

Notice of Availability of Institutional and Financial Aid Information

Dear Student,

Federal Regulations provide that JMVU notifies what information is available to all current and prospective students. This memo will be updated and sent annually to all students at the beginning of the Fall semester. It is very important that you take a moment to read this information, as it is disclosed for your benefit.

- ï JMVU offers federal, state and institutional financial assistance. For more information on how to apply, you may visit the Financial Aid Office, or the Financial Aid section at JMVU.edu. You may also contact the Financial Aid Office by phone at 954-322-4460 or by email at financialaid@jmvu.edu.
 - For the benefit of all students, we have created a **Student Financial Aid Information Manual**, which contains information on eligibility for financial aid, instructions of how to apply and general conditions. This manual is also available online. (See attachment).
- ï Please review the following Consumer Information topics. For more information click on the link provided (you will be redirected to the appropriate section at the JMVU website).
 - **Privacy of Student Records** – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):
 - ï [Notice about rights under FERPA](#) – Students have the right to review their education records, to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information, and to file complaints with the Department of Education. For procedures for reviewing education records and requesting amendments of the records, please review the Notice of Rights under FERPA attached or visit the JMVU website at the Consumer Information section.
 - ï [Notice about directory information](#) – “Directory information” may be disclosed to the public by any JMVU employee unless the student has specifically requested in writing that this information be withheld. Directory information includes name, local address, local telephone number, birth date and place of birth, major, year in school, enrollment status, dates of enrollment, degrees and awards received, most recent attendance of previous educational institution, and anticipated graduation date. For complete policy, please review the document attached.
 - **Cost of Attendance, Withdrawal and Refund Policies**
 - ï *Price of Attendance* – stay updated with university fees and costs. If you want to calculate how your total cost of attendance per year, use our Net Price Calculator (provide link) for an estimate.
 - ï [Refund Policy, Requirements for Withdrawal and Return of Title IV, HEA Financial Aid](#) – Stay informed about the process of withdrawal and how you may be financially liable for charges remaining in your student account if you drop out from classes or the university. (Don’t go anywhere, stay in school!)
 - **Academics**
 - ï *Academic Program* – Know your program. Visit the Academics section to view the requirements for your academic program, the affiliated faculty, laboratories or facilities available to students, and statistics on job placement and median debt incurred by previous students in the same program.

Notification of Rights under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the University receives a request for access.

A student should submit to the appropriate department a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The University official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the University official to whom the request was submitted, that official will advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

A student who wishes to ask the University to amend a record should write the University official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed.

If the University decides not to amend the record as requested, the University will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to provide written consent before the University discloses personally identifiable information from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

The University discloses education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position; a person or company with whom the University has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using University employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the University.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5901

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Notice of Directory Information

The following information, considered “directory information” may be disclosed to the public by any JMVU employee unless; the student has specifically requested in writing that this information be withheld. This is supported by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

- ï Name
- ï Local address
- ï Local telephone number
- ï Birth date and place of birth
- ï Major
- ï Year in school
- ï Enrollment status
- ï Dates of enrollment
- ï Degrees and awards received
- ï Most recent attendance of previous educational institution
- ï Anticipated graduation date

Jose Maria Vargas University may disclose any of those items without written prior consent unless notified in writing by the student. Such requests are accepted and entered at any time during the student's attendance at JMVU. Upon receipt of such a request, no further Directory Information will be disclosed.

Non-Public Information

A student’s consent is required for the disclosure or publication of any non-directory information with the following exceptions:

- ï Another University employee
- ï Representatives of federal and State agencies
- ï Accrediting organizations

A student must submit a written release of information for any additional information to be released to any other person or agency. The student’s release must contain:

- ï Date of request
- ï Student's Social Security Number
- ï Student's signature
- ï Specific contact name or agency
- ï Summary of information which may be released.

Transferability of Credits

Students seeking to transfer credits earned at another postsecondary institution to JMVU, or from JMVU to other institutions should note that the transferability of credits is at the discretion of the accepting institution. It is the student's responsibility to confirm whether or not credits will be accepted by another institution of the student's choice. The policy of the University regarding the evaluation of course content from other universities to determine its equivalency with a course offered at JMVU is that approximately three-fourths of the course content must match the content of the course offered at JMVU if it is to be accepted for transfer. For evaluation purposes, students must provide a copy of the course description for the course to be evaluated and the school catalog for the time period during which the course was taken.

