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# **The Campus Hazing Transparency Report**

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This information is provided in compliance with federal law, the Clery Act and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

## Introduction

University of the Ozarks is committed to maintaining a safe campus environment free from hazing. In compliance with the Stop Campus Hazing Act, this report summarizes substantiated hazing violations involving student organizations and athletics in the 2025- 2026 academic year.

### Student Life Hazing Policy

Hazing is defined as any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into, or affiliation with, any organization operating under sanction of the University; any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, or branding; forced calisthenics; exposure to the elements; forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual. Hazing also includes any activity which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual. Any activity, either on or off campus, such as these will be presumed to be a forced activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such an activity notwithstanding.

#### **V. Arkansas Law, § 6-5-201 and § 6-5-204**

Arkansas law prohibits hazing. Guidelines provided in this statute are enforced in this policy.

1. Any willful act on or off the property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1) student alone or acting with others which is directed against any other student and done for the purpose of intimidating the student attacked by threatening him or her with social or other ostracism or of submitting such student to ignominy, shame, or disgrace among his or her fellow students, and acts calculated to produce such results;

2. The playing of abusive or truculent tricks on or off the property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1) student alone or acting with others, upon another student to frighten or scare him or her;
3. Any willful act on or off the property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1) student alone or acting with others which is directed against any other student done for the purpose of humbling the pride, stifling the ambition, or impairing the courage of the student attacked or to discourage him or her from remaining in that school, college, university, or other educational institution, or reasonably to cause him or her to leave the institution rather than submit to such acts; or
4. Any willful act on or off the property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1) student alone or acting with others in striking, beating, bruising, or maiming; or seriously offering, threatening, or attempting to strike, beat, bruise, or maim; or to do or seriously offer, threaten, or attempt to do physical violence to any student of any such educational institution; or any assault upon any such student made for the purpose of committing any of the acts, or producing any of the results, to such student as defined in this section.
5. The term "hazing" as defined in this section does not include customary athletic events or similar contests or competitions and is limited to those actions taken and situations created in connection with initiation into or affiliation with any organization.

## **How to Report Hazing**

Students, faculty, staff, and community members may report hazing incidents through:

If there is a threat of immediate danger call 911

Campus Security Authorities

Student Life

Public Safety

Title IX Coordinator

### **Event Summary (Updated twice a year)**

There have been no reported hazing events during the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic years.

