Al-Turath University (TU)

Smoke-Free & Tobacco-Free Campus Policy

Policy No.: TU-SF-2024

Effective Date: 2/3/2024

Review Cycle: Every 3 years

Approved by: President & University Board

1. Policy Statement

Al-Turath University (TU) is dedicated to ensuring a healthy, safe, and sustainable campus environment. In line with Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), TU adopts a comprehensive smoke-free and tobacco-free policy. This policy eliminates the use of all tobacco and nicotine products, including cigarettes, cigars, hookahs, vaping devices, and e-cigarettes, on all university-owned or operated properties to protect community health and enhance environmental well-being.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors.
- All indoor and outdoor university spaces, including academic buildings, laboratories, residences, cafeterias, sports areas, and parking zones.
- All university vehicles, shuttles, and transportation facilities.
- University-sponsored events and activities, whether on or off campus.

3. Definitions and Prohibitions

'Smoking' refers to inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted tobacco product or similar substance. This includes the use of e-cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), and vaping devices. The use of any tobacco or nicotine-containing product is prohibited across all TU facilities, grounds, and vehicles.

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4. Advertisement, Sales, and Sponsorship

TU prohibits the sale, advertising, or promotion of tobacco or nicotine products on campus. No university events, sponsorships, or research activities may receive support or funding from tobacco-related industries. This ensures TU's full alignment with global health and sustainability standards.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

- University Board & President: Oversee and enforce the Smoke-Free Policy and allocate necessary resources.
- Health & Wellness Office: Lead awareness campaigns, cessation programs, and conduct annual evaluations.
- Facilities and Security Department: Ensure compliance, install signage, and report violations.
- Students, Staff, and Visitors: Respect and adhere to the policy, supporting TU's smoke-free culture.

6. Implementation, Monitoring, and Enforcement

TU will install visible smoke-free signage at all entrances, buildings, and open areas. Policy awareness will be included in student orientations, staff training, and communication channels. Non-compliance will result in disciplinary actions according to university regulations. The Health & Wellness Office will maintain annual compliance records and publish updates via the TU Sustainability Dashboard.

7. Support and Cessation Services

TU offers access to smoking cessation and counseling services for those seeking assistance to quit. The university collaborates with local healthcare centers to provide health education sessions during national events such as World No Tobacco Day. Workshops and wellness campaigns will emphasize the benefits of a smoke-free lifestyle.

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8. Review and Continuous Improvement

This policy shall be reviewed every two years by the Health & Wellness Office in coordination with the Sustainability and Quality Assurance Committee. Feedback from faculty, staff, and students will be incorporated to ensure continuous improvement and alignment with evolving public health standards.

Signature: _____

President, Al-Turath University (TU)

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