

## Texas and Federal Drug Sanctions Update

Drug Category	Violation	Typical Sanctions (Texas Health & Safety Code)
Fentanyl (Penalty Group 1-B)	Possession (<1g)	State Jail Felony: 180 days to 2 years in state jail; Fine up to \$10,000.
Fentanyl	Manufacture/Delivery	Fentanyl Poisoning Law: Third-degree felony minimum; up to life imprisonment if the delivery results in death.
Marijuana	Possession (<2 oz)	Class B Misdemeanor: Up to 180 days in jail; Fine up to \$2,000. (Note: Some local jurisdictions have decriminalized small amounts, but ACU remains a drug-free campus).
Synthetic/Designer Drugs	Possession	Penalties vary by Penalty Group; typically a Class A or B Misdemeanor for small amounts; Felonies for larger quantities.
Substance	Violation	Federal Mandatory Minimums (First Offense)
Marijuana	Possession/Distribution	Schedule III Update: Marijuana is currently in the administrative process of being moved to Schedule III. While this lowers some research barriers, unauthorized distribution remains a federal crime with varying penalties based on weight.
Fentanyl (40-399g)	Trafficking	Not less than 5 years; not more than 40 years. If death or serious injury results: 20 years to Life.
Fentanyl (400g+)	Trafficking	Not less than 10 years; up to Life.
Other Schedule I/II Drugs	Simple Possession	Up to 1 year in prison; Minimum fine of \$1,000.