

STATEMENT ON HAZING

UCLA students take pride in being part of a community in which all members treat each other with dignity and respect. Activities which detract from the goal of fostering the personal and intellectual development of our students have no place on our campus. Hazing in any form by any student in the process of joining any organization poses a serious threat to the health and safety of our students and will not be tolerated.

The California Education Code defines hazing as, “any method of initiation or pre- initiation into a student organization or any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to such an organization which causes, or is likely to cause, bodily danger or physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm, to any student or other person attending any school, community college, college, university, or other educational institution in this state; but the term ‘hazing’ does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or competitions.”^[1]

Hazing may also include: “Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, or unintentionally, whether on or off [University] premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following:

- use of alcohol;
- paddling in any form;
- line-ups;
- creation of any excessive fatigue;
- physical and psychological shocks;
- quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips, kidnapping, or any other such activities;
- wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste;

- engaging in public stunts and buffoonery;
- morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and
- any other activities which are not consistent with academic achievement, fraternal law, ritual or policy, or the regulation and policies of the educational institution, or applicable state law."^[2]

All members of the UCLA community are responsible for ensuring that UCLA remains free from hazing. You can help by doing the following:

- 1) Before joining any group/organization at UCLA, be certain that you and the organization's leadership have signed a statement in support of maintaining the dignity and respect of all community members, pledging not to accept or engage in hazing.
- 2) If you believe that you have been asked to participate in an activity that may be considered hazing, please contact the UCLA administrator responsible for the organization (coach, advisor, coordinator, staff /faculty member). A careful evaluation of the activity can be made to ensure its appropriateness.
- 3) To make an anonymous report of hazing, contact the Center for Student Programming at csp@ucla.edu.

^[1] West's Ann.Cal.Educ.Code § 32050

^[2] UCLA Hazing Policies, Statutes, Statement Understanding and Position
