

# RULE

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Prohibition of Hazing</b>	<b>Number:</b> 6HX14-4.16
<b>Authority</b>	F.S. 1001.64; 1001.65; 1006.63	<b>Date:</b> 04/30/2013
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<b>Source</b>	Vice President, Educational & Student Services	

The purpose of this Rule is to prohibit conduct defined as “hazing,” establish the College's process of communicating this information to students, and establish policy for addressing alleged hazing incidents.

The College shall not tolerate hazing, as defined below, at or on any College property or at any College-sponsored or College-affiliated event, regardless of its location.

1. “Hazing” means any action or situation which 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 the College, hereafter referred to as a "College organization." 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 which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the student, and also includes any activity which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which 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.
2. This Rule shall apply to students and to College organizations and clubs, including acting through other persons associated with a College organization or club who are not students.
3. Penalties for violation of this Rule shall be administered in accordance with College policies and procedures related to student disciplinary actions; subject, however, to any limitations or additional penalties contained in Subsection 1006.63, F.S.:
  - A. Such penalties may include the imposition of fines; the withholding of diplomas or transcripts pending compliance with the rules or pending payment of fines; and the imposition of probation, suspension, or expulsion from the College.

- B. In the case of an organization/club which authorizes hazing in blatant disregard of such rules, penalties may also include rescission of permission for that organization to operate on campus property or to otherwise operate under the sanction of the institution.
  - C. All penalties imposed under the authority of this subsection shall be in addition to any penalty imposed for violation of any of the criminal laws of this state or for violation of any other rule of the institution to which the violator may be subject.
4. It is not a defense to a charge of hazing that the consent of the victim had been obtained, the conduct or activity was not part of an official organizational event or was not otherwise sanctioned or approved by the organization, or the conduct or activity was not done as a condition of membership.
  5. All College organizations and clubs are required to include this Rule in the by-laws of such organization or club.
  6. The College shall provide each student with a copy of this Rule and penalties by publication in the Catalog and/or Student Handbook.