

UCR Zero Tolerance for Hazing Compliance Form

California state law defines hazing as “any method of initiation or preinitiation into a student organization or student body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury to any former, current, or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university, or other educational institution in this state. The term “hazing” does not include customary athletic events or school-sanctioned events.” (Source: California Penal Code Section 245.6, see URL below).

“Any person who personally engages in **hazing** that results in death or serious bodily injury as defined in paragraph (4) of subdivision (f) of Section 243 of the **Penal Code**, is guilty of either a misdemeanor or a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment in county jail not exceeding one year, or by imprisonment in the state prison.

(e) The person against whom the **hazing** is directed may commence a civil action for injury or damages. The action may be brought against any participants in the **hazing**, or any organization to which the student is seeking membership whose agents, directors, trustees, managers, or officers authorized, requested, commanded, participated in, or ratified the **hazing**.”

An organization and/or an officer, or any of its members, new/associate members, or alumni who commit or assist in incidents of hazing may also be charged with violation of the hazing laws, and may also incur significant financial consequences.

Hazing includes but **is not limited to**:

- Any type of physical brutality such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity, or
- Any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement to a small space, calisthenics, scavenger or treasure hunts, or other activity that may subject the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health of the student, or
- Any activity involving consumption of food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance which subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health of the subject, or
- Any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame or humiliation, or that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may be reasonably expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in this subsection, or
- Any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of California State Law

I have received a summary of the California State Laws and UCR policies regarding hazing. I agree to abide by these laws and to not condone any form of hazing in my organization. Furthermore, I will report any incident of hazing or suspected hazing of which I become aware to the proper authorities (i.e. Student Life, Student Judicial Affairs, Housing Staff, UC Police, or local law enforcement). By signing below, I am representing my organization including all current and alumni members, and will be responsible for reporting what I have learned and signed to all members of my organization.

Student Signature

Student ID #

Date

Print Student Name

Office/Title

Organization name

Student Life Staff Signature

Title

Date