

HAZING POLICY

SUNY Corning Community College Board Policy and Administrative Procedures

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New York State Education Law 5.6831 or A.11012B

Hazing is any action taken or situation created, whether on or off campus, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. It typically occurs in a group context and happens regardless of an individual's willingness to participate. It can be considered an initiation into a group or to maintain their status in that group.

Examples of Hazing can be, but are not limited to; verbal abuse, threats or implied threats, asking new members to wear something humiliating or embarrassing, stunts or skits performed that are degrading, crude or humiliating, expectations of new members to provide personal service to other members such as carrying books, running errands, cleaning, cooking, etc.

Acts of Hazing by SUNY Corning Community College Students, Clubs, Organizations, Athletic Teams and other groups, has a zero-tolerance approach. The process for investigation of reports of Hazing, as well as sanctions for individuals and student organizations, are included in the Student Code of Conduct Complaint Procedure as well as the Appeal Process for sanctions imposed. Those found responsible for Hazing violations will also be reported to local authorities as New York State has adopted an Anti-Hazing Law.

New York State Anti-Hazing Law:

§ 120.16 Hazing in the first degree. – Class A Misdemeanor

A person is guilty of hazing in the first degree when, in the course of another person's initiation into or affiliation with any organization, they intentionally or recklessly engage in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person and thereby cause such injury.

§ 120.17 Hazing in the second degree. - Violation

A person is guilty of hazing in the second degree when, in the course of another person's initiation or affiliation with any organization, they intentionally or recklessly engage in conduct which creates a substantial risk or physical injury to such other person or a third person.

**To report a suspected Act of Hazing, please email Assistant Dean of Student Services:
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