



LMU Hazing Policy

Introduction

The University policy with respect to hazing adheres to California state law (California Education Code), as excerpted below:

- 32050. As used in this article, "hazing" includes any method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or student body or any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to these organizations which causes, or is likely to cause, bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm, to any pupil or other person attending any school, community college, college, university, or other educational institution in this state. The term "hazing" does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or competitions.
- 32051. No student, or other person in attendance at any public, private, parochial, or military school, community college, college, or other educational institution, shall conspire to engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution. The violation of this section is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or both.

Policy

All acts of hazing by a University registered fraternity/sorority or a student organization or group and/or any of its members or alumni or individuals are prohibited. It is a violation of California state law, Board of Trustees policy and LMU policy for students to engage in any activity that may be described as hazing. Hazing is a broad term encompassing any action or activity which does not contribute to the positive development of a person; or which inflicts or intends to cause mental or physical harm or anxieties; or which may demean, degrade or disgrace any person regardless of location, intent or consent of participants. In addition, hazing can be defined as any action or situation which intentionally or unintentionally endangers the physical or mental health of a student for the purpose of initiation or full admission, or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of LMU. The University believes that any activity which promotes a class system within organizations is inappropriate. Subservience in any form is unacceptable. Subsequently, activities which facilitate inappropriate levels of authority over students may be deemed as hazing and will not be allowed.

Enforcement

It is the responsibility of all organization officers and advisors to inform members, associates, and alumni of this hazing policy and to ensure that all LMU organizations will adhere to this policy. Further, any student found to be involved in any hazing activity will face disciplinary action and is subjected to a maximum sanction of dismissal from the University. Students and their organizations are also subject to criminal and civil action as it relates to California state law.

We, the undersigned, acknowledge our awareness of the LMU Hazing Policy and agree to strictly enforce the policy within our organization and the LMU Campus Recreation community.

Club Sport: _____

Club President: _____
Print Name Sign Name Date

Club Officer: _____
Print Name Sign Name Date

Club Officer: _____
Print Name Sign Name Date

Club Coach (if applicable): _____
Print Name Sign Name Date

Club Advisor: _____
Print Name Sign Name Date