



Union's Senior Staff supports the recommendation of the Smoke/Tobacco Free Committee in making Union College Smoke/Tobacco Free. As a result, the College has adopted the following smoke-free and tobacco-free policy, effective July 1, 2016. Signs about the policy will be posted appropriately throughout campus and on other properties owned, leased, or rented by the College. The College will provide concerted programming to educate the community of the policy, and offer accessible cessation programs to administration, faculty, staff and students who wish to discontinue smoking and/or the use of tobacco products.

Union College – Smoke/Tobacco Free Policy (effective July 1, 2016)

Union College recognizes that smoking, breathing second hand smoke, or using tobacco products constitutes a significant health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, employees, visitors and campus facilities. The College is committed to promoting health, wellness, and prevention within its community, as well as providing a healthy learning and working environment for administration, faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors, and vendors.

All areas of the College campus, all campus properties, and all campus vehicles are designated as smoke/tobacco free.

For the purpose of this policy, smoking and tobacco use is defined as using any type of tobacco product including, but not limited to, cigarettes (commercial, handmade, or electronic), cigars, cigarillos, pipes, hookahs, vape pens, oral tobacco (spit and spitless, smokeless, chew, snuff), or any other similar smoking material or delivery device including anything that simulates smoking.

The Smoke/Tobacco Free Policy strictly prohibits:

1. Smoking or the use of any other tobacco product in all College campus buildings, on the College grounds, and on properties owned, leased, or rented by the College.
2. Smoking and the use of any tobacco product in all College owned, leased, or rented vehicles.
3. The sale of tobacco products on campus.
4. The free distribution of tobacco products on campus.
5. Tobacco advertisements in College-produced (run) publications.

Organizers and attendees at events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social and sporting events, using College facilities, will be required to abide by the College's Smoke/Tobacco Free Policy. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating and enforcing this policy

Effective implementation and success of the Smoke/Tobacco Free Policy depends upon the courtesy, respect, thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of all smoking and non-smoking members of the Union College community. All members of the community are responsible for implementation and enforcement of this policy. All members of the community are encouraged to advise other employees, students, and visitors about the policy, suggest to anyone smoking that they not smoke on the campus or on college-owned properties, and, when appropriate, direct smokers off the campus. Individuals violating this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and should be reported to an appropriate authority (supervisor, manager, Campus Safety, Human Resources, or Student Affairs administration).

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