

Smoking Policy Survey Fall 2007

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SOC 1001 Introduction to Sociology***

• Analyzing 293 responses.

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Thank you for your help in providing your views and opinions!

PLEASE NOTE: A total of 95 responses were not able to be tabulated due to an unknown software or hardware problem. Thus, the tabulation below includes 293 valid responses but does not include the 95 that errored out. We apologize for this problem with the data collection and analysis process. A review of demographic questions #15-20 shows the cross section of tabulated respondents. – Office of Institutional Research

The University of Minnesota, Crookston is considering adopting a policy that would prohibit smoking on all UMC property. The smoking ban would include indoor facilities and the campus grounds, as well as all University vehicles.

1. People have differing opinions on the issue of smoking and secondhand smoke. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

1-1 Q.Smoking should be prohibited on the UMC campus

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Strongly Agree	21	46.67%	60	24.69%	81	28.13%
2. Agree	4	8.89%	43	17.70%	47	16.32%
3. Neutral	8	17.78%	36	14.81%	44	15.28%
4. Disagree	7	15.56%	33	13.58%	40	13.89%
5. Strongly Disagree	5	11.11%	71	29.22%	76	26.39%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	243	100.00%	288	100.00%

1-2 Q.Students living on campus should not be allowed to smoke on campus grounds outside their

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Strongly Agree	14	31.11%	56	23.24%	70	24.48%
2. Agree	5	11.11%	36	14.94%	41	14.34%
3. Neutral	7	15.56%	30	12.45%	37	12.94%
4. Disagree	12	26.67%	43	17.84%	55	19.23%
5. Strongly Disagree	7	15.56%	76	31.54%	83	29.02%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	241	100.00%	286	100.00%

1-3 Q.UMC employee's should not be allowed to smoke on campus grounds outside their work place

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Strongly Agree	25	55.56%	52	21.40%	77	26.74%
2. Agree	2	4.44%	41	16.87%	43	14.93%
3. Neutral	4	8.89%	36	14.81%	40	13.89%
4. Disagree	9	20.00%	42	17.28%	51	17.71%
5. Strongly Disagree	5	11.11%	72	29.63%	77	26.74%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	243	100.00%	288	100.00%

1-4 Q.Attendees at athletic events should not be allowed to smoke on campus grounds outside the gymnasium or athletic fields

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Strongly Agree	22	50.00%	60	24.69%	82	28.57%
2. Agree	5	11.36%	41	16.87%	46	16.03%
3. Neutral	5	11.36%	33	13.58%	38	13.24%
4. Disagree	7	15.91%	40	16.46%	47	16.38%
5. Strongly Disagree	5	11.36%	69	28.40%	74	25.78%
Column Totals	44	100.00%	243	100.00%	287	100.00%

1-5 Q.A smoking ban on the UMC campus is an unjust limitation of one's individual rights

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Strongly Agree	7	15.56%	69	28.63%	76	26.57%
2. Agree	9	20.00%	37	15.35%	46	16.08%
3. Neutral	7	15.56%	47	19.50%	54	18.88%
4. Disagree	10	22.22%	53	21.99%	63	22.03%
5. Strongly Disagree	12	26.67%	35	14.52%	47	16.43%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	241	100.00%	286	100.00%

1-6 Q.People should be protected from secondhand smoke

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Strongly Agree	30	66.67%	109	44.86%	139	48.26%
2. Agree	11	24.44%	68	27.98%	79	27.43%
3. Neutral	3	6.67%	49	20.16%	52	18.06%
4. Disagree	1	2.22%	10	4.12%	11	3.82%
5. Strongly Disagree	0	0.00%	7	2.88%	7	2.43%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	243	100.00%	288	100.00%

1-7 Q.A smoking ban will force students to search for ways to smoke and not get caught, essentially violating school policy

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Strongly Agree	9	20.00%	86	35.39%	95	32.99%
2. Agree	22	48.89%	101	41.56%	123	42.71%
3. Neutral	4	8.89%	28	11.52%	32	11.11%
4. Disagree	9	20.00%	18	7.41%	27	9.38%
5. Strongly Disagree	1	2.22%	10	4.12%	11	3.82%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	243	100.00%	288	100.00%

1-8 Q.Cigarette butts littering the campus grounds are a problem

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Strongly Agree	18	40.00%	74	30.33%	92	31.83%
2. Agree	14	31.11%	82	33.61%	96	33.22%
3. Neutral	8	17.78%	44	18.03%	52	17.99%
4. Disagree	4	8.89%	30	12.30%	34	11.76%
5. Strongly Disagree	1	2.22%	14	5.74%	15	5.19%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	244	100.00%	289	100.00%

Q.2 Do you think that the smoking issues on the UMC campus could be resolved by having a separate room on campus reserved for smokers?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Yes	11	24.44%	95	39.26%	106	36.93%
2. No	34	75.56%	147	60.74%	181	63.07%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	242	100.00%	287	100.00%

