



Statement on Compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989

Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) expresses its commitment to the complete educational development of the individual: intellectual, moral, social and spiritual. It attempts, moreover, to create a person-centered learning environment in which both academic and co-curricular programs and services provide creative alternatives responsive to the needs of individual students.

Flowing from its purpose, OLLU is committed to complying with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, which requires OLLU to notify students and employees annually of certain information. This information must include: the standards of conduct prohibiting the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol; a list of applicable sanctions under federal, state, or local laws for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol; a description of the health risks associated with the abuse of alcohol or use of illicit drugs; a list of drug and alcohol programs (counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, and re-entry) that are available; clear statement that the University will impose disciplinary sanctions for violations of the standards of conduct and a description of those sanctions, up to and including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution.

OLLU contends the abuse of substances can have devastating effects on an abuser's physical health and spiritual well-being. Even those substances which one might consider mild can derail an abuser's personal, academic and professional life. The following information is from the Drug Enforcement Agency publication regarding [Health Risks of Controlled Substances](#). Additionally, the following OLLU departments/programs provide educational awareness, resources, and referrals or assessments to treat such abuse of alcohol and other drugs:

[Counseling Services](#)

[Health Services](#)

[OLLU Cares](#)

OLLU promotes an environment to prevent the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. The OLLU Student Handbook provides policies clearly prohibiting the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol on OLLU property or as part of any University activities. Range of sanctions for initial incident: fines, community retribution, substance abuse assessment(s) and counseling, loss of on-campus housing privilege, University probation, co-curricular suspension, expulsion and referrals for prosecution. Final decisions about sanctions will depend on the

nature of each individual incident. The OLLU Employee Handbook provides policies clearly prohibiting the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol on OLLU property or as part of any University activities.

Texas Law

- **Possession of Marijuana**
Minimum: Confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days and a fine not to exceed \$2,000
Maximum: Confinement in jail for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years and a fine not to exceed \$50,000
- **Possession of Controlled Substances (drugs)**
Minimum: Confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days and a fine not to exceed \$2,000
Maximum: Confinement in jail for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 10 years and a fine not to exceed \$250,000
- **Delivery of Marijuana**
Minimum: Confinement in jail for a term not more than 180 days and a fine not to exceed \$2,000
Maximum: Confinement in jail for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 10 years and a fine not to exceed \$100,000
- **Manufacture or delivery of controlled substance (drugs)**
Minimum: Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 2 yrs. or less than 180 days, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000
Maximum: Confinement in jail for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 15 years, and a fine not to exceed \$250,000
- **Public Intoxication**
Minimum: Class C Misdemeanor: A fine not to exceed \$500, alcohol awareness class, 8 to 12 hours community service, 30 days suspension of driver's license
Maximum: Fine of \$250 to \$2,000, confinement in jail for up to 180 days, 180 days suspension of driver's license
- **Possession of alcohol in a motor vehicle (Open container)**
Minimum: Class C Misdemeanor: A fine not to exceed \$500
Maximum: 180 days of jail confinement and a \$2,000 fine if a DWI conviction is involved
- **Driving while intoxicated (includes intoxication from both alcohol and/or drugs)**
Minimum: Class B Misdemeanor: A fine not to exceed \$2,000, 3 days in jail, or both, 90 days suspension of driver's license
Maximum: A \$10,000 fine, two years in jail, two years suspension of drivers' license, required Ignition Interlock Device for personal vehicle
- [Texas alcohol related laws for minors](#)

Federal Law

- **Possession of drugs (including Marijuana)**
Minimum: Fine in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, up to one year in jail
Maximum: A jail term of not more than more 20 years or not less than five years, and a fine of not less than \$5,000 plus costs of investigation and prosecution.
- **Manufacture, distribution, dispensing drugs (includes Marijuana).**
Minimum: A jail term of up to five years and a fine of up to year and a fine of \$100,000 (for individual) or \$250,000 (if other than an individual)

Maximum: A jail term of life without release (no eligibility for parole) and a fine not to exceed \$20,000,000 (for individual) or \$75,000,000 (if other than an individual)

- **Operation of common carrier under the influence of alcohol or drugs**

Maximum: A jail term of up to 15 years and a fine not to exceed \$250,000

- [Federal Drug Penalties](#)