

THE ISSUE OF HAZING

WHAT IS HAZING?

Hazing is any activity expected of someone joining or participating in a group that humiliates, degrades, abuses, or endangers them, regardless of their willingness to participate.



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THE THREE COMPONENTS

1. It occurs in a group context
2. It can be humiliating, degrading, or endangering behavior
3. It happens regardless of an individual's willingness to participate

EXAMPLES OF WHAT HAZING CAN LOOK LIKE:

- Personal servitude
 - buying food, cigarettes, etc.
 - cleaning, doing laundry
- Having specific items on one's person
- Owning of a student's time, such as "on-call" hours
- Power imbalance between new members and the rest of the group
- Activities meant to 'earn' a place within an organization or team
- Asking a subset of members to wear conforming, silly, or humiliating attire
- Provoking anxiety or intimidation about future events/requirements
- Calisthenics
- Burning/branding
- Verbal abuse
- Social isolation
 - not allowed to be around certain people
- Sleep deprivation
- Pointless tasks
- Line-ups and drills/tests on meaningless information
- Assigning pranks such as stealing, painting, or harassing others
- Physical/mental exhaustion