Q.3 If you answered 'Yes', where do you think this separate room should be located?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Near residence halls	1	9.09%	38	35.51%	39	33.05%
2. Near the Student Center	3	27.27%	35	32.71%	38	32.20%
3. Other (specify):	7	63.64%	34	31.78%	41	34.75%
Column Totals	11	100.00%	107	100.00%	118	100.00%

Q.3 Other (specify):

Summary sample of responses:

- In a shack
- Nowhere
- BOTH residence halls AND the Student Center
- between resident halls and Student Center of them
- outside one of the classroom halls
- over by the soft ball feild
- Away from where nonsmokers have to be-less traveled area

Q.4 What effect do you believe a smoking ban would have on enrollment at UMC in the future?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Greatly increase enrollment	0	0.00%	2	0.83%	2	0.70%
2. Somewhat increase enrollment	4	8.89%	19	7.92%	23	8.07%
3. No effect on enrollment	30	66.67%	117	48.75%	147	51.58%
4. Somewhat decrease enrollment	11	24.44%	84	35.00%	95	33.33%
5. Greatly decrease enrollment	0	0.00%	18	7.50%	18	6.32%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	240	100.00%	285	100.00%

Q.5 What effect do you believe a smoking ban would have on international student enrollment at UMC in the future?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Greatly increase enrollment	1	2.27%	4	1.67%	5	1.76%
2. Somewhat increase enrollment	0	0.00%	5	2.08%	5	1.76%
3. No effect on enrollment	21	47.73%	80	33.33%	101	35.56%
4. Somewhat decrease enrollment	16	36.36%	90	37.50%	106	37.32%
5. Greatly decrease enrollment	6	13.64%	61	25.42%	67	23.59%
Column Totals	44	100.00%	240	100.00%	284	100.00%

Q.6 In your opinion, which of the following reasons best describes why UMC should implement a smoking ban? (you may check more than one)

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Smoking has a negative influence on non-smokers	13	12.38%	83	14.66%	96	14.31%
Smoking has a negative influence on minors visiting or enrolled on this campus	13	12.38%	57	10.07%	70	10.43%
There are health problems related with second hand smoke	35	33.33%	143	25.27%	178	26.53%
There is an unpleasant odor associated with smoking cigarettes	26	24.76%	127	22.44%	153	22.80%
Students are spending their financial aid grant or scholarship money to support their smoking habit. (Grants/Scholarships are monies given to students for their educational and living needs by the federal government or UMC. These are not loans that students have to pay back.)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Cigarette butts are littering the campus lawn making this an unpleasant site	15	14.29%	121	21.38%	136	20.27%
Other (specify):	3	2.86%	35	6.18%	38	5.66%
Column Totals	105	100.00%	566	100.00%	671	100.00%

Q.6 Other (specify):

Summary sample of top topics from respondents:

- they litter their boxes and clog the doors too
- Not a problem
- Being a NON-smoker and STILL I think smoking should be permitted. It is a right for the students whom are old enough. I DISAGREE STRONGLY with prohibiting smoking on the UMC Campus!
- smokers do not abide by the policy that maintains that cigarettes should be smoked a certain distance from the buildings
- Unhealthy

Q.7 In your opinion, which of these reasons best describes why UMC should not implement a smoking ban? (you may check more than one)

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Infringes on free will	15	20.00%	135	22.88%	150	22.56%
There will be a decline in enrollment at UMC	8	10.67%	61	10.34%	69	10.38%
The current smoking policy that prohibits smoking indoors is sufficient	19	25.33%	104	17.63%	123	18.50%
The ban will result in picketing and protesting on campus	0	0.00%	49	8.31%	49	7.37%
People will not follow the policy anyway	21	28.00%	154	26.10%	175	26.32%
People will seek education or employment elsewhere	9	12.00%	61	10.34%	70	10.53%
Other (specify):	3	4.00%	26	4.41%	29	4.36%
Column Totals	75	100.00%	590	100.00%	665	100.00%

Q.7 Other (specify):

Summary sample of top topics from respondents:

- there is not one reason in my mind why this should not go through.
- I agree with ALL of these statements!
- second hand is not as big of a problem if it is outside
- Who is going to enforce the ban? The 25ft rule is not enforced at all.
- Students may be more likley to seach for off campus housing
- Less will come to sporting events if they can't go out and have a smoke at half time.
- Students will have to go out to highway 2 to smoke.

Q.8 What is your opinion about smoking pipe tobacco, or cigars, in comparison to smoking cigarettes on campus?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. It doesn't bother me at all	3	6.82%	81	33.47%	84	29.37%
2. It doesn't bother me that much	2	4.55%	47	19.42%	49	17.13%
3. It bothers me about the same	30	68.18%	100	41.32%	130	45.45%
4. It bothers me more	7	15.91%	11	4.55%	18	6.29%
5. It bothers me a lot more	2	4.55%	3	1.24%	5	1.75%
Column Totals	44	100.00%	242	100.00%	286	100.00%

