

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI ANTI-HAZING POLICY

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Anti-Hazing Policy

The University of Miami has an absolute prohibition on hazing. Hazing is defined as an action or situation created on or off campus, which recklessly or intentionally harms, damages, or endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for purposes, including, but not limited to, pressuring or coercing a student into violating University rules or local, state, or federal law, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced/encouraged consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance, or other forced activity which would adversely affect the physical or mental health or safety of the student, and also includes any activity which would subject the student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced/encouraged exclusion from social contact, forced/encouraged conduct which would result in extreme embarrassment, or forced/encouraged activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the student, or any other activity which is inconsistent with the regulations and policies of the University of Miami.

It is not a defense to a charge of hazing that:

- (a) The consent of the victim had been obtained;
- (b) The conduct or activity that resulted in the death or injury of a person was not part of an official organizational event or was not otherwise sanctioned or approved by the organization; or
- (c) The conduct or activity that resulted in death or injury of the person was not done as a condition of membership to an organization.

The 2008 – 2009 Student Rights and Responsibilities is also available at www.miami.edu/dean-students/srr.pdf.

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Forcing, requiring, or expecting new members or initiated members to participate in any of the following actions or activities is explicitly prohibited. The following list is not all-inclusive, but gives examples of the kinds of activities/actions that are strictly prohibited.

1. Drinking alcohol or any other substance.
2. Using any drug, narcotic, or controlled substance.
3. Eating spoiled foods, raw onions, goldfish, or anything a reasonable person would not eat.
4. Dropping food or other substances (i.e. eggs, grapes, liver, etc.) into another person's mouth.
5. Tying a person to a chair, pole, anchor, tree, or any other object or to another person.
6. Causing fatigue through physical or psychological shock.
7. Branding.
8. Paddling of any nature.
9. Performing calisthenics (sit-ups, push-ups, runs, etc.).
10. Rolling up or down hills.
11. Pushing, shoving, tackling, or any other physical abuses.
12. Throwing anything (whipped cream, garbage, water, paint, etc) at a person or a group of people.
13. Exposing oneself indecently or appearing nude or in a way that is considered by a reasonable person to be offensive.
14. Harassing New Members verbally.
15. Calling new members demeaning names.
16. Misleading New Members in an effort to convince them that they will not be initiated or that they will be hurt during initiation.
17. Carrying any items (shields, paddles, bricks, etc.) that serve no constructive purpose or are designed to punish or embarrass the carrier.
18. Waking New Members at odd intervals or permitting fewer than six continuous hours of sleep.
19. Conducting New Member activities between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M.

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20. Conducting or participating in line-ups.
21. Conducting New Member activities that do not allow adequate time for study.
22. Wearing apparel or accessories that are conspicuous and not normally in good taste or wearing items that cause discomfort.
23. Wearing more or less clothing than the temperature or weather permits.
24. Defacing property (trees, grounds, buildings, cars, etc.)
25. Stealing any property (composites, trophies, etc.)
26. Compelling a person or group to remain at a certain place or transporting a person or group anywhere without their consent (road trips, kidnaps, etc.)
27. Assigning or endorsing pranks (stealing, panty raids, harassing another organization, etc.)
28. Acting like animal or objects.
29. Engaging in public stunts and buffoonery.
30. Yelling when entering, traveling through, or leaving any building.
31. "Trashing", intentionally, any area for the purpose of annoying others or for having others clean the "trashed" area.
32. Disallowing New Members to talk for an extended period of time.
33. "Marching" in formation.
34. Blindfolding and parading individuals in public areas or privately conducting blindfold activities that serve no constructive purpose.
35. Having New Members perform personal chores or errands.
36. Answering phones or doors with a prescribed chant, riddle, song, or rhyme.
37. Having only New Members perform wakes or phone duty.
38. Allowing New Members to use only a particular door when entering or leaving any building or to use only certain stairways within a building.
39. Conducting quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, paddle hunts, "big sister" or "little sister".
40. Conducting hunts or walkouts in a non-constructive manner.
41. Expecting participation in an activity in which initiated members themselves will not participate.