

# Greek Life Office Mission

The mission of the Greek Life Office is to provide the fraternities and sororities with educational programs and services that create, promote, and foster a learning community.

Pursuant to that mission statement, the staff of the office endorses the process of membership intake as outlined by the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the nine member organizations. Since hazing is in violation of Georgia State law and The University of Georgia regulations, the selection of new members must be free of any form of mental and/or physical abuse and hazing.

The Greek Life Office further endorses the following expectations of the National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations:

1. That the academic mission of the institution will be upheld and promoted to new members.
2. That chapters will select members based on high academic standing.
2. That membership activities not interfere with normal class schedule.
3. That students, in order to be selected , be free of university and local authority sanctions.
4. That members will be selected on the criteria set forth by the National Headquarters.
5. That chapters will not engage in pre or post pledging activities.
6. That chapter advisors will be present at all membership related activities.
7. That chapters be in good standing with their National Headquarters prior to intake activities.
8. That chapters complete all required paperwork from the Greek Life Office in a timely fashion.
9. That prospective members be made aware of the University of Georgia Hazing Policy and all other applicable policies.
10. That no membership activity include the presence or consumption of alcohol.
11. That all membership intake activities be concluded two weeks prior to the end of classed in each semester.

**The University of Georgia  
National Pan-Hellenic Council  
Membership Intake Intent Form**

The Greek Life Office must be notified prior to any National Pan-Hellenic Council chapter beginning a membership intake process. The purpose of notification is to make the office aware of membership activities and to ensure the adherence to the University of Georgia and National Headquarters policies. This form must be submitted to the Greek Life Office, Room 216 Memorial Hall, three weeks prior to the start of a membership intake process. If the chapter does not intend to have membership intake for a semester, this form must be completed and turned in by the third week of classes.

The membership intake process will not last any longer than what the National Headquarters for each organization has approved. If an organization is not able to comply with these steps (due to requirements from its national body), minor alterations are acceptable. Changes must be submitted in writing from the chapter advisor. All membership activities, including initiation and presentation activities, must be completed two weeks prior to the end of classes.

The National Headquarters will be notified if all required information is not completed.

Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Informational: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

President's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

The \_\_\_\_\_ chapter of \_\_\_\_\_ does not intend to have membership intake \_\_\_\_\_ semester. We understand that should that decision change, we must notify the Greek Life Office in writing, with approval from the chapter advisor. We understand that if we engage in pre-pledging activities, not a part of the National process it will be reported to the Office of Judicial Programs and the National Headquarters.

Complete above signatures.

**The University of Georgia**

**Hazing Policy Compliance Certification**

As President of the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter of \_\_\_\_\_ Fraternity/Sorority, Inc., I do hereby certify that I have received a copy of the University's Hazing Policy and the laws of the State of Georgia governing hazing. All active members of the chapter have been informed of the Hazing policy and completed the Hazing Compliance Form.

I further certify that the chapter understand and will be in compliance with the University of Georgia Hazing Policy. The members of my chapter further understand that they are not to engage in any membership activities outside of the parameters outlined by our National Headquarters. The members also understand that if found in violation of the Hazing Policy, immediate disciplinary action will be taken. Such action may include, but is not limited to, revocation of the University; recognition of the chapter and suspension or dismissal of individual chapter members.

I understand that the Office of Judicial Programs, the National Headquarters, and the chapter advisors(s) will be notified of cases of alleged and confirmed violations of the Hazing Policy.

_____	_____	_____
President(print)	Signature	Date

_____	_____	_____
Membership Officer	Signature	Date

This assurance is hereby acknowledged by the Fraternity/Sorority advisor(s).

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Advisor (print)	Signature	Date

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Advisor (print)	Signature	Date

# UGA HAZING COMPLIANCE FORM

We certify that all activities sponsored or required by our organization comply with the UGA Hazing Policy.

We certify that all activities sponsored or required by our organization comply with our National hazing policy.

We certify that all activities sponsored or required by our organization comply with the state of Georgia hazing law.

We understand that alumni and outside members are absolutely not to haze or in any way violate the national policies, University policies, and in the state hazing law, and we can be held responsible for their actions.

We understand that absolutely no activities should occur in the name of Membership Intake that do not comply with our nationally mandated process.

We understand that the chapter is not to engage in any pre or post pledging activities.

