The Delaware College of Art and Design policy regarding alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs has been established for the well-being of faculty, students, and staff. It is intended to promote and maintain a safe environment that is conducive to learning and to protect individuals and the institution from liability. DCAD has designated all of its classrooms, studios and student housing as alcohol free.

DCAD does not condone the violation of Delaware and federal laws pertaining to the use of alcohol and illegal drugs. All students, faculty and administrative staff are expected to be familiar with and abide by these laws and regulations. Violations of the alcohol and/or illegal drug policy will be cause for suspension or dismissal from the College. In addition, violators are subject to criminal charges and prosecution for violation of Delaware laws and ordinances. The College reserves the right to require participation in an alcohol or illegal drug counseling program for any student whose substance abuse problem affects his or her education or that of other students. In the event that the student is classified as dependent by the IRS, Delaware College of Art and Design also reserves the right to contact a parent in the event of alcohol and drug violations.

The staff and faculty of the Delaware College of Art and Design are concerned about the abuse of alcohol. Alcohol is a depressant that, even in small doses, slows brain activity, reduces inhibitions and impairs judgment. Higher doses can cause alcohol poisoning, coma or death. In the State of Delaware, you can be convicted of driving while intoxicated if you are found to have a blood/alcohol level of 0.08% or higher. Please think carefully about the use of alcohol and make your own educated decisions.

Delaware Law Regarding Alcoholic Beverages (as defined by Delaware Code, Title 4, Sect. 904):
- No person who is under 21 years of age shall drink or possess any alcoholic beverage in the State of Delaware.
- A person who misrepresents his or her age in order to obtain alcohol is subject to fine or imprisonment.
- Alcohol may not be sold or delivered to anyone under the age of 21.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be sold or delivered to any person who is intoxicated or who appears to be intoxicated.
- No person under the age of 21 may serve as a bartender. A bartender is defined as a person who mixes, fixes, makes or concocts any alcoholic beverage for consumption.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in any street, alley, park, or parking lot, or in any vehicle in those areas. Violators may be fined.