

**SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

**PROCEDURE NO. 3360**

**TITLE: PROHIBITION OF HAZING**

**BASED ON POLICY: 3.36 PROHIBITION OF HAZING**

**OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY: VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC  
AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SERVICES**

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I. Purpose:

To define actions or situations that recklessly or intentionally endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student and are considered to be hazing activities

II. Procedure:

- A. The term "hazing" will include any action or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for purposes including, but not limited to, initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of a postsecondary institution; or the perpetuation or furtherance of a tradition or ritual of any organization operating under the sanction of a postsecondary institution. 'Hazing' includes but is not limited to pressuring or coercing the student into violating state or federal law; any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance; or other forced physical activity that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the student, and also includes any activity that would subject the student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, coerced conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment, or other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the student. Hazing does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or competitions or any activity or conduct that furthers a legal and legitimate objective (Florida Statute 1006.63(1)).
- B. This rule shall apply to acts conducted on or off College sites whenever such acts are deemed to constitute hazing by College or non-College sponsored organizations.
- C. Any organization suspected of blatant disregard for the above hazing rules will be investigated by the dean, student services and if found to be in violation of the procedure, the organization's charter will be revoked and the organization will cease to operate on or off campus under the sanction of the

College. Furthermore, any violation of II.A. will result in the suspension of the club or organization by the dean, student services. Suspension will result in the following:

1. A loss of the rights to induct new members for one term and preclusion from participating in College-sponsored activities as a recognized organization
  2. Denial of the use of the name of the College when engaged in activities off campus
  3. Denial of access to facilities and all other College resources that are normally provided to officially recognized clubs and organizations
- D. Any individual(s) suspected of violating the above hazing rule shall be investigated by the Office of Student Services and, if warranted, charged with the appropriate violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Students charged with a violation of hazing will be referred to the Student Judicial Committee (SJC) as well as law enforcement for appropriate action.

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