Evaluations are handled on a case by case basis, and there is no set list of courses previously approved. JMVU has not established any articulation agreement with other university or colleges.

More details are available at the Office of Admissions. You may contact our admissions advisors at admissions3@jmvu.edu. You may also access our catalog [here](#).

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Facilities and Services Available to Students with Disabilities

Jose Maria Vargas University does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or operations of, its programs or activities. This notice is provided as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Accommodations are granted on a case-by-case basis for those students who are eligible by showing sufficient documentation of disability in compliance with all Federal and State Laws. The university currently provides handicap access in its classrooms and facilities. Requests for other accommodations must be made both to the Director of Student Development and the Vice-President for Administration and Academic Affairs. These individuals will work together to resolve the request. With the goal of promoting integration and equality among the student population, the University provides individual assistance to students with documented disabilities. The University provides these auxiliary aids and services on an individual basis. These aids and services may include, but are not limited to: registration assistance, approval of reduced course load, letters to instructors outlining accommodation needs, note takers, testing accommodations, classroom and other facility accommodations, and assistance with accessibility issues. The University maintains all records confidential.

To enhance awareness on disabilities, JMVU offers lectures and workshops that help inform the community.

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Refund Policy, Requirements for Withdrawal and Return of Title IV, HEA Financial Aid

Refund Policy for all Students

For students who withdraw or are withdrawn by the University during the semester, refunds of tuition and fees are governed by the following policy (Policy for withdrawal from university is represented in the JMVU Catalog):

1. In the event of death, tuition and fees will be fully refunded to the estate of the deceased.
2. In all other cases of withdrawal from the university, students may elect to have tuition refunded or carried forward as a credit for later study according to the following schedule:
 - a. Withdrawal before classes start up to the first week: full refund;
 - b. Withdrawal during the second or third week of classes: 60 percent refund;
 - c. Withdrawal during the fourth week of classes: 40 percent refund;
 - d. Withdrawal during the fifth week of classes: 20 percent refund;
 - e. Withdrawal after six weeks: no refund.
3. Tuition charges paid from grants, scholarships, or loans will be restored to those funds on the same pro-rata basis and will not be refunded or carried forward.

Refund Policy for Institutional Fund Recipients

When a student withdraws from a course (either Passing, Failing) and a JMVU scholarship has covered that course, the JMVU scholarship will not cover the student's reenrollment in that course during a subsequent semester. If the student fails any course and falls below the number of required credits for the scholarship, the scholarship will not be renewed, and the student will be responsible of repaying the tuition of the courses he/she had enrolled.

Refund Policy for Federal Aid Recipients

Federal regulations mandate that the Financial Aid Office complies with the Return to Title IV Funds policy in which any student that drops all courses or officially withdraws before completing 60% attendance for the semester may be liable to repay 100% of the Title IV aid that was disbursed. Title IV funds include the following financial aid programs: Pell, Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, and PLUS Loans.

The amount of the return is based on formulas established by the U.S. Department of Education. *For example*, if you completed 30% of your payment/enrollment period, you earn 30% of the assistance you were originally scheduled to receive. Once you have completed more than 60% of the payment period or period of enrollment, you earn all the assistance that you were scheduled to receive for that period.

These amounts do not necessarily correspond to JMVU refunds and withdrawal policies. Please refer to the University Catalog to review these policies. For further questions, consult the Financial Aid Office.

Post-Withdrawal Disbursement

If you did not receive all of the funds that you earned, you may be due a post withdrawal disbursement. If the post withdrawal disbursement includes loan funds, you may choose to decline the loan funds so that you don't incur additional debt.

JMVU may use all or a portion of your post-withdrawal disbursement (including loan funds, if you accept them) for tuition and fees, and other allowable charges (if you had previously signed the Title IV Authorization form). If there is a remaining balance in your account, you will be responsible for any remaining debt.

There may be some federal student aid funds that you were scheduled to receive that you cannot earn once you withdraw because of other eligibility requirements. *For example*, if you are a first-time, first-year undergraduate student and you have not completed the first 30 days of your program before you withdraw, you will not earn any Direct loan funds that you would have received had you remained enrolled past the 30th day.

