

ANTI-ALCOHOL / DRUG/ TOBACCO ABUSE POLICY FRAMEWORK

1. Preamble

AMET promotes a drug, alcohol and tobacco free learning environment and strictly prohibits the cultivation, production, manufacture, possession, sale, purchase, transport, storage, consumption, or distribution of drugs, alcohol or tobacco as per guidelines under the respective laws.

In pursuit of this vision, AMET has adopted a comprehensive Anti-Alcohol/Drug Abuse Policy to ensure a safe, healthy, and productive campus atmosphere, free from the adverse effects of substance abuse.

This policy applies to all students, whether newly admitted or currently enrolled, staff, vendors, and is binding throughout their association with the institution.

2. Purpose

- To maintain a safe and drug, alcohol and tobacco free educational environment.
- To protect the health, safety, and well-being of all students, faculty, and staff.
- To support legal compliance in accordance with the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS), the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, the Tamil Nadu State Excise Policy for consumption, production and dealing with alcohol, as amended from time to time and other applicable laws. These would be hereinafter referred to as "Substances".
- To foster a culture of personal responsibility, discipline, and academic excellence.

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All students of AMET University
- All University-owned or operated properties, including academic buildings, halls/hostels, libraries and training sites.
- All college-sponsored events, activities, internships, and study tours, regardless of location.

4. Policy Provisions

4.1 Prohibition of Substances

Students are strictly prohibited from the following activities on campus premises or during any college-related event:

- Purchase, possession, use, consumption, sale, distribution, or storage of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, tobacco products (including cigarettes), or illegal drugs.
- Consuming any of the above substances within any college building, halls/hostel, or designated non-smoking area.

4.2 Random Substance Testing

- AMET reserves the right to conduct random alcohol or drug testing on students based on reasonable suspicion.
- Testing may be conducted by authorised medical agencies partnered with the college.

4.3 Submission of Test Reports

- Students with a prior record or reasonable suspicion of substance abuse may be mandated to submit periodic drug/alcohol test reports as directed by the AMET authorities.
- Failure to comply may lead to disciplinary proceedings.

4.4 Testing Following Incidents

- In the event of a campus-related accident, altercation, misconduct, or emergency, students involved may be subjected to immediate drug/alcohol testing.

5. Disciplinary Measures and Consequences

AMET has ZERO TOLERANCE for Violation of above guidelines, will enforce disciplinary action as per law, which may include suspension or termination from the University.

If a student is found guilty of violating this policy, whether by direct action or passive participation, the following disciplinary measures may be enforced:

Offense	Consequences
Possession, consumption, or being under the influence of alcohol/drugs	Immediate suspension pending investigation; possible termination; referral to counselling or rehabilitation programs where appropriate
Sale, distribution, or promotion of banned substances	Immediate expulsion and initiation of legal proceedings
Smoking within the campus premises	Warning for first offence; subsequent violations will invite suspension/fines/disciplinary probation
Refusal to undergo mandated testing	Treated as an admission of violation; disciplinary action initiated accordingly

All disciplinary actions are without prejudice to any applicable criminal proceedings under Indian law.

6. Mandatory Affidavit

All students and their parents/guardians must submit a **signed Anti-Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Abuse Affidavit** at the time of admission, affirming their understanding and acceptance of this Policy.

7. Support and Counselling

Wherever required and applicable, AMET is happy to provide preventive education, counselling and help with rehabilitation.

Accordingly, AMET offers confidential counselling services for students who voluntarily seek help for substance-related issues. Students are encouraged to reach out proactively.

A Psychological Counsellor is available to all cadets 24x7 for advice and discussion and the Cadet Complaint Resolution Cycle (CCRC) starting with registering an online complaint and ending with the resolution of the grievance ensures all complaints are addressed in a given time frame and seen to resolution.

An annual training regards the policy will be organised post each annual or other review to familiarise the students and staff of the changes and the attendance log for the same maintained for inspection.

8. Review and Amendment

This Policy will be reviewed periodically by the University Administration to ensure its relevance and effectiveness. Amendments, if any, shall be communicated to students through official notifications.

9. Compliance and Acknowledgement

By enrolling at AMET University, students agree to comply with this Anti-Alcohol/Drug/ Tobacco Abuse Policy in its entirety. Breaches of the Policy will be dealt with seriously, reflecting AMET's commitment to upholding the values of a responsible and disciplined academic community.

Recordkeeping & Communication:

All instances of punishment and recommendations of the Committee are recorded and made available for inspection.

Students facing punishment are advised in writing of the reasons and the punishment with a copy to their parents or guardians.

Closure records for all cases and policy acknowledgment receipts from all stakeholders are maintained in a secure, central repository as part of the institutional audit trail.

Review of the Policy:

The Policy will be reviewed annually or after each major incident or change in the laws of the land.