

Alcohol Impact High Level Statement

Aim: To ensure Manchester Metropolitan University and The Union MMU lead by example, promoting an environment of responsible drinking. The University and The Union are committed to safeguarding the health, safety and welfare of our students and accept our responsibility to promote good health by raising awareness of the risks of alcohol misuse. The University and Union respect the privacy of our students but must, however, be concerned where a student's behaviour impairs his/her conduct, safety or academic performance and/or adversely affects other students, staff, campus life or the wider community.

Key Commitments:

- To maintain a Responsible Alcohol Consumption policy - this is part of the Students' Union's approach to promoting a safe and supportive environment in which to study and work. The overarching premise is one of support and education, focusing on boundaries of acceptable and responsible behaviour.
- The University and Students' Union will endeavour to enable students to make informed decisions relating to alcohol use, and information on current guidance will be available through Student Services and the Students' Union. In addition, the University and Students' Union will explore the extent to which alcohol can be a barrier to student participation.
- In all University and Students' Union licensed venues, we will ensure that non-alcoholic drinks are available at the same, or lower, price than equivalent alcoholic drinks, including promotions.
- The University has a legal duty of care to its students, staff and visitors and aims to provide a safe, healthy and high quality study and work environment. This includes addressing the risks posed by alcohol misuse, informing students of their responsibilities and codes of conduct and providing information, advice, guidance and support on request. All students have a legal responsibility to take reasonable care of their own safety and that of others.
- The University and Union will continuously proactively engage with key representatives from sports and societies about responsible alcohol consumption, working to moderate or prevent alcohol related initiations.