

# Reliability and Validity of the Alcohol Consequences Expectations Scale

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**Objectives:** To examine the reliability and validity of a new measure of alcohol outcome expectations for college students, the Alcohol Consequences Expectations Scale (ACES). **Methods:** College students (N=169) completed the ACES and several other measures. **Results:** Results support the existence of 5 internally consistent subscales. Additionally, the ACES is associated with conceptually similar measures and self-reported drinking behavior.

**Conclusions:** This study supports the reliability of the ACES and its subscales and provides preliminary evidence of construct and criterion-related validity. Pending further investigation, this scale may be used to inform the development of alcohol abuse prevention programs on college campuses.

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