

	DLSU-D No Smoking Policy	
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I. Purpose

To mandate a fully smoke-free and tobacco-free campus that upholds the highest standards of community health and personal wellness, ensuring a clean, safe, and productive environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

II. Scope

This policy applies to:

1. All students, faculty, staff, administrators
2. Visitors, guests, and contractors
3. All areas within the DLSU-D campus, including buildings, open spaces, and university vehicles

III. Definition of Smoking

Smoking includes:

1. Use of traditional tobacco products (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, pipes)
2. Use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (e.g., vapes, e-cigarettes)
3. Any other device that emits smoke, vapor, or aerosol

IV. Health and Environmental Impact

1. Health Risks

- a. Smoking is a leading cause of lung cancer, heart disease, stroke, and respiratory illnesses.
- b. Secondhand smoke exposure increases the risk of illness among non-smokers, especially children and individuals with asthma.
- c. Vaping and e-cigarettes may contain harmful chemicals such as nicotine, formaldehyde, and heavy metals, which can damage the lungs and cardiovascular system.

2. Environmental Damage

- a. Cigarette butts are the most littered item globally, taking years to decompose and leaching toxic chemicals into soil and water.
- b. Smoke and vapor contribute to air pollution, reducing campus air quality.
- c. Tobacco farming and production contribute to deforestation, pesticide use, and carbon emissions.

V. Policy Guidelines

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1. Total Smoking Ban

- a. Smoking is strictly prohibited in all indoor and outdoor areas of the campus.
- b. No Designated Smoking Areas (DSAs) shall be identified, established, or maintained within the University premises.

2. Prohibited Areas

- a. Academic and administrative buildings
- b. Classrooms, laboratories, libraries
- c. Dormitories and residence halls
- d. Cafeterias, lounges, and restrooms
- e. Parking lots and walkways
- f. University-owned vehicles

3. Signage

- a. “No Smoking” signs shall be prominently displayed across the campus.
- b. Signage must comply with national standards and be visible in both English and Filipino.

4. Awareness and Education

- a. The university shall conduct regular campaigns to educate the community about the dangers of smoking.
- b. Smoking cessation programs shall be offered through the University Health Services.

VI. Legal Basis

- a. Republic Act No. 9211 – Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003
- b. Republic Act No. 8749 – Philippine Clean Air Act
- c. Executive Order No. 26 – Nationwide Smoking Ban

VII. Enforcement

- a. The Student Welfare and Formation Office, Security Office, and designated university personnel shall monitor compliance.
- b. Reports of violations may be submitted anonymously through official channels.

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VIII. Sanctions

Sanctions for violations of this No Smoking Policy shall be administered in accordance with the university's existing disciplinary frameworks. For students, penalties will follow the procedures outlined in the Student Manual, while for employees, disciplinary actions will be based on the Handbook on Handling Grievance and Discipline. These documents ensure that all cases are handled fairly, consistently, and with due process.

Note: Visitors and contractors found violating the policy may be denied entry or banned from campus.

IX. Review and Amendment

This policy shall be reviewed annually and may be amended as necessary to align with national laws and university goals.

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