For information on withdrawal procedures, please refer to the University Catalog under Tuition, Fees and Other Expenses.

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JMVU's Copyright Policy

JMVU's students, employees and general community with authorized access to computer resources should not download, upload, transmit, make available or otherwise distribute copyrighted material without authorization using the university's computer systems, networks, Internet access or storage media. This is inclusive of utilizing unlicensed/unauthorized peer-to-peer file services that would promote copyright infringement. Users who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action as appropriate under the circumstances. Such disciplinary action may include suspension, dismissal and other legal actions.

In addition to any complaint being handled by Jose Maria Vargas University, copyright owners may also take direct legal action against alleged infringers, and subpoena the College for information about people sharing files. The No Electronic Theft (NET) Act provides for serious criminal penalties, including a fine of up to \$250,000 and a potential jail sentence. Lack of knowledge about copyright infringement laws will not excuse one from legal consequences, or from action by the College. It is your responsibility to be aware of the legality of your actions.

For the complete Copyright Policy including an explanation of sanctions and the plan to effectively deter copyright infringement, please review [the University Catalog](#).

For a listing of legal alternatives for downloading online, visit EDUCASE at <http://www.educause.edu/legalcontent>.

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Civil and Criminal Penalties for Violation of Federal Copyright Laws

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement. Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or “statutory” damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For “willful” infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys’ fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505. Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense. For more information, please see the Web site of the U.S. Copyright Office at: www.copyright.gov.

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Notice of Federal Student Financial Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

José María Vargas University is required to notify students of the federal mandated penalties for drug law violations while receiving title IV funds under the Higher Education Act; to provide a timely notice to each student who has lost eligibility for any grant, or loan assistance as a result of said penalties; and to advise the student of the ways in which to regain eligibility.

Students are hereby notified that any convictions for drug law violations will result in the loss of eligibility for any title IV grants or loans.

A student is ineligible to receive title IV, HEA program funds if the student has been convicted of an offense involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs. A conviction means only a conviction that is on a student's record. A conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record is not relevant for these purposes, nor is a determination or adjudication arising out of a juvenile proceeding. An illegal drug is a controlled substance as defined by section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801(6)), and does not include alcohol or tobacco.

Penalties:

Possession of illegal drugs	Period of ineligibility
First offense	Ineligible for one year after date of conviction.
Second offense	Ineligible for two years after the date of second conviction.
Third offense	Ineligible indefinitely after the date of the third conviction

Sale of illegal drugs	Period of ineligibility
First offense	Ineligible for two years after the date of conviction.
Second offense	Ineligible indefinitely after the date of conviction

Regaining eligibility:

The student may regain eligibility before that period of ineligibility expires if the student successfully completes a drug rehabilitation program after the student's most recent drug conviction. The student may regain eligibility on the date the student successfully completes the program.

Eligible drug rehabilitation programs must comply with one of the following:

- ï Include at least two unannounced drug tests, and have received or be qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly under a Federal, State, or local government program;
- ï Be administered or recognized by a Federal, State, or local government agency or court;
- ï Have received or be qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a Federally- or State-licensed insurance company; or
- ï Be administered or recognized by a Federally- or State-licensed hospital, health clinic or medical doctor.

Drug and Alcohol Policy

The university recognizes drug and alcohol abuse as illnesses or treatable disorders. Consequently, the university seeks to work with members of its community to provide channels of education and assistance. However, possession and/or use of controlled substances is illegal, and the University must comply with all federal, state and local laws. The University Catalog discusses JMVU's policy towards Drug and Alcohol Abuse, which states that controlled substances and alcohol are prohibited on campus, and students or employees under the influence may be dismissed and subject to further sanctions for repeated infractions.

Applicable Legal Sanctions

The following section includes federal, state and local sanctions for sale/manufacture/possession of controlled substances, and alcohol-related infractions.

