

UAM OPERATING PROCEDURE 245.2

DESIGNATION OF UAM AS A SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS

The University of Arkansas at Monticello is committed to creating a smoke-free environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors. The use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vapes and other tobacco products can lead to disease and death. In addition, environmental tobacco smoke is recognized as a major cause of illness due to air-borne carcinogens. The simple separation of smokers and non-smokers may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke.

The University of Arkansas at Monticello actively seeks to create a campus environment that is completely free of secondhand smoke. Furthermore, the Arkansas Clean Air on Campus Act prohibits smoking on each campus of a state-supported institution of higher learning.

Smoking and the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vapes, and electronic or eCigarettes) by students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors, are prohibited on all property owned or operated by the University. Property includes, but is not limited to: buildings, facilities, sidewalks, roadways, parking lots, athletic fields and grounds, and vehicles (University owned/leased or personal) parked on University property.

The University prohibits the advertising, sale, or distribution of any tobacco product on University owned or leased property.

Littering campus with remains of tobacco or smoking-related products is prohibited.

All those attending public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events, cultural events and sporting events using a University facility shall be required to abide by this policy; organizers shall communicate this policy to attendees and shall enforce the policy.

Adherence to this policy is the responsibility of all University of Arkansas at Monticello students, faculty, staff and visitors. It is expected that these parties will comply with the policy. Members of the UAM Community are empowered to respectfully inform others about this policy in an ongoing effort to enhance awareness and encourage compliance. Pursuant to state law, persons smoking on property owned or operated by the University may be issued a municipal citation by the University Police Department and are subject to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500. Persons engaging in other use of tobacco products, while in University facilities, or electronic cigarettes in violation of this policy will be subject to the following: 1) Students will be referred to the University's student disciplinary process. 2) Employees will be referred to their respective units for progressive discipline. 3) Contractors will be referred to their respective employers for appropriate action. 4) Visitors may be required to leave the campus; failure to cooperate may lead to a citation or arrest. Violations may be reported to the University Police Department by calling (870) 460-1083.

All University handbooks, policy manuals, catalogs, online listings and other policy-related literature will include the policy. In addition, each building will display a sign and/or decal that states “Tobacco Free Facility.”

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