

Winthrop University Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs New Member Anti-Hazing Compliance Form

Hazing in any form is strictly prohibited. Hazing is a broad term that encompasses a multitude of actions or activities. The term hazing refers to any actions or activities that may negatively affect the development of a person or an organization; which cause mental or physical harm; or which subject individuals to harassment, embarrassment, ridicule, or distress. Winthrop University prohibits any form of hazing of its students, at any time, or at any location on or off campus, including fraternity/sorority houses, private residences, or public property. Hazing is typically associated with membership selection and initiation into an organization. It is possible for hazing to occur before, during, and after membership selection and initiation. The University will respond swiftly to investigate reports of hazing received from any source, and will promptly determine whether to proceed with campus disciplinary action, to forward a report to law enforcement officials for prosecution as a criminal matter, or both. Winthrop students who voluntarily consent to hazing, as well as those who inflict it, are subject to such action. If you believe you or someone you know has been a victim of hazing, contact the Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity & Sorority Affairs at 803-323-2248.

South Carolina Law (59-101-200): Hazing means the wrongful striking, laying open hand upon, threatening with violence, or offering to do bodily harm by a superior student to a subordinate student with intent to punish or injure the subordinate student, or other unauthorized treatment by the superior student of a subordinate student of a tyrannical, abusive, shameful, insulting, or humiliating nature. Hazing at all state supported universities, colleges, and public institutions of higher learning is prohibited. When an investigation has disclosed substantial evidence that a student has committed an act or acts of hazing, the student may be dismissed, expelled, suspended, or punished as the president considers appropriate.

Winthrop University Hazing Policy: HAZING is defined as any action taken or situation created, which produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities and situations include assault in any form, creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks, wearing apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste, nudity; situations or tasks that interfere with scholastic activities, and any other activities which are not consistent with the regulations and policies of Winthrop University and otherwise isolate or create different standards for new members for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with a chartered or non-chartered student organization. Consistent with state law, it is a violation of the hazing policy for any person to 1) Knowingly permit or assist any person in committing hazing activities or 2) Failing to promptly report hazing activities to the appropriate university official. The implied or express consent of a person to participate in hazing does not constitute a defense to violations of the hazing policy.

Anti-Hazing Agreement

We, the undersigned, certify the following:

1. We have read AND understand Winthrop's Hazing Policy as outlined in the Membership Policy and Student Conduct Code
2. We have read and understand the South Carolina Hazing Law
3. We have read and understand our National Hazing Policy
4. We verify that all we have received a copy of this policy
5. We verify that all activities sponsored or required by our chapter, in whole or part, comply with this policy.
6. Failure of my organization to uphold this policy, in whole or part, will result in the referral of my organization and any individual members involved for discipline.
7. **Furthermore, if a hazing incident occurs, the president and new member educator/intake coordinator may be referred to the Dean of Student's Office for supplying false information to a University Official (if they knew of the hazing occurring and did not take steps to stop it.)**
8. **If I suspect, see, or know hazing activities are occurring, it is my responsibility to report these activities to the appropriate office.**

By signing this statement, I agree that I have read and understand the Winthrop University Hazing Policy. I agree to comply with this policy, local and state laws, the policies of my fraternal organization and the local and national governing council to which my organization belongs. I further consent to my name being listed on the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs website should I proceed in the membership process.

Organization: _____ Semester: _____

***PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL FORMS AS NEEDED FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES**

Date	New Member's Name (Print Name)	WU ID #	Signature	HWA (Office Use Only)	GPA/HR (Office Use Only)
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This form is due to The Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs within 24 hours following the start date of the official new member education