

Tobacco Free Campus Policy

Southern University and A&M College recognizes the overwhelming scientific evidence assembled by the U.S. Surgeon General, Centers for Disease Control, Environmental Protection Agency, and World Health Organization, which demonstrates that tobacco is a profound agent of deadly diseases, responsible for millions of deaths worldwide each year, both to tobacco users and non-users. Tobacco use is inconsistent with a culture of wellness. While acknowledging the hazards of smoking, Southern University has, more importantly, dedicated itself to providing safe, healthy, comfortable, and productive living and learning environment for visitors, employees and students.

Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. §§40:1300.252-40:1300.263, Southern University and A&M College issues this 100% Tobacco-Free Policy. Smoking and tobacco use of any kind is prohibited on all campus property and/or other properties owned and/or leased locations/premises; all internal and external areas, parking garages, and parking lots; all entrances and exits; and in all University owned and/or leased vehicles. Students may not smoke in their own or others' vehicles when the vehicles are parked on Southern University properties.

This policy will be in place at all Southern University and A&M College sponsored events—both on our premises and at external locations hosting such events, including non-University hours and will further apply to all faculty, staff, students and visitors.

Definitions

- **Smoking:** inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe.
- **Tobacco Products:** all forms of tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), electronic cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco products.

Tobacco-Free Regulations

- The use of tobacco is prohibited by students, staff, faculty or visitors:
 - In all campus buildings, facilities, or property owned or leased the University.
 - On campus grounds, facilities, or in vehicles that are the property of the University;
 - At lectures, conferences, meetings, and social and/or cultural events held on University property or grounds.
- The sale or free distribution of tobacco products, including merchandise on campus or at University events is prohibited.
- Southern University and A&M College student organizations are prohibited from accepting money or gifts from tobacco companies including:
 - Parties sponsored by tobacco companies and allowing them to distribute free, reduced-price, or fully priced tobacco products (T-shirts, hats, etc.) on campus.
- Tobacco advertisements are prohibited in college-run publications and on grounds or facilities, including athletic facilities, owned or operated by the University.
- Southern University and A&M College will provide information on free and accessible tobacco treatment resources on campus.

Enforcement

In accordance with the *Student Code of Conduct*, violators of this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary sanctions. The responsibility for the enforcement and communication of this policy rests with all members of the University community. Any member of the University community may and is expected to identify violators of this policy.

Persons identifying a student violation should follow these steps:

- Obtain the violator's full name and/or ask for their student ID card; and
- Report the incident to the Office of the Dean of Students or the Southern University Police Department.
 - Individuals should contact the Southern University Police Department when:
 - The violator is non-compliant; or
 - It is outside of normal University business hours.
 - The Southern University Police Department and the Office of Residence Life and Housing will forward all reports received to the Office of the Dean of Students.
- Residence Life and Housing staff will be responsible for addressing all violations with residence hall students while on or around residence hall property including, but not limited to, parking lots, walkways, courtyards, building entrances and exits by:
 - Reminding the person of this policy;
 - Requesting immediate compliance with this policy;
 - Obtaining the violator's full name/or asking for their student ID card; and/or
 - Imposing appropriate fines.
- Staff for other facilities and programs will be responsible for addressing violations where they occur and are expected to enforce the policy following the aforementioned procedures and the detailed procedures created for their particular facility or program.