



Policy 01:110 – Hazing

The University prohibits any act of hazing for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of the University. Hazing refers to any action or situation created intentionally or unintentionally, whether on or off campus, that degrades, embarrasses, or recklessly or intentionally endangers the physical or mental well-being or safety of any person. Hazing associated with the initiation or admission into or affiliation with a University organization is presumed to be a forced activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding. The Code of Alabama (1975), Section 16-1-23, prohibits hazing and classifies the offense of hazing as a misdemeanor.

Any faculty, staff, or student violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination or dismissal from the University, as well as criminal liability. Anyone who knowingly permits, encourages, aids, or assists another in hazing, or who willfully acquiesces in hazing, or who fails to report evidence or knowledge of hazing shall also be in violation of this policy. Additionally, an individual or organization participating in hazing or knowingly permitting hazing shall forfeit entitlement to public funds, scholarships, or awards and shall be deprived of any sanction or approval granted by the University in accordance with State law. Hazing activity that violates other University policies or regulations (the misuse of alcohol, drugs, University property, etc.) is also prohibited.

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