Smoking and Vaping Policy

Southwestern University supports the concept of a healthy working and learning atmosphere throughout the entire campus. In that regard, the University has established guidelines governing the use of tobacco and vaping on campus.

This applies to all employees, students, and other persons while on the premises. The intention of these guidelines is to contribute to a safe and healthy working and learning environment while being responsive to and mindful of the rights and privileges of individuals.

This policy supports the City of Georgetown Smoking Ordinance as well as meeting LEED (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design) requirements for our LEED certified buildings.

Smoking tobacco and vaping is prohibited in all buildings and within 25’ of building entrances, operable windows or air intakes. This includes all residence halls and apartments, including the balconies and patios in the apartment complexes.

This is a self-enforced policy that requires the support and cooperation of all community members. When necessary, approach the smoker, communicate the policy and ask for cooperation. If this does not resolve the issue, report the matter to the proper University representative (e.g. Residence Life staff member, Campus Police, or the Department Head who supervises the employee).

Dog Policy

The purpose of this dog policy is to better control the dogs on the Southwestern University campus and to better acquaint the campus and Southwestern Police with the properly registered and controlled pets that reside at fraternity houses and off-campus locations.

Southwestern students, faculty, administration, staff, and visitors are allowed to bring dogs on campus that are properly controlled, and that present no danger or nuisance to the Southwestern campus. Fraternity house residents are allowed to keep dogs in their private residence and respective Chapter House grounds. All dogs must be currently licensed and tagged by the City of Georgetown Animal Service, and registered, without charge, with the Southwestern University Police Department. Off-campus residents who bring their dogs to visit should also register with SU Police Department without charge. A City of Georgetown Animal License Application or other similar document should include the name, address, and telephone number(s) of the owner of the dog. The name, breed, color, age, and sex of the dog should also be stated, with a picture enclosed, if possible.

Rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinary surgeon is required for all dogs yearly. The current rabies vaccination tag must be properly displayed on the dog’s collar at all times.

No dogs shall be allowed to run loose on campus. All owners should keep their dog restrained by leash or other means unless directly supervised.

If a dog is found unattached on the Southwestern campus, the following steps are recommended to the SU Police Department:

1. Notify the owner or other responsible parties by telephone that their dog has become loose and is in violation of dog ordinances.
2. Issue a warning to the owner to control the dog and prevent further violations.
3. Issue a Southwestern Loose Dog Ticket to the owner in the amount of $10