Federal Trafficking Penalties

DRUG/SCHEDULE	QUANTITY	PENALTIES	QUANTITY	PENALTIES	
Cocaine (Schedule II)	500 - 4999 gms mixture	First Offense :	5 kgs or more mixture	First Offense :	
Cocaine Base (Schedule II)	28-279 gms mixture	Not less than 5 yrs, and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 or more than life. Fine of not more than \$5 million if an individual, \$25 million if not an individual	280 gms or more mixture	Not less than 10 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 or more than life. Fine of not more than \$10 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual.	
Fentanyl (Schedule II)	40 - 399 gms mixture		400 gms or more mixture		
Fentanyl Analogue (Schedule I)	10 - 99 gms mixture	Second Offense : Not less than 10 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual	100 gms or more mixture	Second Offense : Not less than 20 yrs, and not more than life. If death or serious injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.	
Heroin (Schedule I)	100 - 999 gms mixture		1 kg or more mixture		
LSD (Schedule I)	1 - 9 gms mixture		10 gms or more mixture	2 or More Prior Offenses: Life imprisonment	
Methamphetamine (Schedule II)	5 - 49 gms pure or 50 - 499 gms mixture		50 gms or more pure or 500 gms or more mixture		
PCP (Schedule II)	10 - 99 gms pure or 100 - 999 gms mixture		100 gm or more pure or 1 kg or more mixture		
PENALTIES					
Other Schedule I & II drugs (and any drug product containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid)	Any amount	First Offense : Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 yrs, or more than Life. Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual. Second Offense : Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious injury, not more than 15 yrs. Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if not an individual			
Other Schedule III drugs	Any amount	First Offense : Not more than 10 years. If death or serious injury, not more that 15 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2.5 million if not an individual. Second Offense : Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not more than 30 yrs. Fine not more than \$1.5 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual			
All other Schedule IV drugs	Any amount	First Offense : Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual, \$1 million if not an individual.			
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)	Less than 1 gm	Second Offense : Not more than 10 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if not an individual.			
All Schedule V drugs	Any amount	First Offense: Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than \$100,000 if an individual, \$250,000 if not an individual. Second Offense : Not more than 4 yrs. Fine not more than \$200,000 if an individual, \$500,000 if not an individual.			
		1st OFFENSE		2nd OFFENSE*	
Marijuana (Schedule I)	1,000 kg or more mixture; or 1,000 or more plants	Not less than 10 years, not more than life If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life Fine not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual		Not less than 20 years, not more than life If death or serious injury, mandatory life Fine not more than \$8 million if an individual, \$20 million if other than an individual	

Marijuana (Schedule I)	100 kg to 999 kg mixture; or 100 to 999 plants	Not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years	Not less than 10 years, not more than life
		If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life	If death or serious injury, mandatory life
		Fine not more than \$2 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual	Fine not more than \$4 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than an individual
Marijuana (Schedule I)	more than 10 kgs hashish; 50 to 99 kg mixture	Not more than 20 years	Not more than 30 years
		If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life	If death or serious injury, mandatory life
	more than 1 kg of hashish oil; 50 to 99 plants	Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if other than an individual	Fine \$2 million if an individual, \$10 million if other than individual
Marijuana (Schedule I)	1 to 49 plants; less than 50 kg	Not more than 5 years Fine not more than \$250,000, \$1 million other than individual	Not more than 10 years Fine \$500,000 if an individual, \$2 million if other than individual
Hashish (Schedule I)	10 kg or less		
Hashish Oil (Schedule I)	1 kg or less		

*The minimum sentence for a violation after two or more prior convictions for a felony drug offense have become final is a mandatory term of life imprisonment without release and a fine up to \$8 million if an individual and \$20 million if other than an individual.

