



PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

Presbyterian College Hazing Policy

I. Policy Statement

Presbyterian College (PC) is committed to fostering a safe and respectful campus environment. Hazing is strictly prohibited and contradicts our institutional values and the Code of Responsibility. This policy aligns with the federal Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA), signed into law on December 23, 2024, and applicable South Carolina laws.

II. Definition of Hazing

For the purposes of this policy, hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off campus, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization, regardless of their willingness to participate.

South Carolina Code 59-101-200

Hazing is defined as the wrongful striking, laying open hand upon, threatening with violence, or offering to do bodily harm by a superior student to a subordinate student with intent to punish or injure the subordinate student, or other unauthorized treatment by the superior student of a subordinate student of a tyrannical, abusive, shameful, insulting, or humiliating nature.

III. Reporting Hazing

All members of the PC community are expected to report hazing through one of the following ways:

- Incident Report Form
- Campus Police – (864) 833-8911
- National Anti-Hazing Hotline – 1-888-NOT-HAZE

Reports can be made anonymously, but please provide as much detail as possible.

IV. Investigation and Disciplinary Procedures

Upon receiving a report, the College will:

1. Initiate an Investigation - In some cases, a temporary suspension of activity is issued to the organization or group.
2. Determine Responsibility. – The investigators will interview students involved or collect other information to determine if the group violated the College's hazing policy.
3. Impose Sanctions. If a violation is found, appropriate disciplinary actions will be taken, which may include individual or organizational sanctioning.

All proceedings will respect the rights of the individuals involved and adhere to the College's established conduct procedures.

V. Prevention and Education

Presbyterian College is dedicated to preventing hazing through education and awareness:

- Online Education – Each new student is required to complete an online hazing education module prior to their start of classes.
- Training – Student Organizations & Groups will participate in hazing and other harm reduction training throughout the course of the academic year. These trainings are hosted by college staff and/or outside guests.
- Faculty/Staff Educational Sessions – Resources and education on identifying and reporting hazing will be provided annually to all faculty and staff members on campus.