Q.9 What is your opinion about smokeless chewing tobacco in comparison to smoking cigarettes on campus?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. It doesn't bother me at all	6	13.33%	104	42.62%	110	38.06%
2. It doesn't bother me that much	8	17.78%	77	31.56%	85	29.41%
3. It bothers me about the same	16	35.56%	36	14.75%	52	17.99%
4. It bothers me more	7	15.56%	20	8.20%	27	9.34%
5. It bothers me a lot more	8	17.78%	7	2.87%	15	5.19%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	244	100.00%	289	100.00%

Q.10 If a smoking ban were implemented, should it also prohibit the use of smokeless chewing tobacco on UMC property?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Yes	33	73.33%	80	33.06%	113	39.37%
2. No	12	26.67%	162	66.94%	174	60.63%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	242	100.00%	287	100.00%

Q.11 How do you think a smoking ban will affect the UMC campus on a long term basis?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Greatly beneficial	12	26.67%	32	13.11%	44	15.22%
2. Somewhat beneficial	16	35.56%	71	29.10%	87	30.10%
3. Neither beneficial nor detrimental	10	22.22%	72	29.51%	82	28.37%
4. Somewhat detrimental	7	15.56%	47	19.26%	54	18.69%
5. Greatly detrimental	0	0.00%	22	9.02%	22	7.61%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	244	100.00%	289	100.00%

Q.12 Do you support adopting a policy that would prohibit smoking on all UMC property?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Yes	27	62.79%	99	40.91%	126	44.21%
2. No	16	37.21%	143	59.09%	159	55.79%
Column Totals	43	100.00%	242	100.00%	285	100.00%

On October 1, 2007 the *Freedom to Breathe (FTB)* provisions of the *Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act* went into effect to protect employees and the public from the health hazards of secondhand smoke. The FTB provisions prohibit smoking in virtually all *indoor* public places and *indoor* places of employment.

Q.13 Do you agree or disagree with the Freedom to Breathe (FTB) provisions in Minnesota?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Strongly Agree	31	68.89%	105	43.21%	136	47.22%
2. Agree	8	17.78%	80	32.92%	88	30.56%
3. Neutral	4	8.89%	18	7.41%	22	7.64%
4. Disagree	1	2.22%	22	9.05%	23	7.99%
5. Strongly Disagree	1	2.22%	18	7.41%	19	6.60%
Column Totals	45	100.00%	243	100.00%	288	100.00%

Q.14 If you care to add any comments about this survey please write them here.

Summary of top generalcomment topics provided by respondents:

1. Enforce current policy of no smoking within 25 feet of buildings
2. Walking through smoke outside of buildings is offensive
3. Smokers will choose to move off campus
4. Many objections to smokeless tobacco use in classroom and littering on campus
5. Several individuals who don't smoke support the right of others to choose to use tobacco products

Q.15 What is your primary status on UMC Campus?

Choice	Count	Percentage Answered
1. Faculty/Staff	45	15.60%
2. Student	244	84.40%

Q.16 If you are a student, what is your current academic status?

Choice	Count	Percentage Answered
1. Non-Degree	2	0.8%
2. Freshman	55	22.4%
3. Sophomore	56	22.8%
4. Junior	59	24.0%
5. Senior	74	30.1%

Q.17 If you are a student, what are your housing arrangements?

Choice	Count	Percentage Answered
1. Live on campus	126	51.4%
2. Live off-campus	119	48.6%

Q.18 Which age group do you belong to?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. 18 – 22	0	0.00%	200	82.64%	200	70.67%
2. 23 – 30	4	9.76%	35	14.46%	39	13.78%
3. 30 or older	37	90.24%	7	2.89%	44	15.55%
Column Totals	41	100.00%	242	100.00%	283	100.00%

Q.19 What is your gender?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. Male	15	34.88%	114	47.11%	129	45.26%
2. Female	28	65.12%	128	52.89%	156	54.74%
Column Totals	43	100.00%	242	100.00%	285	100.00%

Q.20 What is your ethnicity/race?

Choice	Count	Percentage Answered
1. White/Caucasian (non-Hispanic)	258	90.2%
2. Black or African-American	4	1.4%
3. Hispanic/Latino	5	1.7%
4. American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0.7%
5. Asian or Asian-American	17	5.9%

Q.21 Which of the following statements best describes you?

Choice	Faculty/Staff		Student		Totals	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1. I smoke cigarettes or use other tobacco products on a regular basis	0	0.00%	27	11.07%	27	9.38%
2. I occasionally smoke cigarettes or use other tobacco products	3	6.82%	32	13.11%	35	12.15%
3. I used to smoke or use other tobacco products, but I've quit	18	40.91%	36	14.75%	54	18.75%
4. I have never smoked or used other tobacco products	23	52.27%	149	61.07%	172	59.72%
Column Totals	44	100.00%	244	100.00%	288	100.00%

Thank you for participating in this survey.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Any report prepared for the University will not include any information that will make it possible to identify a participant or small group of participants. There are no risks associated with your participation in this survey

This is voluntary. You may choose not to participate in this survey. If you do decide to participate, you are free to quit the survey at any time. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with the University of Minnesota.

Questions? If you have any questions about the study, you may contact the Office of Institutional Research at (218) 281-8560.

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