

HAZING

Hazing, whether by a group, organization, or team of Missouri Valley College of any degree as defined by Missouri law, will not be permitted.

If any members of a group, organization, or team at Missouri Valley College are present for, or act as participants in hazing activity, they will be subject to disciplinary actions and/or dismissal from the College, and the individuals may be held criminally responsible for the act under state law.

In the event that a hazing act is reported implicating a recognized campus organization, the national office of that particular recognized organization will be notified and requested to do an investigation. The particular organization may also be placed on temporary suspension until the investigation is completed.

Missouri Valley College will define hazing according to Missouri law, to wit:

Missouri Revised Statutes
Chapter 578
Miscellaneous Offenses
Section 578.365
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Definitions

As used in sections 578.360 to 578.365, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms mean:

1. **"Educational institution"**, a public or private college or university;
2. **"Hazing"**, a willful act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, directed against a student or a prospective member of an organization operating under the sanction of an educational institution, that recklessly endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or prospective member for the purpose of initiation or admission into or continued membership in any such organization to the extent that such person is knowingly placed at probable risk of the loss of life or probable bodily or psychological harm. **Acts of hazing shall include:**
 - a. **Any activity which recklessly endangers the physical health or safety of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to physical brutality, whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance or forced smoking or chewing of tobacco products; or**
 - b. **Any activity which recklessly endangers the mental health of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to sleep deprivation, physical confinement, or other extreme stress inducing activity; or**
 - c. **Any activity that requires the student or prospective member to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the criminal laws of this state or any political subdivision in this state.**