

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Drug Free School and Communities Policy

General Information

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley is a drug-free school and complies with the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1990. The Drug Free School and Communities Act of 1989 requires institutions of higher education to adopt and implement programs to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol. Information concerning these programs must be distributed to students annually. For information regarding these policies please refer to the following: Drug Free School and Communities Act provided by the Office of the Dean of Students at utrgv.edu/srr.

UTRGV is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for the campus community. Alcohol and other drugs should not interfere with the University's educational mission. All UTRGV students, faculty members, staff members, administrators and visitors are subject to local state and federal laws regarding the unlawful possession, distribution, or use of alcohol or illegal drugs.

Associated Health Risks of Substance Abuse and Penalties

**(legal penalty risks detailed at the end of this document)*

Alcohol

Effects of Occasional and Extended Use:

Liver disease, heart disease, pancreatitis, cirrhosis of the liver, hepatitis, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, slowed reaction, high blood pressure, stroke, birth defects, cancer of the esophagus, mouth, throat, and larynx (voice box), breast cancer, colon cancer, rectal cancer, unconsciousness, memory loss, impotence, weight gain, premature aging, bad breath, infertility, heart attacks, stomach ulcers, colitis, unconsciousness.

Marijuana

Effects of Occasional and Extended Use:

Memory and learning difficulties, distorted perception; difficulty in thinking and problem solving; loss of coordination; and increased heart rate, heart attack, burning and stinging of the mouth and throat, heavy cough, respiratory illnesses, cancer of the respiratory tract and lungs, decreased immune system functioning, depression, anxiety, personality disturbances, altered neurological development in infants, drug craving, irritability, sleeplessness, increased aggression

Cocaine & Crack Cocaine

Effects of Occasional and Extended Use:

Constricted peripheral blood vessels, dilated pupils, and increased temperature, heart rate, and blood pressure, restlessness, irritability, and anxiety, paranoia, depression, ulceration of the mucous membrane of the nose, cardiac arrest or seizures, respiratory arrest

Heroin, Opium, Morphine, Codeine and Demerol

Effects of Occasional and Extended Use:

Fatal overdose, spontaneous abortion, collapsed veins, infectious diseases including HIV/AIDS and hepatitis, infection of the heart lining and valves, abscesses, cellulitis, liver disease, pulmonary complications, pneumonia, cellular tissue death, malnutrition, low blood pressure, seizures

Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD), Phencyclidine (PCP)

Effects of Occasional and Extended Use:

Dilated pupils, higher body temperature, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, dry mouth, tremors, blocked speech, psychosis, extreme image distortion, violent behavior, flashbacks, hallucinations, increased heart rate and blood pressure, flushing, sweating, dizziness, numbness, drowsiness, convulsions, coma, heart and lung failure, ruptured blood vessels in the brain, death, affects memory, perception, concentration and judgment, paranoia, fearlessness, anxiety, may affect hormones related to growth, nausea, blurred vision, vomiting, drooling, loss of balance, delusions, catatonia, depression, weight loss

MDMA (Ecstasy)

Effects of Occasional and Extended Use:

Confusion, depression, sleep problems, severe anxiety, and paranoia, muscle tension, involuntary teeth clenching, nausea, blurred vision, faintness, and chills or sweating, increases in heart rate and blood pressure, brain damage, drug craving, rapid eye movement, acne-like rash, liver damage, Parkinson's disease – stimulant (like amphetamine) and hallucinogenic (like LSD) effects

Barbiturates and Tranquilizers

Effects of Occasional and Extended Use:

Shallow breathing, slurred speech, sluggishness, fatigue, disorientation, lack of coordination, dilated pupils, disinhibition, sleepiness, impairs memory, judgment and coordination, irritability, paranoid and suicidal ideation, depression of the respiratory center in the brain resulting in death, tremors, elevated blood pressure and pulse, sweating, seizures, emotional instability, vision problems, sexual dysfunction, chronic tiredness, menstrual irregularities, breathing disorders, hallucinations, vomiting, sleep and eating disorders

Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB)

Effects of Occasional and Extended Use:

Coma and seizures, nausea and difficulty breathing, insomnia, anxiety, tremors, sweating, unconsciousness

Rohypnol ("Roofies")

Effects of Occasional and Extended Use:

Amnesia, death, muscle reaction, seizures, dependence, blackouts, dizziness, disorientation, nausea, decreased blood pressure, visual disturbances, gastrointestinal disturbances, urinary retention, headache, muscle pain, extreme anxiety, tension, restlessness, confusion, irritability, numbness, tingling, loss of identity, hallucinations, delirium, convulsions, shock, cardiovascular collapse

Ketamine ("Special K")

Effects of Occasional and Extended Use:

Dream-like states and hallucinations, delirium, amnesia, impaired motor function, high blood pressure, depression, and potentially fatal respiratory problems

Inhalants

Effects of Occasional and Extended Use:

Unconsciousness, heart failure and death, suffocation, hearing loss, peripheral neuropathies or limb spasms, central nervous system or brain damage, bone marrow damage, liver and kidney damage, blood oxygen depletion, Kaposi's sarcoma

Note: Distribution of controlled substances in or near schools and colleges can result in penalties twice the regular penalty for the same offense. Trafficking in drugs can result in forfeiture of property including motor vehicles, vessels, money, real property and other personal property.

Note: Use of ANY controlled substance to aid in committing a crime of violence (including sexual assault) is a violation of federal law that could be prosecuted in addition to the underlying crime. Penalties may be as great as 20 years in prison with the penalties increased if the perpetrator has a prior conviction or if death or serious bodily injury results from the use of the controlled substance.

University Sanctions - Students

Unauthorized consumption, possession or distribution of alcohol is a violation of section [STU 02-100 STU 02-100 Student Conduct and Discipline](#). Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, attendance at workshops, educational sanctions, disciplinary probation, and removal from the residence halls, strict disciplinary probation – including loss of privileges, suspension, dismissal, and other sanctions appropriate to the violation. Possession, use or distribution of marijuana or any narcotic, hallucinogenic or other drug in either the refined or crude form which is prohibited by law is a violation of STU 02-100 Student Conduct and Discipline. Sanctions will include a minimum of a one semester suspension in addition to other sanctions that may apply upon return to campus. These may include, but are not limited to, attendance at workshops, educational sanctions, disciplinary probation, and removal from the residence halls, strict disciplinary probation – including loss of privileges, and other sanctions appropriate to the violation.

University Sanctions - University Employees

Employees who are under the influence, possess, use or furnish alcohol to a minor violates University policy [ADM 04-109 Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace](#) and may receive appropriate sanctions, up to and including termination. Possession or use of illegal drugs on University property or any other property where University business is being carried out is a violation of University policy. Unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of any drug or controlled substance is a violation of University policy. Employees who violate these rules may be subject to sanctions up to and including termination. For more information about the University's Alcohol Policy and the University's Drug Free Workplace Policy.

Resources - Students

Information and services are available for students at:

Student Health Services

(956) 665-2511 Edinburg,

(956) 882- 3896 Brownsville

Substance Abuse Services are provided through the Counseling and Psychological Services

(956) 665-2574 Edinburg

(956) 882-3896 Brownsville/Harlingen

Services offered include triage, intake, screening and assessment for substance abuse, mental health, and co-occurring problems. Services also include individual and group counseling for issues related to abuse, addiction recovery, and recovery maintenance. These services include referrals for education and other support services within the university community and the community at large. All clinical services in substance abuse are provided by an experienced and licensed addiction therapist.

