



You have been required to complete a Group BASICS sanction because of an alcohol policy (or related) violation. BASICS is utilized as a conduct sanction for alcohol policy (or related) violations committed by UW-Madison students. BASICS is an acronym that stands for Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students. BASICS includes two different programs, Group and Individual, both designed to address high risk drinking practices among college students. Your sanction in this case is Group BASICS.

**1. What is Group BASICS?**

Group BASICS is a group experience with 8-12 other students and consists of two, 90 minute sessions. Group BASICS is intended for students who indicate moderately risky use of alcohol or are involved in first offense violations that do not have a serious circumstance. Group sessions are facilitated by professional substance abuse counselors. In the sessions, students will be provided an opportunity to examine their academic, emotional, and physical well-being in a manner that facilitates better choices in the future.

**2. Why have I been required to complete Group BASICS?**

BASICS is one of the foremost educational sanctions available for college students who are found to violate an alcohol (or related) policies through the Chapter 17 disciplinary process. Students will receive written notice from the staff member responsible for their conduct case informing them of the requirement to complete BASICS. Students are generally required to complete BASICS within a six-week period.

**3. What does Group BASICS cost?**

Students who are required to complete BASICS must cover the cost. **The fee for Group BASICS is \$78.** Continued violation of alcohol (or related) policies may result in having to complete Individual BASICS, which costs \$200. These fees will be in addition to any court ordered fine or forfeiture as well as additional disciplinary sanctions (if applicable). Payment is due at the time of the first session and can be made by credit card or check payable directly to the provider.

**4. How do I enroll in Group BASICS?**

Group BASICS will be provided on campus and at community locations by two community partner organizations, Connections Counseling and Tellurian UCAN, Inc. Both organizations have extensive experience providing community services around alcohol and drug abuse. Students can enroll in Group BASICS by calling one of the community providers indicated below or by registering online. Additional information on program availability can be found online. **It is your responsibility to schedule Group BASICS – don't wait, call now!**

Connections Counseling: (608) 233-2100 (extension 10) <http://connectionsounseling.com/>

Tellurian UCAN, Inc.: (608) 442-4333 (extension 3) <http://tellurian.org/>

**5. How do I verify completion of BASICS?**

After the second BASICS session, the provider notifies the Dean of Students Office at UW-Madison, which then forwards relevant information to the individual investigating officers. If you need documentation to verify completion for the courts, a copy of the Compliance Form included with this document can be used. Make sure you bring this form with you to your first session so the providers ensure proper records are kept.

**6. What will happen if I do not complete BASICS?**

Failure to complete the BASICS would constitute a violation of UWS 17.09(16), "Noncompliance with disciplinary sanctions." A student could face further disciplinary action/sanctions, and a hold could be placed on their registration and transcripts until such time as the BASICS program is successfully completed.

