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### **University Hazing Policy Statement**

Although hazing practices are normally associated with social fraternities and sororities, the university's Hazing Policy Statement shall apply to all organizations, groups, and individuals.

As a condition of recognition by the university, all clubs and organizations including fraternities and sororities, must agree that they and their members will not engage in any action or situation that produces mental or physical discomfort or endangers the safety of an individual for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with their organizations. In addition, they must agree that they and their members will not engage in any action or situation that causes an individual to suffer indignity, embarrassment, humiliation or ridicule at the hands of others.

Organizations that are accused of violating the Hazing Policy Statement may be interim suspended immediately while allegations are investigated. Organizations found responsible for hazing will be sanctioned. Individuals who are found responsible for hazing will be charged with violating university policy and will be referred to the university disciplinary process.

All organizations, groups, clubs, sports teams, fraternities and sororities must understand that hazing in any form is prohibited. Organizations violating the university's Hazing Policy Statement will be brought before The Office of Student Life. Individual members of organizations violating this policy will be brought before the University Judicial Officer for disciplinary action. If found guilty, they shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from the university.