

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. According to their April 1, 2008 report, almost 150 colleges and universities in the U.S. with entirely smokefree campuses (although 33 of these campuses allow smoking in limited, remote outdoor areas).

At least 162 campuses of which are 100 percent smokefree with no exemptions, or minor exemptions, for remote outdoor areas. These campuses include:

- University of Mississippi
- 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

At least 500 universities and colleges that protect student and faculty from the dangers of secondhand smoke in residential housing owned and operated by the facility. These facilities include:

- Auburn University
- University of Alabama
- University of Arkansas
- University of Florida
- University of Miami
- Emory University
- Kennesaw State University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- University of Georgia
- Delta State University
- University of Southern Mississippi
- University of Kentucky
- Clemson University
- University of Tennessee (all campuses)

As of July 1, 2008, the University of Arkansas became a tobacco-free campus. Smoking is prohibited throughout campus, including outside sidewalks and university vehicles. Before implementing this tobacco-free policy, students were allowed to smoke outside, 25-feet from buildings
<http://dailyheadlines.uark.edu/13089.htm>

Policies at Mississippi 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/06BookProof.pdf>

Mississippi State University

Mississippi State University restricts the use of 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>

For more information visit: mstobaccodata.org

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