



60 Second HWS JustFACTS Surveys

The *60 Second JustFACTS Surveys* are anonymous surveys designed by the JustFACTS team that ask 5-6 short questions on a topic of interest to the HWS community. Survey invitations are delivered by electronic mail to every student on campus or a specified subpopulation. Data collection lasts for approximately 5 days. The web based survey is designed to work on smart phones or on a computer with a web browser.

Survey Questions and Results

Fall 2015 *60 Second HWS JustFACTS Survey on new hard liquor policy at HWS with 619 respondents (September 23-29, 2015):*

HWS has instituted a new policy explicitly prohibiting student possession of hard liquor in campus residences, and in practice, prohibiting it in all other campus contexts for all students regardless of age. Beer, wine, and pre-packaged mixed drinks are not universally prohibited in this same way.

There has been particular concern about use of hard liquor because:

- Alcohol from a hard liquor shot is absorbed into the blood 10 times faster than alcohol from beer when consumed on an empty stomach causing impairment levels to rise much more rapidly.
- HWS administrators have observed that 85% of hospital transports involving high levels of intoxication in 2014-2015 occurred after specifically using hard liquor among incidents where beverage type could be determined.

1. Were you aware of this new policy prohibiting hard liquor on campus before taking this survey?

- No
- Yes

2. How supportive of the hard liquor policy are you? (select one)

- Strongly support
- Tend to support
- Tend to oppose
- Strongly oppose

3. What percentage of HWS students overall do you think would support or at least tend to support the new HWS hard liquor policy?

(just give your best guess using a number from 0 to 100)

_____ %

4. Finally, during the last 7 days, what types of alcoholic beverages did you consume ON or OFF campus?
(select as many as apply or check none if you did not drink in the last 7 days)

- None (I did not drink in the last 7 days)
- Beer ON campus
- Beer OFF campus
- Wine ON campus
- Wine OFF campus
- Packaged alcoholic drinks ON campus (alcoholic iced tea, cider, malt beverage, packaged premixed cocktails, etc.)
- Packaged alcoholic drinks OFF campus (alcoholic iced tea, cider, malt beverage, packaged premixed cocktails, etc.)
- Cocktails mixed on site ON campus
- Cocktails mixed on site OFF campus
- Straight shot ON campus
- Straight shot OFF campus

Selected Results

Were you aware of this new policy?

96% reported yes.

How supportive of the hard liquor policy are you?

19% strongly support or tend to support the new policy

30% tend to oppose

51% strongly oppose

When HWS students were asked about their previous week in a Fall 2015 survey a majority (57%) had not consumed hard liquor on campus.