

Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

The unlawful possession, use, purchase, or distribution of alcohol on BAMSI property or as part of any BAMSI activity is prohibited. The unlawful possession, use, purchase, or distribution of illicit drugs, controlled substances (including stimulants, depressants, narcotics, or hallucinogenic drugs), or paraphernalia—or the misuse of prescription drugs, including sharing, procuring, buying, or using in a manner different from the prescribed use, or by someone other than the person for whom it was prescribed—is prohibited on BAMSI property or as part of any BAMSI activity.

Associated Health Risks:

All drugs, including alcohol, can cause marked changes in behavior and have side effects.

Their influences can affect the safety and well-being of the users as well as those around them. Even low doses significantly impair the judgment and coordination and reduce physical coordination and mental alertness, while increasing the incidence of aggressive behavior. Moderate to high doses of alcohol drastically impair an individual's ability to function, sometimes rendering them unconscious. Users may also experience abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, rapid heartbeat, and irregular breathing. Convulsions, coma, and death are also possible. Combining drugs can be fatal.

Disciplinary Sanctions

The Institute will impose disciplinary sanctions on students (consistent with the laws of the country) for violations of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy. Disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, warnings, fines, probation, suspension, expulsion, or referral for prosecution may result. Note: Sanctions may be assessed against individuals and organizations, as well as guests and their host. Fines may be imposed for any violation to cover expenses related to repair or replacement of damaged items or for cleanup.