We have informed interested students and initiated members of the UGA and our National Organization hazing policy.

We understand that violating the hazing policy will result in a referral to the Office of Judicial Programs for the chapter and/or those individuals involved in hazing and other inappropriate activities.

We understand that our national headquarters will be immediately notified if there are any concerns or allegations of illegal membership activities occurring.

We understand that the failure to uphold this policy may cause personal referrals to the Office of Judicial Programs if we had prior knowledge of hazing and other violations and did not take the necessary steps to stop them from occurring.

**This form has been read to the chapter. We understand and agree to adhere.**

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Organization

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Chapter Name

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Advisor

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Membership Officer

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President

Date Read to Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

cc: National Headquarters, Chapter Advisors, File

# Potential Member Hazing Compliance Form

I attest that The University of Georgia Hazing Policy has been read and explained, and I understand that I am not engage in any activities that violate the policy. I understand that all illegal actions must be reported to the Greek Life Office.

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The University of Georgia  
National Pan-Hellenic Council  
**Eligibility Release Forms**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SS#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Local Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Home Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to have my student records released to the Office of Greek Life, The University of Georgia and to the sorority/fraternity that I wish to join. For the purpose of record keeping, and verification. The authorization covers the entire time of my enrollment at the University of Georgia.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

I have also read and understand the Hazing Policy of the University of Georgia and will abide by it to the fullest.

This form must be signed by each potential member of the organization and returned to the NPHC Advisor before receiving approval to initiate or conduct further intake activities.

## UGA HAZING POLICY

**HAZING IS DEFINED** as any intentional, negligent or reckless action, activity, or situation which causes another pain, embarrassment, ridicule or harassment, regardless of the participation.

Such actions and situations include, but are not limited to the following:

1. forcing or requiring the drinking of alcohol or any other substance:
2. forcing or requiring the eating of food or anything an individual refuses to eat:
3. calisthenics (push-ups, sit-ups, jogging, run, etc.):
4. “treeings” (trying someone up and throwing food or other substances on them):
5. paddle swats:
6. line-ups (yelling at people in any formation or harassing them);
7. forcing or requiring the theft of any property:
8. road trips (dropping someone off to find his own way back):
9. scavenger hunts:
10. permitting less than six (6) continuous, uninterrupted hours of sleep per night:
11. conducting activities which do not allow adequate time for study (not allowing to go to class, missing group projects, etc)
12. nudity at any time:

13. running personal errands of the members (driving to class, cleaning their individual rooms, serving meals, picking up laundry, washing cars, etc);
14. requiring the violation of University, Federal, State or local law.

**HAZING IS AGAINST STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL LAW.**

**HAZING HOT-LINE PHONE NUMBER (706) 207-0779 OR (706) 542-4612**

**YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AT ANY TIME**

## **STATE OF GEORGIA HAZING LAW**

### **O.C.G.A. 16-5-61. Hazing**

**(A) As used in this Code section, the term:**

1. **“Haze” means to subject a student to an activity which endangers or is likely to endanger the physical health of a student, regardless of a student’s willingness to participate in such activity.**
2. **“School” means any school, college, or university in this state.**
3. **“School organization” means any club, society, fraternity, sorority, or a group living together which has students as the principal members.**
4. **“Student” means any person enrolled in a school in this state.**

**(B) It shall be unlawful for any person to haze a student in connection with or as a condition or precondition of gaining acceptance, membership, office, or other status in a school**

**organization.**

**(C) Any person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of high and aggravated nature.**

**(Code 1981, 16-5-61, enacted by Ga. L. 1988, p.694, 1: Ga. L. 1990, p. 1690,1.)**

## **THAT'S HAZING**

There is often a lack of awareness on the part of both collegians and alumnae as to whether an activity constitutes mental hazing. Robert L. Keith, Coordinator of Greek Affairs at Ohio Wesleyan University, suggests that the following six questions be asked to determine if a particular activity is hazing:

1. Will the activity achieve one or more of the predetermined goals of the pledge program.
2. Would you be willing to tell your chapter advisor about the activity?
3. Would you be willing to perform this activity in front of a university administrator?
4. Would you be willing to send the parents of the pledge member (s) involved a snapshot of the activity?

5. Would you be prepared to go to court to defend the merit of this activity? Would you feel ridiculous doing this activity?
  
6. Would you be willing to share a written description of this activity for other chapters to use?