



**Millersville University  
Hazing Biannual Report  
January 2023**

**Note: Incidents included up until December 31, 2022. This document was updated on February 15, 2023.**

The University prohibits hazing within the University community, whether it occurs on or off-campus. The consent or assumption of the risk by an individual are not defenses to hazing conduct that is in violation of this policy. In addition, hazing conduct that is determined to be sanctioned by the University or an organization will not preclude the University from charging individuals or organizations for violating this policy. Hazing conduct that does not violate the Anti-Hazing Law may nevertheless constitute hazing under this policy which may result in individuals or organizations being charged for violating this policy. Interested student events, prospective members or intake-related activities by nature must reflect the best interests of the parties involved, potential new members, members of the organization, the University, and the Millersville University community. For the purposes of University's Anti-Hazing policy, any activity or situation, upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with or continued membership in a recognized organization is directly or indirectly conditioned, shall be presumed to be "forced," the willingness of an individual to participate does not negate the standards of behavior expected of all involved with Millersville University, notwithstanding.

Additionally, the College supports and enforces the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law, Act 80 of 2018. Failure to notify the College of an incident of hazing may be a violation of this policy. Any individual experiencing or witnessing behavior suspected of hazing is encouraged to report the behavior through the on-line [Hazing/Organizational Misconduct Report Form](#) or in-person to the Department of Campus Life, located in room 118 of the Student Memorial Center.

Hazing occurs when an individual intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly, for the purpose of initiating, admitting, or affiliating an individual into or with an organization, or for the purpose of continuing or enhancing an individual's membership or status in an organization, causes, coerces, or forces an individual to do any of the following:

1. Consume any food, drink, liquid, alcoholic liquid, drug, or other substance which subjects the individual to a risk of emotional or physical harm.
2. Any brutality of a physical nature, which may include but is not limited to whipping, beating, branding, paddling, kicking, striking, pushing, shoving, tackling, calisthenics, or exposure to the elements.
3. Endure brutality of a mental nature, which may include but is not limited to activity adversely affecting the mental health or dignity of the individual, sleep deprivation, exclusion from social contact, or conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment or degradation.
4. Any activity which has the potential to be frightening, intimidating, unlawful, degrading, or unduly deceptive, including deception designed to convince the individual of impending pain, injury, or non-initiation.
5. Any activity involving servitude, e.g., running personal errands, berating or verbally harassing individuals, throwing items at or on individuals, forcing individuals to carry items or wear apparel which is undignified, requiring public stunts, such as forcing individuals to yell when entering or departing a physical structure or in the presence of designated individuals, forcing individuals to use potential new member entrances or

exits, intentionally creating labor or clean-up work, and requiring individuals to wear scant clothing or to be nude.

6. Endure brutality of a sexual nature.
7. Any activity which endangers or has the potential to endanger the academic performance of the individual, such as not allowing adequate time for, or interfering with academic commitments.
8. Any activity that involves the forced exclusion from social contact with any other individual.
9. Any willful destruction or removal of public or private property for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in an organization.
10. Any violation of federal, state, or local law or rule or University policy.

In addition to violating this policy and the University's Student Code of Conduct, hazing is a criminal offense under Pennsylvania's Crimes Code and is graded from a summary offence up to a third-degree felony depending on the severity of the misconduct. See 18 of Pa.C.S. §§2802-2803.

Millersville University's Anti-Hazing Policy can be viewed at this site.

<https://www.millersville.edu/about/administration/policies/pdf/student-affairs/anti-hazing-policy>.

**Millersville University 5-Year Hazing Report  
August 2022**

Date Violation Charged	Subject or Organization	Description of Violation	Investigative Findings	Sanctions	Date Resolved
<b>07/28/22</b>	Sigma Tau Gamma	<p>On July 27, 2022, Millersville University received a report involving multiple incidents of Hazing of new members within the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. The incidents occurred between January and April 2022. Allegations include but are not limited to the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Forced engagement in physical activities (calisthenics) and exposure to elements</li> <li>- Enduring brutalities of a mental nature, which included activity adversely affecting the mental health and dignity of individuals involved               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sleep deprivation</li> <li>- Conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment or degradation.</li> <li>- Activities which were frightening, intimidating, unlawful, degrading and caused pain and injury.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activities involving servitude</li> <li>- Subjected to sexual harassment</li> <li>- Forced to stay in the Fraternity house for "Hell Week" and endured physically brutal activities and emotional degradation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Investigation concluded	Gamma Tau Chapter suspended for 5 years. (February 13, 2023-February 13, 2028)	2/13/2023

11/05/21	Alpha Xi Delta	It was reported that members of Alpha Xi Delta were required to participate in an activity called Blow or Blow as part of new member education. The activity, Blow or Blow, was described as members would have to do a line of cocaine or perform oral sex on a fraternity member. Usually, the fraternity member would be Phi Delta Theta.	Not Responsible	N/A	01/10/2022
11/03/2021	Sigma Tau Gamma	On November 3, 2021, we received an anonymous report of alleged hazing. It was reported that the fraternity physically and mentally hazes its potential new members. One of these events is the forced recitation of the Greek alphabet whereby if the pledge fails to recite properly, they are subject to physical tormenting. It was also alleged that there is a "hell week" right before the initiation, where members stay at the designated Fraternity House for a week and are required to do whatever any member of the fraternity tells them to do or be subject to repercussions not known to the reporter. Among the physical treatment is forcing pushups, being pushed against a wall, and humiliation.	Not Responsible	N/A	01/24/2022

<b>10/17/21</b>	Alpha Sigma Alpha	Allegedly harassed another student regarding membership in the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. It is alleged that you insisted on in person meetings despite the pandemic. The student was then dismissed from the sorority for non-compliance.	Not Responsible	N/A	N/A
<b>2020 No Reported Incidents</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>2019 No Reported Incidents</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>2018 No Reported Incidents</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>2017 No Reported Incidents</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**\*notes pending report.**

## Hazing Prevention Efforts August 2022

During the past academic year, prevention efforts have taken place to educate the campus on anti-hazing. Below is a list of these efforts.

