

Office of Student Activities & Leadership

Greek Life

Hazing Information

Hazing Explained

Hazing is any action taken or situation created as part of initiation or continued membership in a student organization, which produces, or could be expected to produce, mental or physical discomfort, harm, or stress; embarrassment; harassment; or ridicule and/or which violates University policy, organization policy, or law, no matter how good the intent or end result. Current members are not to participate in hazing activities, nor can potential new members choose to be hazed. Doing so violates University policy and the South Carolina Hazing Law.

This applies to behavior on or off the CCU campus. Events that are optional can be considered hazing due to the emotional status of potential members and the fear of not being initiated for not participating.

All members should read and understand the CCU Hazing Policy. Any questions or needed clarification should be directed to the Director of Student Activities or the Dean of Students.

Questions to ask when planning an activity:

- Does the activity promote and conform to the ideals, values, and the mission of both the university and organization?
- Is it an activity that all members (current and initiates) can participate in together?
- Would the group's adviser, the national headquarters or Founders of the fraternity/sorority, and/or other University officials approve of the activity?
- Would your parents approve of the activity?
- Would you like to see a story about the activity in the campus newspaper?
- Will this activity increase new members' respect for the group and all members of the group?
- Is the activity free of mental anguish or physical discomfort?
- Does the activity have inherent value in and of itself?

Activities that are considered to be hazing include:

- Physical acts such as running or calisthenics
- Forced or coerced carrying of unusual items such as buckets, paddles, rocks, pledge kits, etc.
- Paddling (striking an individual with the hand or board)
- Branding (burning or scarring of the skin)
- Forced or coerced eating or drinking of any substance, including alcohol
- Applying of any substance to an associate member's body or belongings
- Forced listening to any loud or repetitious music or noise
- Physical harassment such as pushing, tickling, yelling, etc.
- Deprivation of sleep or normal sleeping patterns

- Deprivation of normal amounts of food and/or water
- Individual or group interrogations such as line-ups
- Forced or coerced trips such as kidnaps, drop-offs, dumps, etc.
- Putting potential members in any uncomfortable settings such as cold or hot rooms, smoke filled rooms, etc.
- Personal servitude (forcing members to provide services to an active member such as cleaning their house, shopping for them, etc.)
- Assigning pranks such as streaking, painting objects, panty raids, harassing other individuals or organizations, etc.
- Calling potential members derogatory names such as plebe, scum, fags, bitch, maggots, worms, etc.
- Deprivation of adequate study time
- Potential members expected to do anything for the entertainment of the brothers/ sisters
- Treasure or scavenger hunts
- Forced or coerced wearing of conspicuous clothing not normally in good taste
- Forcing an individual to perform sexual acts

Penalties for hazing may include the imposition of fines; the withholding of diplomas or transcripts pending compliance with the rules or pending payment of fines; and the imposition of probation, suspension, dismissal, and any other sanctions the Dean of Students Office deems appropriate.

In the case of a university organization which authorizes hazing in blatant disregard of such rules, penalties may also include rescission of permission for that organization to operate on campus property or to otherwise operate under the sanction of the University.

PLEASE NOTE: This list by no means covers all activities and actions that can be considered hazing. Should you have questions or desire clarification of any of these items, please contact the Office of Student Activities and Leadership at 843-349-2301.

Print Name	Date
Signature	
Fraternity/ Sorority/ Council	

My signature below indicates my consent for the Office of Student Activities and Leadership to release my semester and cumulative GPA to the President and/or Advisor of the above organization.

Signature	ID Number
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