Florida Drug Possession Penalties

DRUG CHARGE	CLASSIFICATION	PENALTY
Possession of Marijuana (20 grams or less) Ref: Florida Criminal Statute - §893.13(6)(b)	Possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana is a First Degree Misdemeanor.	A 1st degree misdemeanor has a maximum penalty of 1 year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.
Possession of Marijuana (more than 20 grams) Ref: Florida Criminal Statute - §893.13(6)(a)	Possession of <u>more than 20 grams of marijuana</u> is a Third Degree Felony.	A 3rd degree felony has a maximum penalty of 5 year in jail and a \$5000 fine.
Sale/Manufacture/Possession of Large Amounts of Marijuana Ref: Fl. Stat. §893.135		
Distributing <20 g.	1 st degree misdemeanor	Up to 1 year in jail and up to \$1,000
Less than 25 pounds	4 th degree felony	Up to 5 yrs. in prison and \$5,000
25- 2,000 pounds	1 st degree felony	<u>Minimum 3 yrs</u> in prison and \$25,000
2,000- 10,000 pounds	1 st degree felony	<u>Minimum 7 yrs</u> in prison and \$50,000
More than 10,000 lbs.	1 st degree felony	<u>Minimum 15 years</u> in prison and \$200,000
Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin, Cocaine, Ecstasy) Ref: Florida Criminal Statute - §893.13(6)(a)	3rd Degree Felony	A Third degree penalty carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in jail and up to a \$5000 fine.
Possession of More than 10 grams of Heroin Ref: Florida Criminal Statute - §893.13(6)(c)	1st Degree Felony	A first degree felony has a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison and fines of up to \$10,000.
Possession of an Unlawful Chemical listed chemical with the intent to unlawfully manufacture a controlled substance Ref: Florida Criminal Statute - §893.149	2nd Degree Felony	A second degree felony has a maximum penalty of 15 years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Include pipes, bongs, other smoking devices, spoons, needles, syringes, scales, measuring or preparation devices, containers, bags, and other items. Ref. §893.147, Fla. Stat.	1st Degree Misdemeanor.	A first degree misdemeanor has a maximum penalty of <u>1 year in jail and a \$1000 fine.</u>

Florida alcohol-related infractions

Possession of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21: The legal age for drinking alcoholic beverages in the United States is 21 years old. Any student or employee that is caught under the influence of alcohol will be reported to the authorities for underage drinking. Any person under the age of 21 who is convicted of a violation for possession of alcoholic beverages is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. (Misdemeanor of the second degree is punishable by imprisonment of up to 60 days, possible forfeiture of property, suspension or cancellation of license, and a fine up to \$500).

Driving under the Influence of Alcoholic Beverages, Chemical Substances or Controlled Substances Penalties: Florida's maximum allowed blood-alcohol content (BAC) in drivers is .08 percent. Driving under the influence (DUI) is a serious offense. Penalties include fines (\$500 up to \$5,000), community service (50 hours or more), imprisonment (less than 6 months to a year), probation (1 to 5 years), and/or impoundment of vehicle.

However, DUIs that result in misdemeanor, felony conviction, manslaughter or vehicular homicide charges will incur in higher fines and increased periods of imprisonment, as dictated by the law. More information on these charges may be found at the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/dcl/duilaws.html>.

Health Risks

Using alcohol and other drugs carries risks. Alcohol and drugs produce an intoxication of the human body that alters judgment, perception, attention and physical control, making individuals more likely to hurt themselves and others. Drug and/or alcohol abuse can adversely affect productivity, academic performance, work quality, motivation, judgment, pregnancy, and personality. Specific health risks include temporary or permanent damage of major organs, increased risk of cancer, and depending on the dose, may result in death.

Alcohol Abuse

Prolonged alcohol abuse is frequently associated with poor nutrition, which often permanently damages vital organs such as the brain and liver. It also produces behavioral changes, impairs judgment and coordination. Alcohol abuse is associated with nearly half of all fatal motor vehicle accidents. Women who drink while pregnant may give birth to infants with irreversible physical abnormalities and mental retardation, which are signs of fetal alcohol syndrome. Children of alcoholic parents are more likely to abuse alcohol themselves.

