

# Hazing

Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created, either intentionally or

or possible physical harm or injury as a requirement for belonging to the group

## University Policy Against Hazing:

The University has a policy against hazing that applies to all organizations, regardless of organization status. In accordance with existing institutional policy, individual members of the organization may be required to appear before a University Judicial Board and may be found in violation of the University Behavioral Standards and Policies.

## Notifications and/or Agreement Pertaining to Organizations and Athletic Teams

All organizations regardless of official recognition are required to abide by the anti-hazing policy.

Athletic teams (including intramural teams) are also bound by this policy. All organization officers, including athletic team captains, are required to read and sign the anti-hazing policy as an acknowledgment that they have read and agree to abide by the anti-hazing policy.

Likewise, all pledges, initiates, candidates, and new members will be required to sign an acknowledgment that they have read and agree to abide by the Anti-Hazing Policy. The policy, including signature lines, will be approved by SORC.

## Preventive Measures Regarding Hazing:

**Education:** The Office of Student Development and Leadership and the Director of Athletics will assist in the provision of educational programs for organizations and athletic teams.

**First-Year Experiences:** Examples of educational programs include but are not limited to Student Orientation, New Student Orientation, and other programs designed to educate new and returning students and organization meetings.

## Role of Moderator:

Moderators are expected to read the anti-hazing policy and sign as an acknowledgment that they agree to assist in the enforcement of this policy.

## Enforcement:

The following entities are charged with enforcement of the anti-hazing policy:

University Judicial System (*Student Handbook*)

Hazing situations include but are not limited to the following:

- Paddling in any form;
- Hazing in any form;
- Branding in any form of mutilation;
- Hazing in any form;
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meals;

➤ Morally degrading games or nonacademic activities;

➤ Forced binge consumption of alcohol; and

➤ Activities which violate any University record or rules of conduct or student conduct as set forth in the University's *Student Handbook*.

➤ Prerequisite to buying tickets to the home of a football or basketball team.

#### Use of Cane, Stick or Daddies

The Dean of Student Services or designate must approve the use of canes/sticks/daddies at

1. The use of a cane/stick/daddies in a negative or threatening manner will result in a judicial referral, an organizational review or action up to and including police involvement. Involved individuals may be disciplined in accordance with procedures outlined in this manual.

2. Cane/sticks/daddies may be used in a positive manner in a designated place designated by SORC until needed.

Should the Office of Student Services become aware of hazing by any organization, that organization jeopardizes its status as a recognized organization of Lewis University.

Should the organization be found to have hazed, the organization will be suspended from the Office of Student Services.

### **Kidnapping**

Kidnapping is prohibited and there is zero tolerance for this activity. Kidnapping is potentially

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a student who is part of an organization at Lewis University, I understand the responsibilities associated with being a member of any organization at Lewis University and agree to abide by all of the above expectations.

Name of the Student \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_