



Policy Title:	Hazing Policy
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SUMMARY:

In order to provide a safe and healthy living and learning environment, Coastal Carolina University has a clear policy against hazing and provides multiple opportunities for hazing to be reported. Hazing is any situation created or action taken -- for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a formal or informal organization -- which meets one or more of the criteria below. Hazing can be intentional or unintentional and can occur with or without consent. The situations, actions, or activities that constitute hazing are not consistent with the Core Values of Coastal Carolina University and are in direct violation of University Policy and the Code of Student Conduct.

POLICY:

I. DEFINITION

- A. The Coastal Carolina University Code of Student Conduct has defined hazing: “Hazing is any reckless or intentional act, occurring on- or off-campus, that produces physical, mental, or emotional pain; discomfort; humiliation; embarrassment; or ridicule directed toward other students or groups (regardless of their willingness to participate), that is required or expected of new or current members and which is not related to the mission of the team, group, or organization. This includes any activity, whether it is presented as optional or required, that places a new or current member in a position of servitude as a condition of membership.” ([Student Code of Conduct, Section IV. C. 11](#)).
- B. This includes any activity, whether it is presented as optional or required, that places a new or current member in a position of servitude as a condition of membership. Any form of hazing is strictly prohibited. Any student who participates in or is knowledgeable and does not report the hazing of another student or students can be held accountable for violating University Policy and the Student Code of Conduct.

- C. Hazing is also any act that meets the definition of hazing contained in South Carolina Code of Laws section 59-101-200. (See <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t59c101.php>)
- D. Situations/actions that constitute hazing are negligent or reckless in nature; or potentially harmful to the physical safety/health or psychological well-being of an individual; limit opportunities for academic success; or are not reflective of the University's mission, purpose, or values.

Such activities and situations may include, but are not limited to:

- Interference with academic pursuits.
- Paddling.
- Physical or psychological shocks.
- Forced (whether explicit or implicit) consumption of food, water, alcohol or drugs.
- Kidnapping or abandonment.
- Line-ups and berating.
- Morally degrading behavior.
- Any form of personal servitude;
- Deprivation of sleep, food, or water.
- Forced (whether explicit or implicit) wearing, publicly or privately, of costumes.
- Forced (whether explicit or implicit) participation in activities that are illegal, or violate University policy.

II. REPORTING

- A. Any member of the University community, including a victim, participant, or witness, with knowledge or suspicion of hazing should report any incident immediately. Coastal Carolina University students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use local and campus resources if they suspect that hazing is occurring.

There are multiple ways to report hazing:

1. If a person is in immediate danger, call 843-349-2911 on-campus or 911 off-campus.
2. Call Coastal Carolina University Department of Public Safety at 843-347-2711.
3. Contact the Dean of Students Office at 843-349-4161 or online via https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?CoastalCarolinaUniv&layout_id=10
4. Call the National Hazing Prevention Anonymous Hotline toll-free: 1-888-NOT-HAZE (1-888-668-4293).

B. Public Notice

As required by South Carolina State Law 59-101-200, Coastal Carolina University publicizes all violations of the Student Code of Conduct by fraternity and sorority

organizations affiliated with the University, including any hazing violations via the [Tucker Hipps Transparency Report](#).

III. EDUCATION

- A. Any fraternity or sorority affiliated with Coastal Carolina University will have a required hazing education component in its member education program.
- B. All students who affiliate with a fraternity or sorority will be required to complete a hazing education program sanctioned by Coastal Carolina University and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- C. Students participating in student organizations including, but not limited, to club sports, recognized student organizations, marching band, and Division I sports teams will confirm their understanding of the University Hazing Policy upon joining the organization or team.

IV. RELATED POLICIES AND LAWS

S.C. Code of Laws section 59-101-200
<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t59c101.php>

S.C. Code of Laws section 59-63-275
<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t59c063.php>

S.C. Code of Laws section 16-3-510 and 16-3-520
<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t16c003.php>

S.C. Code of Laws section 59-101-210 (a report of actual findings of violations related to formally affiliated student organization shall be provided online for the public)
http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/prever/4521_20160602b.htm