

## MUW Hazing Policy

Programs for members, new members or pledges in all organizations at MUW should be designed to support the University and local community and to broaden the individual's educational experiences.

Every organization is required to inform new members and/or pledges in writing of the specific requirements necessary to complete the organizations new member and/or pledge program. A copy must be submitted to the Office of Student Life for approval. Only active members of an organization who are currently enrolled as students at MUW may formulate and/or implement programs for new members or pledges.

All organizational experiences should encourage academic excellence and provide opportunities for personal growth; therefore, all organizations shall ensure that their members, alumni, pledges or other persons do not participate in any hazing ceremony, activity, or practice.

Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created intentionally or unintentionally—whether on or off campus—to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Hazing includes servitude, which is often defined as "personal favors." Specifically, hazing includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Activities and situations which create excessive fatigue.
2. Physical abuse and psychological shock.
3. Wearing apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste.
4. Public stunts and jokes or activities.
5. Morally degrading, humiliating or embarrassing games, stunts, jokes or activities.
6. Late-night sessions (past 12:00 midnight) or requirements which interfere with scholastic activities.
7. Any activity which requires an unreasonable or inordinate amount of the individual's time or which impairs the individual's academic efforts.
8. The placement of any liquid or solid matter in the mouth or the rapid consumption of food or liquid.
9. Any action which would place the individual in immediate danger. Obstruction vision is strictly prohibited.
10. Paddling in any form to include the threat of paddling.
11. Any activity which required a student to miss class or a work assignment.
12. Requirements which compel the individual to participate in any activity which is illegal, contrary to the individual's genuine moral or religious beliefs, or which is contrary to the rules and regulations of the University and the State of Mississippi.