

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY:	STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS
RESPONSIBLE CONTACT:	DEAN OF STUDENTS
POLICY IDENTIFICATION:	ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY
EFFECTIVE DATE:	01/2008
LAST REVISED	2020; 05/2022

Virginia Union University implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy in 2008. Zero tolerance policies are intended to make schools safer places to learn. Virginia Union University's "Zero Tolerance" policy includes guns/weapons, drugs, alcohol, and fighting. A zero tolerance policy requires university officials to —suspend or expel—a student when they break the rules. ”

### **Guns/Weapons are not allowed**

§ 18.2-308.1. Possession of firearm, stun weapon, ammunition, explosives, knives, or other weapons on University property prohibited; and can be considered a penalty.

### **Drugs and Controlled Substances are not allowed**

§ 18.2-255.2. § 54.1-3401. Prohibit the sale, manufacture, and use of controlled substances on or near University properties; and can be considered a penalty.

### **Alcohol is not allowed**

§ 4.1. The use of alcohol while on the properties of Virginia Union University is prohibited except when authorized by the University at designated functions. Students found responsible for driving under the influence, public intoxication, possession of false identification, or possession/consumption of alcohol in a university facility regardless of age is not allowed.

### **Fighting is not allowed**

§ 18.2-51. Fighting at the levels of Simple, Assault and Battery, or Aggravated on or off campus are not tolerated on campus and are punishable by law.

### **Hazing is not allowed**

Hazing is defined as any planned action or created a situation on or off-campus that is demeaning to an individual, produces mental or physical duress, harassment, or ridicule and which recklessly endangers the health or safety or scholastic pursuits of an individual. Prohibited acts committed for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization or student group.