AlcoholEdu for College 2011/2012 FAQs

What is AlcoholEdu for College (AEDU)? UCSC requires freshmen and transfer students 24 years of age and younger to complete AEDU, an online pre-matriculation prevention course offered at campuses nationwide. AEDU provides research based information about alcohol and its effects and creates a learning experience that motivates behavior change, resets unrealistic expectations about the effects of alcohol, links choices about drinking to academic and personal success, and helps students to practice healthier and safer decision-making.

Why are we implementing this program? Alcohol use and its misuse are a national health problem among college students. UCSC is focused on prevention education and early intervention to reduce harms associated with drinking such as binging, DUI, sexual assault, memory loss, and alcohol poisoning. AEDU promotes informed decision-making and helps students cope with the drinking behavior of their peers.

What are the updates for fall 2011? Re-entry students, 25 years of age and above, will not be required to complete AEDU. Students who do not complete the full course will be unable to enroll in winter quarter courses. Procedures to update student accounts and release holds are now fully automated. A new parent program will become available.

What about students who don’t drink alcohol? About 71 percent of incoming UCSC freshmen surveyed in advance of fall quarter 2010 reported no use of alcohol. AEDU directs students to different tracks based on their reported drinking habits. A percentage of non-drinkers, however, start to drink alcohol after they arrive at college. For that reason, it is important for all students to be informed about issues related to alcohol.

What about transfer students who completed AEDU at a previous College? The UCSC requirement will be waived for transfer students who provide verification of completion from AlcoholEdu. Students can call 1-866-384-9062 to request a verification email to be forwarded to pwillis@ucsc.edu.

When and how is AEDUC implemented? Entering freshmen and transfers receive an email on the program start date, August 22, 2011, with detailed instructions for accessing the online course through the MyUCSC portal. Part 1, the bulk of the course, takes 2--3 hours to complete and includes two surveys and the course exam. Students must earn a grade of 80 or higher to pass. The deadline to complete Part 1 is 9/15/11. Following a 40-day required intersession, students return for a final survey and module that take 15 minutes to complete. This concludes the course. The deadline to complete AEDU is 11/09/11. Students who do not complete the course will be unable to enroll in Winter Quarter courses.

What about confidentiality? Individual student responses, surveys, and exams remain confidential and cannot be viewed by UCSC staff. The campus receives aggregate data and information only.

What about parents or guardians? Parents/guardians learn about AEDU during summer orientation and in a letter mailed to them in advance of the student start date. Parents/guardians do not have access to the student course. The AlcoholEdu for Parents program is made available shortly after the student course has been activated.

What else is UCSC doing around Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Prevention and Intervention? UCSC employs other evidence-based strategies...

- Medical evaluation and counseling by Student Health Center Clinicians, Counseling Psychologists and Psychiatrists
- Campus and local police increase enforcement during the first six weeks of the fall quarter with a focus on party patrols, DUI patrols, and alcohol sales compliance checks on and near campus.
- A social host campaign called “Just Say Gnome, Party Small” publicizes increased enforcement as a deterrent and educates students about holding smaller, safer parties.
- Student Health Outreach & Promotions (SHOP) develops and provides educational sanctions for use by campus adjudicators when students violate AOD policies.
- SHOP provides Brief Alcohol Screening & Intervention for College Students (BASICS) and referral resources.
- The Residential Management Team, UCSC Police, and Campus Safety Officers enforce policies to restrict access and curb alcohol and other drug (AOD) use, and a calendar of programs to encourage socializing without substances.
- Campus Adjudicators meet with all students who violate AOD policy to clarify community standards and obligations under the housing contract and to provide guidance and resources in support of students' academic goals and successful engagement in campus life.

What if I have more questions? http://www2.ucsc.edu/healthcenter/shop/aod-program.shtml
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