarding drug and alcohol abuse are offered by the College on an on-going basis and are open to all members of the college community. Alcohol and drug counseling programs are available to members of the campus community through the college as well. Participation in counseling programs is strictly confidential.

Health Risks

Various health risks are associated with the use of illicit drugs. Some of the more common risks are cited below and may be found at www.justice.gov/dea/druginfo/factsheets.shtml.

Drug	Risk of Physical Dependence	Risk of Psychological Dependence	Health Risks
Narcotics (e.g., heroin, oxycodone, morphine)	High	High	Drowsiness, slow and shallow breathing, confusion, muscle weakness, nausea, convulsions, coma, death
Stimulants (e.g., crack/cocaine, amphetamines, methamphetamine)	Possible	High	High fever, agitation, panic, headache, dizziness, tremors, convulsions, cardiac arrest, stroke, death
Depressants (e.g., Valium, Xanax, Rohypnol)	Moderate	Moderate	Loss of motor coordination, weakness, headache, blurred vision, dizziness, nausea, low blood pressure, slow breathing, coma, death
Hallucinogens (e.g., LSD, MDMA, PCP)	None	Unknown	Seizures, muscle cramps, nausea, liver kidney and cardiovascular failure, coma, death
Inhalants	Unknown	High	Muscle weakness, disorientation, nausea, nervous system and organ damage, asphyxiation, death
Marijuana	Unknown	Moderate	Dizziness, nausea, dry mouth, loss of motor coordination, panic attacks