

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

**APPROVED:**  


Policy Title	University Smoking Policy
Policy Number	STU-C15-001
Effective Date	June 1, 2015
Responsible Office	Student Affairs, Human Resources
Related Policies	

**I. Policy Statement**

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth prohibits the use of all smoking and tobacco products, in any state-owned building or vehicle and on all UMass Dartmouth campus grounds.

**II. Purpose**

The University Smoking Policy complies with Massachusetts law pertaining to all state-owned buildings and vehicles, and takes the further step to prohibit its use on all University grounds in order for all members of the campus community to be able to study, socialize, and work in an environment that is free of the harmful effects of smoking and use of tobacco products.

**III. Definitions**

The phrase “smoking and tobacco products” includes, but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, illicit drugs, electronic cigarettes, and chewing tobacco.

**IV. Procedures**

Prior to implementation of this policy, the Chancellor appointed a representative task force to survey the current population of students, faculty, and staff pertaining to their current smoking usage, to study regional and national trends pertaining to smoking, read current literature on the subject, and make a recommendation to the University Cabinet for further discussion. Once approved, the Chancellor requested an action plan that included offering smoking cessation sessions, removal of campus smoking receptacles and posting of signage to inform community members and visitors about the policy change. The policy change was widely publicized via the Student newspaper and numerous communications from both the Student Affairs and Human Resources departments. The implementation of this policy began on June 1, 2015, which was intended to give the community more than one year to prepare for the change.

The University encourages voluntary compliance with this policy. Repeat offenders, however, will be addressed in accordance with the established procedures for violations of University policies, i.e. Union Contract, Code of Student Conduct, etc. Visitors who violate this policy will be asked to leave the campus premises.

**V. Responsibility**

Information about this Policy and related policies pertaining to UMass Dartmouth students and employees may be directed to Student Affairs or Human Resources.

**VI. Attachments**

None