### *Efforts within Athletics*

Within the Department of Athletics, a web-based software, ARMS, is utilized to assign an educational document unique to each student-athlete annually. This document lists the state law/university policy and requires the student-athlete to review and sign off that they understand and agree. This action is required prior to a student-athlete being cleared for practice and/or competition. Additionally, per NCAA rules and regulations, Millersville University is required annually to conduct a compliance seminar with all student-athletes before they are cleared to begin participation. During this meeting, a specific topic addressed is hazing; athletic administration and coaches education student-athletes on the expectations of anti-hazing preventions and reporting obligations. Annually approximately 450 student-athletes sign off on these documents. Additionally, the Athletic Department has access to these signed forms. Lastly, coaches speak with students-athletes, particularly new students, annually about hazing as well as through recruiting trips.

22-23 academic year – a total of 495 students were assigned the ARMS paperwork. All student athletes will be required to complete paperwork prior to being cleared for any team activities. As of 8/11/2022 around 100 students need to complete the form. Students cannot begin practicing until signing off on all paperwork. There are likely more students that will be added this semester and/or in the spring that will increase the number of students for 22-23. The meeting with all teams was/will be conducted as follows: Men' Soccer – 7/23/2022, Football/Women's Soccer 8/7/2022, Volleyball 8/12/2022, Field Hockey/ Cross Country 8/13/2022 and all other teams 8/21/2022.

### *Efforts within Campus Life-General*

- During the Fall 2022 semester, Campus Life sponsored two different events during the National Hazing Prevention Week to encourage students to learn more about Hazing and sign the Hazing Prevention Pledge. More than 100 students participated in signing the pledge and had access to resources from Hazing Prevention.org.
- Students in Club sports participated in an online 1-hour training module from Prevent Zone entitled Hazing Prevention: It is Everyone's Responsibility and endorses by [hazingprevention.org](http://hazingprevention.org).

### *Efforts within Campus Life- Student Organizations*

- Hazing Prevention information and the Anti-Hazing Policy were added to the Student Organization Guidebook in August 2019 and continue to be included in the guidebook.
- Each semester the Assistant Director of Student Organizations and Leadership or a Campus Life representative meets with the President and New Member Educator of student organizations that have new member programs and are not part of Fraternity & Sorority Life. These organizations include Delta Phi Eta, and Phi Sigma Pi. The University's Anti-Hazing Policy was reviewed. In addition, the Campus Life representative reads the student organizations' New Member Calendar and reviews every event taking place during the New Member Program. Every single member of these organizations signs Compliance Forms, stating that they have read and agreed to the Anti-Hazing Policy. These files are on record in Campus Life.
- Every year as part of the Activate Your Org process for all student organizations to remain active, the President and one other executive board member of every organization must complete the online Hazing Prevention 101 course hosted by Prevent Zone.

- Student Organizations & Leadership celebrated Hazing Prevention Week 2022 from September 20-23, 2022. We staffed a table Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday that week in the Student Memorial Center. We put the Hazing Pledge on a banner and encouraged student, faculty, and staff to sign the banner, indicating that they would prevent hazing before it occurs and stop and report hazing when you see it happening. Participants would in return get a button that says Marauders Don't Haze. On Tuesday we encouraged students to attend a virtual program hosted by StopHazing.org called "10 Signs of Healthy & Unhealthy Groups: Understanding the Toolkit & the Promotion of Healthy Behaviors." On Thursday we encouraged student organization members to wear a shirt, jacket, etc. with their organization's name on it and to be someone's hero and stand up to hazing. We hosted a craft where students color in a coloring page of a page and take pictures using our photo props. Also on Thursday we encouraged students to attend a virtual program hosted by StopHazing.org called "Students Take a Stand to #StopHazing!" On Friday we encouraged people to wear purple to teal in solidarity of hazing prevention. Throughout the week we also promoted MU's virtual "Hazing Prevention: It's Everyone's Responsibility 101" training in case any Millersville student was interested in participating. 180 students, faculty, and staff signed the banner pledging to eliminate hazing and participated in the weeklong events.

#### *Efforts within Campus Life- Fraternity and Sorority Life*

- All prospective new members of FSL before they are eligible to join FSL must sign the Anti-Hazing Acknowledgement Form and participate in the Hazing Prevention 101 training. The Anti-Hazing Policy and resources on Hazing Prevention are also listed and available in the Prospective New Member Documentation that each prospective new member must sign before joining Fraternity & Sorority Life.
- University Hazing Policy is also read during Informational or Interest Meetings by the Director of Campus Life and/or Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- FSL members are required to participate in both the Hazing Prevention 101 module and the FSL Hazing module through Prevent Zone yearly. Presidents and Vice Presidents are also required to complete the training as part of the *Activate Your Org* process.
  - All Anti-Hazing Acknowledgement Forms are on record with Campus Life.
- All New Member Education processes must be reviewed and approved with the Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life prior to chapters being eligible to host new member education.
- At the New Member Orientation and Presidents' Retreat held yearly, the Anti-Hazing Policy as well as where to report and where resources are available are reviewed.
- As of August 2021- All chapters must have the Anti-Hazing Policy read by The Department of Campus Life or delegate at any information or interest meeting.

#### *Efforts within Student Conduct & Community Standards*

- Resident Assistants were trained on the Student Code of Conduct and behavioral expectations of university students and how to address violations of the code of conduct. January 2022 and August 2022.