

University of the Incarnate Word Status Sanction Guidelines – Alcohol and Other Drugs

The following guidelines have been developed to promote transparency regarding status, or inactive, sanctions. Status sanctions are indicators not only of the severity of violations of University policies, but as a marker of the student’s standing at the institution. This non-exhaustive list reflects possible status sanctions for **first-time violations**, and should not be treated as absolute, but as a reference so that students can understand where hearing officers are starting from when evaluating potential violations. Hearing officers have the discretion to consider other aggravating or mitigating factors in their final determinations of appropriate status sanctions on a case-by-case basis, including previous conduct history and other concurrent violations of policy.

Status Sanction	Alcohol Policy	Marijuana	Other Drugs
Written Warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being present during the improper consumption/use of alcohol • Possessing alcohol containers in unapproved locations • Consumption of alcohol in unapproved locations (21+) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being present during the consumption/use of marijuana 	Not likely for first time offense, due to the seriousness of the violation.
Disciplinary Probation (minimum of 3 months)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underage consumption of alcohol • Providing alcohol to minors • Use of a common source of alcohol (keg, punch, etc.) • Intoxication to the point of causing a disturbance or engaging in reckless and/or dangerous behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession and/or use of marijuana • Possession and/or use of paraphernalia 	Not likely for first time offense, due to the seriousness of the violation.
Deferred Suspension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DUI • DWI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession of a significant quantity of marijuana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being present during the possession, use, distribution, or sale of other drugs
Suspension and/or Expulsion (minimum of 6 months)	Not likely for first time offense, unless aggravating factors are present.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution/selling/growing of marijuana 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession, use, distribution, or sale of other drugs