

Allegany College of Maryland
STUDENT & LEGAL AFFAIRS

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT & HAZING

Code of Student Conduct Philosophy:

Allegany College of Maryland provides services and resources to provide a safe learning environment and to promote responsible citizenship by its students. Students enrolling the College assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the College's function as an educational institution and community partner. Conduct shall be consistent with the College's Core Values: Respect, Integrity, Opportunity, Wellness, and Quality. Each student is presumed to have fundamental knowledge of proper conduct. Each student is likewise expected to follow all federal, state, and local laws as well as all College policies. Furthermore, each student shall be presumed to have read the Code of Student Conduct; ignorance of its provisions shall not be a defense to violating them.

Definition:

Hazing: recklessly or intentionally doing an act or creating a situation that subjects a student to the risk of serious bodily injury for the purpose of an initiation into a student organization.

Hazing is prohibited under the current Code of Student Conduct; depending on the specific acts involved, a student who hazes could be responsible pursuant to the following provisions:

- #IV.A.1 – Assault / Assault and Battery
- #IV.A.2 – Aggravated Assault
- #IV.A.3 – Threat / Intimidation
- #IV.A.4 – Harassment
- #IV.A.5 – Bullying
- #IV.C.3 – Drugs
- #IV.C.4 - Alcohol
- #IV.C.6 – Reckless Endangerment
- #IV.C.5 – Disorderly Conduct
- Other provisions as appropriate.

Hazing is also prohibited by law; in Maryland, it is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum penalty of \$500 and/or six months' imprisonment.

Complaints:

If you have questions or concerns or if you need to report hazing, contact Campus Security or the Dean of Student & Legal Affairs:

- » Campus Security / Public Safety (301) 784-5555
- » Dr. Renee Conner via email rconner@allegany.edu or call (301) 784-5206

What can you do?

Treat everyone equally and with courtesy; participate in all the education and opportunities; discourage unsafe behavior; and help us create a campus climate where hazing never happens.

