

Hazing

Northwest University expects all its members to honor Jesus Christ in their relationships with one another and to strive to maintain relationships that support the learning environment. Hazing is counterintuitive to these goals and is prohibited at Northwest University.

Hazing is defined as any act used to humiliate, demean, abuse, frighten, or subjugate a person(s) as a means of initiation or condition for membership in a social group. Hazing can be done by one student to another, by one student to a group, or by a group to an individual student. Hazing can be intentional or unintentional—often meant to be a harmless prank or playful means of initiating the new person(s). Hazing becomes especially problematic when the conduct is severe, persistent, or pervasive enough to create an environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile, or abusive.

Some examples of hazing include, forcing, coercing, inducing, or requiring students to participate in:

- Physical activity that is potentially dangerous or harmful to physical or emotional wellbeing.
- The application of foreign substances to the body.
- Eating or drinking something.
- Nudity or dressing in a degrading or inappropriate manner.
- Any act which is likely to compromise the dignity of a student; cause embarrassment or shame to a student; cause a student to be the object of ridicule or malicious amusement; or inflict psychological or emotional harm.
- Any act that results in damage, vandalism, or general disregard for University or private property.
- Any activity expressly against their will.

Any individual, athletic team, living area, or student club/organization that organizes or participants in hazing will be subject to disciplinary action.