

# UNIVERSITIES WITH SMOKEFREE AIR POLICIES

HOW DOES MISSISSIPPI COMPARE?

## Across the United States: Universities with Smoke-Free Campuses

The American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation is a national repository of local tobacco-related ordinances and regulations in the United States. Each quarter, the ANR Foundation releases lists of places with 100% smokefree air. While most college and university campuses have smokefree policies prohibiting smoking indoors, with residential housing being the exception, ANR compiled a list including only those colleges and universities with entirely smokefree campuses, or campuses with minor exceptions for smoking in limited, outdoor areas. According to their

October 6, 2009 report, at least 365 colleges and universities in the U.S. are entirely smokefree campuses (although 76 of these campuses allow smoking in limited, remote outdoor areas).

The University of Arkansas and the University of Mississippi have some of the most protective smoking policies in the Southeast. The University of Arkansas is a tobacco-free campus. Smoking is prohibited throughout campus, including outside sidewalks and university vehicles. The University of Mississippi prohibits smoking everywhere on campus except designated tobacco-use areas only, signified by a cigarette receptacle.

**At least 365 campuses of which are 100 percent smoke-free with no exemptions, or minor exemptions, for remote outdoor areas.**

**These campuses include:**

- University of Mississippi
- Blue Mountain College
- Austin Peay State University
- North Georgia College and State University
- University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
- University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- University of Florida
- Medical College of Georgia
- East Georgia College
- East Tennessee State University
- Milligan College
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center

## Policies at MS Universities

Many universities within the state of Mississippi have enacted policies regarding the use of tobacco on campus. Listed below are campus regulations set by the universities within the state of Mississippi regarding the use of tobacco:

### Delta State University:

Policy states that in consideration of the general health, safety, and comfort of all Delta State University students, faculty, staff, and visitors that no tobacco in any form will be used or sold in any University owned or leased buildings and vehicles.

<http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/409.asp>

### University of Southern Mississippi:

Smoking is prohibited in and around all residence halls. Furthermore, the Reserved Officer Training Corps specifically prohibits use of all tobacco products in and around buildings and vehicles associated with the organization.

<http://www.usm.edu/ctp/evalandpubs.html>

### Jackson State University:

Jackson State University prohibits smoking in classrooms, auditoriums, lecture rooms, dining halls, residence halls, gymnasias, or any other buildings on the

campus. Any violation of this policy will result in University-regulated disciplinary action.

<http://www.jsums.edu/studentlife/o6BookProof.pdf>

### Mississippi State University

Mississippi State University restricts the use off all tobacco products, of any form, in all university facilities and vehicles owned or leased by the University. Smoking may only occur outside, away from enclosed areas, at a distance of at least 25 feet or more. Tobacco products will neither be sold on campus nor advertised in any campus publication.

<http://www.msstate.edu/dept/audit/91301.html>

### University of Mississippi

The use of all tobacco products is limited to “Designated Tobacco-Use Areas,” largely found in parking lots and signified by a cigarette receptacle. Any area without a cigarette butt receptacle is an undesignated smoking area and those in violation will be disciplined in accordance to University procedures.

<https://secure4.olemiss.edu/umpolicyopen/ShowDetails.jsp?istatPara=1&policyObjidPara=11000427>

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