

University of West Florida Regulation
UWF/REG-3.018 Prohibition of Hazing - Procedures and Penalties.

- (1) Hazing will not be tolerated at the University of West Florida.
 - (a) University student groups (e.g. registered student organizations, intramural and athletic teams, and other student groups) and individual students are prohibited from hazing.
 - (b) Hazing is prohibited in any form both on campus and off campus.
 - (c) Intentional or reckless hazing that results in a substantial risk of physical injury or death or which results in serious bodily injury or death is a crime in the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 1006.63, Florida Statutes.
- (2) Definition of Hazing –
 - (a) In accordance with Section 1006.63, Florida Statutes, “Hazing” is defined as any action or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for purposes including, but not limited to, initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of a postsecondary institution. "Hazing" includes, but is not limited to, pressuring or coercing the student into violating state or federal law, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or other forced physical activity that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the student, and also includes any activity that would subject the student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment, or other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the student.
- (3) Procedures for Implementation by Student Affairs:
 - (a) Allegations of Hazing – Any person having knowledge of any activity or conduct which may constitute hazing is encouraged to contact the Dean of Student’s Office or the University of West Florida Police Department.
 - (b) Investigation of Allegations and Charges–After an investigation, the Dean of Students Office will determine if charges of hazing are warranted. If charges are warranted, the Dean of Students Office will charge the individual student(s), the involved student group(s), and/or the President or other responsible officer of the involved student group(s) in accordance with the UWF Student Code of Conduct.
 - (c) Adjudication. – Adjudication shall be conducted pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.
 - (1) It is not a defense to a charge of hazing that:
 - i) Any or all participants consented;
 - ii) The conduct was not part of an official organizational event or otherwise sanctioned or approved by the student group; or
 - iii) The conduct or activity was not done as a condition of membership to or affiliation with a student group.
 - (d) Sanctions. Sanctions for violations of this regulation shall be administered by the Dean of Students.
 - (1) Student groups subject to University jurisdiction and individual students found responsible for violations of this regulation shall be sanctioned in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. For student groups, sanctions include, but are not limited to, revocation of registration or denial of application for registration, loss of University privileges such as the ability to formally meet on campus and to use campus facilities, or to represent the University of West Florida, and, in the case of fraternities and sororities, the right to be recognized or operate at the University of West Florida.
 - (2) Sanctions imposed by the University for violations of this regulation may be in addition to any penalty imposed for violation of the criminal laws of the State of Florida and for violation of any other University regulations or policies.
- (4) In accordance with Section 1006.63, Florida Statutes, copies of this regulation concerning violations, penalties, and process for enforcement will be distributed to students enrolled in the University, and shall be incorporated in the bylaws or governing documents of every student organization operating under the authority of the University.

Specific Authority 240.227(1), 240.261, 240.262 FS. Law Implemented 240.227(1), 240.261, 240.262, 1006.63 FS. History–New 12-30-81, Formerly 6C6-3.18, Amended 5-31-87. Converted to Regulation UWF/REG 3.018 effective on 7/21/05. Amended 12-14-07.