



Tantia University

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Policy title	<u>Tobacco-Free Campus Policy</u>
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Next scheduled review	Three years after the effective date, or earlier if applicable rules change

Introduction

The University is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and sustainable learning and working environment by eliminating exposure to tobacco and related products on campus. This policy aligns with Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA). and Tobacco-Free Educational Institution (ToFEI) Guidelines and supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Purpose

The Tobacco-Free Campus Policy aims to:

- Prohibit the use, sale, and promotion of all tobacco and smoking-related products on university property and surrounding notified areas.
- Protect students, staff, faculty, and visitors from involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke and other tobacco-related harms.
- Promote tobacco cessation and preventive education as part of the university's health and wellness initiatives.

Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to all persons on campus, including:

- Students, faculty, and staff
- Contract workers, vendors, and service providers
- Visitors and guests

It covers all university premises:

- Academic and administrative buildings
- Hostels and residences
- Sports facilities, open spaces, and parking areas
- University-owned or leased vehicles

The policy also extends to the area within 100 yards of the campus boundary in line with ToFEI guidelines and applicable law.

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy:

- "Tobacco products" include cigarettes, cigars, bidis, kreteks, pipes, water pipes (hookah), smokeless forms (chewing tobacco, gutka, khaini, snus, snuff), and any non-medical nicotine delivery device including e-cigarettes and similar electronic systems.

"University premises" means all land, buildings, and vehicles owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by Tantia University.

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Policy Statements

Prohibition of Use

The use or consumption of any tobacco product is strictly prohibited in all indoor and outdoor areas of the campus, including inside personal or university vehicles while on university property. This prohibition is effective 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- No person may smoke, chew, or otherwise consume tobacco or nicotine products on university premises.
- No ashtrays or similar devices encouraging tobacco use will be provided on campus.

Prohibition of Sale and Distribution

To prevent access to tobacco, the university will ensure that:

- No tobacco products are sold, stored for sale, or distributed free of cost within the campus.
- No sale of tobacco products occurs within 100 yards of the campus boundary, in accordance with ToFEI and national law.
- No tobacco-related vending machines, kiosks, stalls, or promotional stands operate on university property.

Prohibition of Advertising and Sponsorship

The university will maintain a tobacco-free communication and funding environment.

- Tobacco-related advertising, branding, or promotional material is not permitted on campus, in university publications, or at university events.
- The university will not accept sponsorships, donations, or in-kind support from tobacco or e-cigarette companies for any academic, research, cultural, or sports activity.

Education, Communication, and Signage

The university recognises that effective communication and education are essential for compliance.

- “Tobacco Free Educational Institution” and “Tobacco Free Area” signage will be displayed at entrances, boundary walls, and key internal locations.
- At least one tobacco-control awareness activity (talk, campaign, event) will be conducted every six months, and information will be shared via websites, social media, and orientation programmes.

Compliance and Enforcement

The Tobacco-Free Campus Policy forms part of the university’s code of conduct for students and staff. Enforcement will emphasise counselling and corrective measures rather than punitive approaches.

- Violations may lead to verbal advice, counselling, written warning, and, where necessary, disciplinary action under existing university regulations.
- Any member of the campus community may report violations to the Registrar for timely and appropriate follow-up.

Review and Reporting

This policy will be reviewed at least once every three years, or earlier if required by changes in law, guidelines, or sustainability commitments.