

Davidson College Patterson Court Office Anti-Hazing Contract

Hazing: N.C. statutes define hazing as, “to annoy any person by playing abusive or ridiculous tricks upon him/her, to frighten, scold, beat, or harass him/her, to subject him/her to personal indignity.” Under state law, hazing is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. In addition, the law mandates that Davidson College expels any student found guilty of hazing.

It is a misperception that hazing only occurs in fraternities and sororities. Other groups and individuals have been found guilty of hazing. In such instances, the sanctions are the same for those groups with Patterson Court affiliation.

At Davidson, the sanctions for hazing include:

- * Persons - normally, not less than disciplinary probation for one academic year, nor more than permanent separation from Davidson.
- * Organizations - not less than suspension of privileges for one academic year, nor more than indefinite disbanding of the organization.

In accordance with the policies of Davidson College, the North-American Interfraternity Conference, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the National Panhellenic Conference, and all inter/national organizations represented on our campus, hazing is not permitted. All acts of hazing by any organization, member, and/or alumni are specifically forbidden. Hazing is:

any action taken or situation created intentionally **whether on or off campus**, to produce mental, emotional, or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities and situations may include, but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; quests; treasure hunts, scavenger hunts; physical and psychological shocks; inappropriate activities (those going against the *New Member Bill of Rights*); wearing publicly any apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste as defined by the proper hearing bodies; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and/or any other activities that are not consistent with academic achievement, fraternal law, ritual or policy, or regulations and policies of Davidson, inter/national organizations or that otherwise compromise the dignity of the individual including, but not limited to, forced use and abuse of alcohol and drugs.

Refer to the Red Book for further information concerning Davidson’s definition of hazing, North Carolina State law, and possible sanctions.

Allowing oneself to be hazed is as unacceptable as requiring it of others.

Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated in this community of scholars. **It is the responsibility and expectation that organization undergraduate officers and members,**

alumni and/or staff, and Residence Life Office staff (including student staff) intervene if hazing is suspected.

Procedures: All complaints and/or requests for the definition of hazing are to be filed with one of the following:

For Patterson Court groups - the Patterson Court Advisor at 704/894-2188;

For other groups - the Assistant Dean of Students at 704/894-2225.

Questionable incidents may be reported by calling the Patterson Court Office at 704/894-2188.

Endorsement: Each member and new member must read this policy and agree to support a zero tolerance for hazing at Davidson, both on and off campus. Furthermore, each member must agree to work to eliminate all forms of hazing in the Patterson Court community. This endorsement is acknowledged by signing the *Anti-hazing Contract Confirmation Form*.