

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.

Hazing is prohibited under the Code of Student Conduct (#VII.A.17) .

Hazing Definition:

The College adopts the federal law's definition of hazing (Stop Campus Hazing Act):

1. any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons)
2. against another person or persons (regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate),
3. that is connected with an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in a student organization and
4. that causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the [College] organization of physical or psychological injury including –
 - (a) whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone's body, or other similar activity;
 - (b) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;
 - (c) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;
 - (d) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts;
 - (e) any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;
 - (f) any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local/State/Tribal/Federal law; and
 - (g) any activity that induces, causes or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local/State/Tribal/Federal law.

Furthermore, depending on the specific acts involved, a student who hazes could be responsible for *other* Conduct violations such as assault, reckless endangerment, alcohol, drugs, vandalism, disorderly conduct, and more.

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 Safety / Special Police (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.

