

chatham UNIVERSITY

MEDICAL MARIJUANA POLICY

On May 17, 2016 Pennsylvania's Medical Marijuana Act, Act 16, went into effect. Act 16 allows for the controlled use of medical marijuana in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Although students, staff, and faculty who are legally registered for medical marijuana through Pennsylvania's Department of Health are allowed to possess and consume certain quantities of marijuana, doing so is not permitted on Chatham University property or at university-sponsored events (either on or off campus).

Marijuana is classified as a Schedule I drug according to the Controlled Substances Act. Thus, the use, possession, cultivation, or sale of marijuana violates federal policy. Federal grants are subject to university compliance with the Drug Free Communities and Schools Act, and the Drug Free Workplace Act. The university is also subject to the Controlled Substances Act. This prohibits the university from allowing any form of marijuana use on Chatham University property and/or at university-sponsored events.

Students who are registered through the Pennsylvania Department of Health may submit a letter to the Director of Residence Life & Student Activities requesting to be released from the Chatham University two-year residency requirement and their university housing contract. In such situations students will be released from their contracts with no financial penalty. Any payments made to the university for housing facilities will be returned to the student at a prorated amount determined by how many days they resided in university housing.