

## 4.39 Smoking

### Policy Statement:

The University of Mobile aims to foster a healthy environment in which to work, live, learn, and grow. The University of Mobile is therefore a smoke-free campus. The purpose of this policy is to ensure a safe and healthy environment that is consistent with the mission of the University as a Christ-centered academic community. Smoking of any kind, including e-cigarettes, is prohibited everywhere on campus and in university-owned/leased vehicles.

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### Procedure Statement

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, cigarette smoking causes an estimated 480,000 U.S. deaths annually, including 41,000 from secondhand smoke exposure. Nearly all adult cigarette smokers start smoking before age 26 years, making smoke-free and tobacco-free policies at colleges and universities important.

In accordance with the recommendation from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the CDC, and for safety of everyone on campus, the University of Mobile is a Smoke-free campus. This includes but is not limited to the use of tobacco products, hookah, and e-cigarettes (vaping).

Anyone violating this policy may be asked to leave campus and/or may be further subject to further disciplinary action. Repeated violations may result in permanent exclusion from campus and/or permanent disciplinary action.