In addition, Peer to Peer education and prevention is provided by the Superhero Project and BACCHUS peer education group which provides educational programs and activities such as:

- TIPS Training
- Health Info Fairs
- Sexual Responsibility Under The Influence
- ACOA Syndrome Awareness
- Arrive Alive
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month and events such as National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week and Safe Spring Break Week

The Peer education group BACCHUS is focused on promoting a positive campus community that reflects the attitudes, behaviors, and values of a healthy lifestyle.

Resources - Employees

The UT - Employee Assistance Program (UTEAP) is a service available to all employees of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. It provides confidential, professional assistance to help employees and members of their households resolve problems that affect their personal lives or job performance, including assistance with alcohol and other drug abuse concerns. For more information, contact Human Resources Benefits Administration or visit the UTEAP website at <http://www.uthouston.edu/uteap/>

On Campus Support and Resources (available to students)

Office	Contact Information Edinburg	Brownsville/Harlingen
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Counseling and Psychological Services	(956) 665-2574	(956) 882-3896
Student Health Services	(956) 665-2511	(956) 882-3896
Zen Recovery Center	(956) 665-2574	(956) 882-3896
UTRGV PD	(956) 665-7151	(956) 882-8232

Community Resources

Office	Contact Information	Location
Palmer Drug Abuse Program	(956) 687-7714	115 N. 9 th Street, McAllen, TX
Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas (Most commonly known as Rio Grande Valley Council)	(956) 787-7111	5510 N. Cage Blvd, Pharr, TX
Al-Anon/Alcoholics Anonymous	(956) 213-5300 or (956) 544-8530	
Tropical Texas Behavioral Health	(956) 289-7000 or 1-800-813-1233	1901 S. 24 th Avenue, Edinburg, TX
South Texas Behavioral Health	(956) 388-1300	2102 W. Trenton Rd, Edinburg, TX
Valley Aides Council	(956) 668-1155	601 N. McColl Rd, McAllen, TX
Mujeres Unidas	(956) 630-4878	511 N. Cynthia St, McAllen, TX
Lower Rio Grande Valley Alcoholics Anonymous	Help Line 1-888-880-9718	http://www.lowrgvaa27.org
Narcotics Anonymous - Brownsville	Help Line 1-800-559-9503	http://www.drugstrategies.org

Hotlines/Online Resources

Title	Contact Information	Email
SAMHSA's National Helpline	1-800-662-HELP (4357)	beta.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	1-800-273-TALK (8255)	suicidepreventionlifeline.org
Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator		findtreatment.samhsa.gov
RAINN Hotline	800-656-HOPE (4673)	rainn.org/get-help/national-sexual-assault-hotline
Mujeres Unidas Hotline	1-800-580-4879	
Not Alone – Together Against Sexual Assault		notalone.gov
National Sexual Assault Hotline	800-656-4673	
Love is Respect	866-331-9474	
National Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-7233	

Penalties for Drug Use

Marijuana

Possession

Amount	Penalty/ Fine	Imprisonment
Two ounces or less	Class B misdemeanor/ A fine not to exceed \$2,000	Confinement in jail for no more than 180 days
Four ounces or less but more than two ounces	Class A misdemeanor/ A fine not to exceed \$4,000	Confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year
Five pounds or less but more than four ounces	State jail felony/ A fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than two years or less than 180 days
50 pounds or less but more than 5 pounds	3rd degree felony/ A fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 10 years or less than 2 years
2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds	2nd degree felony/ A fine not exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
More than 2,000 pounds	A fine not to exceed \$50,000	Imprisonment for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years

Delivery

Amount	Penalty/Fine	Imprisonment
One-fourth ounce or less (gift)	Class B misdemeanor/ a fine not to exceed \$2,000	Confinement in jail for no more than 180 days
One-fourth ounce or less (receives remuneration)	Class A misdemeanor/ a fine not to exceed \$4,000	Confinement for no more than one year
five pounds or less but more than one-fourth ounce	State jail felony/ A fine not to exceed \$10,000	Confinement in a state jail for any term of not more than two years or less than 180 days
50 pounds or less but more than five pounds	2nd degree felony/ A fine not exceed \$10,000	Confinement in jail for a term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds	1st degree felony / fine not to exceed \$ 10,000	Imprisonment
2000 pounds or more	Felony with mandatory minimum sentence. Fine not to exceed \$ 100,000.	Confinement in jail for not more than 99 years or less than 10 years.
Sale of marijuana to a minor	Felony. Fine up to \$ 10,000.	Confinement in jail for not more than 20 years in jail or less than 2 years.

