

Community Relations Policy

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Community Relations and Student Conduct

Loyola Marymount is located within an urban environment. The campus is surrounded by several residential neighborhoods. Guidelines for off-campus conduct have been established in order to uphold standards of behavior that should be demonstrated by Loyola Marymount University students when they are present in the surrounding neighborhoods. The University encourages its students to behave as exemplary citizens when present in the surrounding neighborhoods and to demonstrate respect and concern for all members of the local community.

Introduction

Students are expected to demonstrate respect for all members of the local community regardless of their place of residence.

The following are expectations for all LMU students:

- A. Be respectful to local community residents. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to: littering, loitering, destruction/trespassing of private property, public urination, public nudity, using rude or abusive language, or illegal parking.
 - B. Operate stereos or other electronic equipment at reasonable sound levels, especially late at night or early in the morning.
 - C. Maintain an orderly residence. Examples of a disorderly residence include, but are not limited to: violating drug and alcohol laws, hosting parties where there is public drunkenness, excessive noise, or other behaviors in disregard of the rights of others, violating the sexual assault or sexual harassment guidelines as defined in the Community Standards booklet.
 - D. All activities sponsored, sanctioned or organized by registered student organizations, athletic teams or other groups must take place on-campus or in an off-campus facility specifically designed to host such events, i.e. community halls, auditoriums and restaurants. Charging admission to house parties where alcohol is served without a license and in the presence of minors is a violation of State Alcohol Beverage Control laws and University Policy.
 - E. In all cases involving student misconduct off-campus, the University reserves the right to exercise judicial action. Students or organizations found responsible for violating these regulations will be subject to the same sanctions imposed for on-campus violations.
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Hazing Policy

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I. Introduction

The University policy with respect to hazing adheres to California state law (California Penal Code), as excerpted below and subject to change in order to be consistent with state law:

1. 245.6 (b). "Hazing" means any method of initiation or preinitiation into a student organization or student body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury to any former, current, or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university, or other educational institution in this state. The term "hazing" does not include customary athletic events or school-sanctioned events.
2. 245.6 (c) A violation of this section that does not result in serious bodily injury 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.
3. 245.6 (d) Any person who personally engages in hazing that results in death or serious bodily injury as defined in paragraph (4) of subdivision (f) of Section 243 of the Penal Code, is guilty of either a misdemeanor or a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment in county jail not exceeding one year, or by imprisonment in the state prison.
4. 245.6 (e) The person against whom the hazing is directed may commence a civil action for injury or damages. The action may be brought against any participants in the hazing, or any organization to which the student is seeking membership whose agents, directors, trustees, managers, or officers authorized, requested, commanded, participated in, or ratified the hazing.

II. 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.

III. 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. In addition, any organization found to be involved in any hazing activity, will face disciplinary action and the University may withdraw its official recognition. Students and their organizations are also subject to criminal and civil action as it relates to California state law.

Freedom of Expression and Dissent

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Introduction

- A number of University policies and regulations are in place to provide for student expression and dissent in an equitable and safe manner.
- All persons or groups are encouraged to consult all applicable policies, including Public Safety's policy, and Student Leadership & Development before engaging in any form of organized dissent.

Freedom of Expression

As an academic community, the University is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge. Therefore, persons or groups have the freedom to present various points of view without physical restriction, disruption or intimidation by others. Such inappropriate behaviors are contrary to the University's mission and will not be tolerated.

Dissent

Dissent, defined as disagreement or a difference of opinion, is integral to the purpose of higher education. A university must be an optimal learning environment and all members of the LMU community have a responsibility to maintain an atmosphere of free inquiry and expression that is orderly, safe and regulated within necessary restrictions of time, location and method.

Coercive Disruption

- The difference between legitimate dissent and coercive disruption can be difficult to define. Coercive disruption is generally regarded as Group A imposing its opinion upon Group B without Group B's consent, regardless of either group's perceptions of the amount of power or influence their opposition possesses. Thus, a group perceived as "powerless" is not necessarily innocent of coercive disruption if its forms of expression are disruptive, unethical, unlawful or otherwise extreme.
- Furthermore, any gathering of people that performs a disruptive act in a violent or boisterous manner is acting contrary to University policy. More specifically, coercive disruption includes any activities that:
 - Deny or infringe upon the rights of students, faculty or staff of the University community.
 - Disrupt or interfere with educational or other activities of the University community.
 - React to the peaceful dissent of others by attempting to deny their rights.
 - Obstruct or restrict free movement of persons on any part of the campus.
 - Deny the use of offices or other facilities to students, faculty, Public Safety officers, staff, administrators or guests of the LMU community.
 - Endanger the safety of any person on the campus.
 - Result in the destruction of property.

