The Associate Vice President for Facilities and Operations (AVPFO) is delegated authority to review and approve or deny requests for liquor service on university property outside of a licensed facility. University units are encouraged to utilize licensed facilities for their events at which alcohol is served. There are five (5) licensed facilities on the Ann Arbor campus: Michigan League, Michigan Union, Pierpont Commons, Ross School of Business Executive Residence, and UM Golf Course Postma Family Clubhouse. Flint Campus: Riverfront Conference Center.

Non-licensed University Facilities and Property

- The preferred method to serve alcoholic beverages on University property is to do so in a licensed facility.
- All university contracts (for use of a University facility) should require that alcohol laws/policies/guidelines are complied with:
  - State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission
  - Office of the General Counsel FAQs
  - Standard Practice Guide
- Units are strongly discouraged from holding events that involve alcohol in teaching and research buildings.
- Alcohol is not permitted at outdoor events

If holding an event at an indoor non-licensed facility with alcohol, a special liquor license from the State Liquor Control Commission may be required. In addition, there may be special liability insurance required. To determine if your event legally requires a State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission “special liquor license” see chart below:

If you met ALL these requirements then your event does not require a “Special Liquor License.” Proceed with your event to serve alcohol with your Dean’s Office/Administration approval.

Student Life discourages events serving alcohol with undergrads in attendance. Contact the Director, Wolverine Wellness for approval.
To Request a Liquor License

University of Michigan
To request one (1) of the twelve (12) yearly University liquor licenses a written request by your Dean or Executive Officer describing the activity is required. The following details must be included:

- Location of the activity/event
- Date
- Time (beginning time and end time)
- University impact and business reason for the event
- The estimated amount of attendees
- Send the request to the AVPFO Office at least 60 days preceding the event, preferably a year in advance.

For more information please contact the AVPFO Office at 734-615-5971 or fo-events@umich.edu.

Non-University Organizations
If a non-University group rents/utilizes a non-licensed University facility for an event at which alcohol will be served, it must provide to the AVPFO, 30 days in advance of the event, the following,

- Proof of liquor liability insurance in an amount determined by the University’s Risk Management Office and Regents of the University of Michigan must be named as additional insured.
- In addition, the group must determine if a special license is required. This is a decision for the group to make with its legal counsel and the University of Michigan using the chart above.

If a special liquor license is needed contact the AVPFO Office at 734-615-5971 or fo-events@umich.edu.

Hosting or serving at an event where alcohol is served also may have personal liability -- not just the University.

For questions, please call the Office of the Associate Vice President for Facilities and Operations at 734-615-5971 or fo-events@umich.edu and/or reference General Counsel’s FAQ web page and Standard Practice Guide.