Sale within 1,000 feet of a school or within 300 feet of specified areas	Increase offense level and penalty.	Increase offense level and penalty.
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Cocaine & Crack Cocaine

Possession

Amount	Penalty/ Fine	Imprisonment
Less than 1 gram	State jail felony / fine not to exceed \$ 10,000	Confinement in a State Jail Facility for not more than 2 years or less than 6 months.
One gram or more but less than 4 grams	3rd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Confinement in prison for not more than 10 years or less than 2 years.
4 grams or more but not less than 200 grams	2nd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Confinement in prison for not more than 20 years or less than 2 years.
200 grams or more but less than 400 grams.	1st degree felony and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.	Confinement in prison for not more than 99 years or life or less than 5 years.
400 grams or more	Felony / fine not to exceed \$ 100,000.	Confinement in prison for not more than 99 years or less than 10 years.

Delivery

Amount	Penalty/Fine	Imprisonment
Less than one gram	State jail felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Confinement in a state jail for not more than two years or less than 180 days
One gram or more but less than four grams	2 nd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
Four grams or more but less than 200 grams	1 st degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000.	Imprisonment for not more than 99 years or life or not less than 10 years
200 grams or more but less than 400	Enhanced Felony / fine not to exceed \$ 100,000.	Imprisonment for not more than 99 years or not less than 10 years.
400 grams or more.	Enhanced Felony / fine not to exceed \$ 250,000.	Imprisonment for not more than 99 years or less than 15 years.

Heroin, Opium, Morphine, Codeine and Demerol

Possession

Amount	Penalty/ Fine	Imprisonment
Less than 1 gram	State jail felony / fine not to exceed \$ 10,000	Imprisonment in State Jail Facility for not more than 2 years or less than 6 months.
One gram or more but less than 4 grams	3rd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 10 years or less than 2 years.
4 grams or more but not less than 200 grams	2nd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 20 years or less than 2 years.
200 grams or more but less than 400 grams.	1st degree felony and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.	Imprisonment for not more than 99 years or life or less than 5 years.
400 grams or more	Enhanced Felony / fine not to exceed \$ 100,000.	Imprisonment for not more than 99 years or less than 10 years.

Delivery

Amount	Penalty/ Fine	Imprisonment
Less than one gram	State jail felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment in a state jail for not more than two years or less than 180 days
One gram or more but less than four grams	2 nd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for any term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
Four grams or more but less than 200 grams	1 st degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000.	Imprisonment for not more than 99 years or life or not less than 10 years
200 grams or more but less than 400	Felony / fine not to exceed \$ 100,000.	Imprisonment for not more than 99 years or not less than 10 years.
400 grams or more.	Enhanced Felony / fine not to exceed \$ 250,000.	Imprisonment for not more than 99 years or less than 15 years.

LSD, PCP

To Sell

Amount	Penalty/Fine	Imprisonment
Fewer than 20 units	State jail felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Confinement in a state jail for not more than two years or less than 180 days
20 or more, but fewer than 80 units	3 rd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 10 years or less than 2 years
80 or more, but fewer than 4,000	2 nd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
4,000 or more, but fewer than 8,000	1 st degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for life or for not more than life or 99 years or less than 5 years
8,000 or more units	Enhanced felony / A fine not to exceed \$250,000	Imprisonment for not more than life or 99 years or less than 15 years