Controlled substances abuse

- ï **Marijuana** (also known as grass, pot, weed, herb): Immediate effects may be increase in heart rate, bloodshot eyes, dry mouth, and hunger. Associated with increased risk of progressing to more powerful and dangerous drugs such as cocaine and heroin. Marijuana smoke is carcinogenic and damaging to the respiratory system. Use of cannabis may impair short-term memory and comprehension, alter sense of time, and reduce coordination and motivation. Marijuana can also produce paranoia and psychosis. Long-term users may develop psychological dependence.
- ï **Cocaine** (also known as crack, coke, snow, rock): Short-term effects also include paranoia, constriction of blood vessels leading to heart damage or stroke, irregular heartbeat, and death. Severe depression and reduced energy often accompany withdrawal. Occasional use can cause stuffy or runny nose. Chronic use can cause ulceration of the mucous membrane in the nose. Injecting cocaine with un-sterile equipment can transmit HIV/AIDS and other infections. Both short- and long-term use of cocaine has been associated with damage to the heart, the brain, the lung, and the kidneys. Cocaine use may lead to death through disruption of the brain's control of heart and respiration.
- ï **Heroin** (also known as smack, horse): Overdose may result in death from decreased breathing. Because heroin is usually injected, often with dirty needles, use of the drug can trigger other health complications including destruction of your heart valves, HIV/AIDS, infections, tetanus, and botulism.
- ï **Methamphetamines** (also known as meth, crank, ice, speed, crystal): effects include heart attacks, dangerously high blood pressure, and stroke. Other long-term effects include paranoia, hallucinations, weight loss, destruction of teeth, and heart damage.
- ï **Anabolic Steroids:** Steroid use can cause physical and psychological side effects, including acne, liver cancer, sterility, aggressive behavior and depression. Some side effects appear quickly; others, such as heart attacks & strokes, may not show up for years. Other signs of steroid use include jaundice; discoloration of the skin; swelling of feet or lower legs; trembling and bad breath.
- ï **Ecstasy:** Long-term use may cause damage to the brain's ability to regulate sleep, pain, memory, and emotions.
- ï **GHB** (also called Liquid XTC, G, blue nitro): GHB's effects are related to dosage; it acts as a powerful sedative, and its effects range from mild relaxation to coma or death.
- ï **Rohypnol** (also called roofies: sedative commonly used as a date-rape drug). Effects include low blood pressure, dizziness, abdominal cramps, confusion, and impaired memory.

- ï **Ketamine** (also called Special K, K): can impair memory and attention. Higher doses can cause amnesia, paranoia and hallucinations, depression, and difficulty breathing.
- ï **LSD and hallucinogenic mushrooms:** can cause hallucinations, numbness, nausea, and increased heart rate. Users may experience panic, confusion, suspicion, anxiety and loss of control. Long-term effects include unwanted "flashbacks" and psychosis (hallucinations, delusions, paranoia, and mood disturbances).

This list is not exhaustive. Further information on drug effects and health risks may be found in the DEA Drug Fact Sheet at http://www.justice.gov/dea/pubs/1107_all_fact_sheets.pdf.

The use/distribution/sale of controlled substances, even those not mentioned here, are prohibited on campus. Students or employees that are reported under the influence of alcohol and controlled substances will be addressed and offered alternatives for counseling, treatment and rehabilitation. If continued abuse is reported, and the measures taken by the university are not effective, dismissal/expulsion might be considered.

Counseling, Treatment and Rehabilitation Programs

As JMVU recognizes alcohol and drug abuse as illness or treatable disorders, the directive personnel that handles reported incidents seeks to inform students and employees of the advantages of leading a drug-free life and maintaining a drug-free environment on campus. They also provide more information on counseling, treatment and rehabilitation programs available, encouraging to seek professional help. All discussions and information shared on individual sessions with directives from Student Development or Human Resources about the cases will remain confidential.

Individuals seeking treatment may visit the following website to find a rehabilitation or treatment facility near the area of their choice: Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator at <http://dasis3.samhsa.gov>.

Other resources for understanding drug and alcohol abuse may be found at HelpGuide.org at http://helpguide.org/mental/drug_substance_abuse_addiction_signs_effects_treatment.htm

In order to protect the professional and academic environment of the university, a university committee will evaluate petitions from students or employees that would like to be reinstated. In these cases, students or employees that have been dismissed must submit documentation that demonstrates that he/she has sought out help and has complied with treatment, or is currently in treatment showing improvement, in order to be evaluated for re-entry. Any petition for reinstatement or re-entry may be denied upon evaluation.

Institutional Sanctions

Alcohol and drug abuse is taken very seriously at JMVU. Incidents are handled with no prescriptive methods or sanctions, but rather on a case by case basis depending on the severity of the situation and previous warnings. In the case of students, the Department of Student Development will address the case and refer to the proper authorities or counseling professionals, as needed. Any sanctions applied will be upon their discretion and judgment of the situation. In the case of employees, the Human Resources Department will be responsible for determining the appropriate course of action. For more information, employees should also refer to the Employee Handbook, available at the Human Resources Department and at the University's website under Publications.

Sanctions may include written reprimands on the student or employee's record, restriction or loss of privileges, suspension, expulsion or termination of employment, and referral for prosecution. Aside from these sanctions, students will remain financially liable for institutional charges pending on the student's account, and both students and employees will be financially liable for indirect or direct charges associated with any reported incidents.

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