

HAZING

At the University of Arkansas at Cossatot, all students, faculty, staff, alumnus, and volunteers should understand that hazing is not only unacceptable and a violation of the University of Arkansas at Cossatot's rules and policies but is also against the law.

"Hazing" means:

- a. A willful act on or off the property of the University by one Student, alumnus, or volunteer or employee of a fraternal organization if the volunteer or employee is acting on behalf of, or in the name of, the fraternal organization, acting alone, or acting with others when the conduct is directed against any other Student and done for the purpose of intimidating the Student attacked by threatening him or her with social or other ostracism or of submitting such Student to ignominy, shame, or disgrace among his or her fellow Students, and acts calculated to produce such results;
- b. The playing of abusive or truculent tricks on or off the property of the University by one Student, alumnus, or volunteer or employee of a fraternal organization if the volunteer or employee is acting on behalf of, or in the name of, the fraternal organization, acting alone, or acting with others, upon another Student to frighten or scare him or her;
- c. A willful act on or off the property of the University by one Student, alumnus, or volunteer or employee of a fraternal organization if the volunteer or employee is acting on behalf of, or in the name of, the fraternal organization, acting alone, or acting with others which is directed against any other Student done for the purpose of humbling the pride, stifling the ambition, or impairing the courage of the Student attacked or to discourage him or her from remaining in that school, college, university, or other educational institution, or reasonably to cause him or her to leave the institution rather than submit to such acts; or
- d. A willful act on or off the property of the University by one Student, alumnus, or volunteer or employee of a fraternal organization if the volunteer or employee is acting on behalf of, or in the name of, the fraternal organization, acting alone, or acting with others in striking, beating, bruising, or maiming; or seriously offering, threatening, or attempting to strike, beat, bruise, or maim; or to do or seriously offer, threaten, or attempt to do physical violence to any Student of any such educational institution; or any assault upon any such Student made for the purpose of committing any of the acts, or producing any of the results, to such Student as defined in this section.
- e. The term "hazing"

- i. Does not include customary athletic events or similar contests or competitions; and
- ii. Is limited to those actions taken and situations created in connection with initiation into or affiliation with an organization, extracurricular activity, or sports program.

Reporting

Complaints or concerns of hazing should be reported to the Vice Chancellor for Academics/Dean of Students or to the local police. The Vice Chancellor for Academics/Dean of Students can be contacted at aaylett@cccua.edu or 870-584-1125.

Investigation Process

Complaints or concerns of hazing reported to the institution will be investigated and handled using the process identified in the Student Code of Conduct. The Student Code of Conduct is found at [Policies](#) (Policy 530).

Arkansas Law on Hazing

Arkansas law on hazing can be found at Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-5-201 to 202. Arkansas law provides that:

(a) A student, alumnus, or volunteer or employee of a fraternal organization of a school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas shall not knowingly engage in hazing or encourage, aid, or assist any other student, alumnus, or volunteer or employee of a fraternal organization in hazing.

(b)(1) A person shall not knowingly permit, encourage, aid, or assist another person in committing the offense of hazing, or knowingly acquiesce in the commission of the offense of hazing, or fail to report promptly his or her knowledge or any reasonable information within his or her knowledge of the presence and practice of hazing in this state to an appropriate administrative official of the school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas.

Hazing is a Class B misdemeanor in the State of Arkansas and requires expulsion of the student convicted of hazing from the school, college, university, or other education institution the he or she is attending.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-5-202.

Policy History:

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