Delivery

Amount	Penalty/ Fine	Imprisonment
Fewer than 20 units	State jail felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment in a state jail for not more than two years or less than 180 days
20 or more, but fewer than 80 units	2 nd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
80 or more, but fewer than 4,000	1 st degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for life or 99 years or less than 5 years
4,000 or more units	Enhanced felony / A fine not to exceed \$250,000	Imprisonment for not more than life or 99 years or less than 15 years

MDMA (Ecstasy)

Possession

Amount	Penalty/ Fine	Imprisonment
Less than one gram	State jail felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment in a state jail for not more than two years or less than 180 days
One gram or more but less than four grams	3 rd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 10 years or less than 2 years
Four grams or more but less than 400 grams	2 nd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
400 grams or more	Enhanced felony / a fine not to	Imprisonment for not more than

	exceed \$50,000	life or 99 years or less than five years
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Delivery

Amount	Penalty/ Fine	Imprisonment
Less than one gram	State jail felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment in a state jail for not more than two years or less than 180 days
One gram or more but less than four grams	2nd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
Four grams or more but less than 400 grams	1st degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than life or 99 years or less than 5 years
400 grams or more	Enhanced felony / A fine not to exceed \$100,000	Imprisonment for not more than life or 99 years or less than 10 years

Barbiturates and Tranquilizers

Possession

Amount	Penalty/ Fine	Imprisonment
Less than 28 grams	Class A misdemeanor/ A fine up to \$4,000.00	Confinement for no more than one year
28 grams or more but less than 200 grams	3 rd degree felony// a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 10 years or less than 2 years
200 grams or more but less than 400 grams	2 nd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
400 grams or more	Enhanced felony/ A fine not to exceed \$50,000	Imprisonment for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than five years

Delivery

Amount	Penalty/ Fine	Imprisonment
Less than 28 grams	State jail felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment in a state jail for not more than two years or less than 180 days
28 grams or more but less than 200 grams	2 nd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
200 grams or more but less than 400 grams	1 st degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for not more than life or 99 years or less than 5 years
400 grams or more	Enhanced felony/ a fine not to exceed \$100,000	Imprisonment for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 10 years

GHB**Possession**

Amount	Penalty/Fine	Imprisonment
Less than one gram	A state jail felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Confinement in a state jail for any term not more than two years or less than 180 days
One gram or more but less than four grams	3 rd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for any term of not more than 10 years or less than 2 years
Four grams or more but less than 200 grams	2 nd degree felony / a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for any term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
200 grams or more but less than 400 grams	1 st degree felony / a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for life or for any term not more than 99 years or less than 5 years
400 grams or more	Enhanced felony/ and a fine not to exceed \$100,000	Imprisonment for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 10 years

Delivery

Amount	Penalty/Fine	Imprisonment
Less than one gram	A state jail felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Confinement in a state jail for any term not more than two years or less than 180 days
One gram or more but less than four grams	2 nd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for any term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
Four grams or more but less than 200 grams	1 st degree felony / a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for life or for any term not more than 99 years or less than 5 years
200 grams or more but less	Enhanced felony/ A fine not to exceed \$100,000	Imprisonment for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 10 years
400 grams or more	Enhanced felony / A fine not to exceed \$250,000	Imprisonment for life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 15 years

**Rohypnol ("Roofies")
Possession**

Amount	Penalty/ Fine	Imprisonment
Less than one gram	State jail felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Confinement in a state jail for any term not more than two years or less than 180 days
One gram or more but less than four grams	3 rd degree felony / a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for any term of not more than 10 years or less than 2 years
Four grams or more but less than 200 grams	2 nd degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment for any term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years
200 grams or more but less than 400 grams	1 st degree felony/ a fine not to exceed \$10,000	Imprisonment life or for any term not more than 99 years or less than 5 years
400 grams or more	Enhanced felony/ A fine not to exceed \$100,000	For life or for a term of not more than 99 years or less than 10 years