Events sponsored by Student Organizations

Lecturers and Other Public Speakers

- The University is dedicated to providing an academic environment that encourages students to seek truth, develop critical thinking and make responsible decisions that influence their

lives and the greater community in which they live. To this end, student organizations are encouraged to invite lecturers from outside the University community.

- It must be clearly understood that student organization sponsorship of guest speakers does not imply University approval or endorsement of the views presented.
- These guidelines do not apply to faculty members who, under the principles of academic freedom, have the right to invite lecturers to their classrooms.

Approval Process

- Registered organizations must seek approval for any lectures or programs through the Activity Planner and Event Proposal Process coordinated through Student Leadership & Development.
- All applicable policies governing student events, safety, ticket sales, amplification and catering must be observed while planning and implementing the event.
- Final authorization for a speaker may be required from the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs if the topic or individual is remotely controversial or will have a major impact on human and financial resources, orderly operation of campus activities or the physical safety of the campus population.

Off-Campus Events with Alcohol and Provided Transportation Policy

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This policy applies to all off-campus events, as defined herein, where the sponsoring organization provides transportation and alcohol is sold, provided, or consumed by guests prior to and/or at the event. Individuals are expressly prohibited from sponsoring such events. This policy applies regardless of where the transportation originates.

The following types of events are covered under this policy:

Closed Events are off-campus events open to sponsoring organization members and no more than two invited guests per member. Examples of such events are formals, preference nights, pledge-active parties, date nights, or crush parties. Closed Events may occur only under the following conditions:

- Event is held Friday or Saturday.
- Sponsoring organization must meet with Student Leadership & Development at least three weeks prior to the event regarding event planning.
- Sponsoring organization must complete and submit the completed Off-Campus Event Contract and Event Rider to Student Leadership & Development at least seven days prior to the event.

Exchanges are off-campus events that are limited to members of the sponsoring organizations. Exchanges may occur only under the following conditions:

- Event is held on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.
- Sponsoring organizations must meet with Student Leadership & Development at least three weeks prior to the event regarding event planning.
- Sponsoring organizations must complete and submit the completed Off-Campus Event Contract and Event Rider to Student Leadership & Development at least seven days prior to the event.

Ticketed Events are all off-campus events, which are open to the LMU community and do not qualify as “Closed Events” or “Exchanges”. Ticketed Events may occur only under the following conditions:

- Event is held in the spring semester after February 1.
- Event is held on a Friday or Saturday.
- Sponsoring organization must meet with Student Leadership & Development at least three weeks prior to the event regarding event planning.
- Sponsoring organization must complete and submit the completed Off-Campus Event Contract and Event Rider to Student Leadership & Development at least seven days prior to the event.

All other off-campus events where transportation is provided and alcohol is sold, provided, or consumed by guests prior to and/or at the event are prohibited. Sponsoring prohibited off-campus events shall result in referral to Judicial Affairs.

In all cases involving student misconduct off-campus, the University reserves the right to exercise judicial action. Sponsoring organizations, members, guests, or LMU community members found responsible for violating the Student Conduct Code will be subject to the same sanctions imposed for on-campus violations.

Personal Transportation Policy

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Introduction

Loyola Marymount University permits students, faculty and staff to use skateboards, bicycles, razors, rollerblades, etc. for transportation outdoors throughout campus.

Policy

Use of these modes of transportation for other purposes (i.e. tricks, jumps, rail sliding, grinds) is a violation of the Student Conduct Code. Further, riders are entrusted to use common sense and respect in their use of skateboard, bicycles, razors, etc. for transportation. The policy is based on good faith and maturity. Riders are expected to exercise care and courtesy as they pass pedestrians on campus, especially from behind. Riders must not impede traffic or cause an obstruction of motorized vehicles or pedestrians.

Policy Clarifications

- A. The bridge between University Hall and the Leavey Campus is designated for pedestrian traffic only
- B. Riders are expected to obey all campus traffic signs, including stop signs.
- C. Stay in the designated bike lanes whenever possible and refrain from riding in or traversing traffic lanes. Care must be taken at all intersections.
- D. Skateboards, razors, rollerblades may not be ridden down the hill to University Hall. The specific off limits area is: Leavey Road and sidewalk from the stop sign at the Southwest end of Rains Hall to the East end of University Hall.
- E. Hitching onto another moving vehicle is prohibited.
- F. Riding personal transportation is prohibited inside all campus buildings.

Enforcement

Public Safety will determine if the rider is proceeding dangerously or without consideration of others. Those who violate this policy may be subject to the following sanctions:

First Violation:

Citation will be given and a \$50 fine.

The mode of transportation will be confiscated. The Director of Public Safety will return it after a meeting with the rider.

Second and subsequent violations:

Citation will be given and a \$50 fine.

The mode of transportation will be confiscated.

Rider will be referred to Judicial Affairs.