

3. Further Information

Inquiries concerning matters described above should be directed to the Office of the Vice President for Research at 334-844-4438 or 334-844-4794 (voice or TDD).
Website: www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_life/recreation

ANTI-HAZING POLICY

Please note that this anti-hazing policy encompasses ALL student organizations. All Auburn University sanctioned student organizations and groups are expected to adhere to this policy. This policy was adopted in April 1989 and amended in February 2003.

1. The Alabama State Hazing Statute

In the State of Alabama, hazing is a crime and individuals committing acts of hazing can be found guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. Hazing may also create civil liability. Additionally, an individual or organization participating in hazing or knowingly permitting hazing forfeits entitlement to public funds, scholarships, awards, and grants. A misdemeanor on a permanent record can prevent an individual from practicing law, obtaining a professional license, or gaining employment.

The Code of Alabama (1975), Section 16-1-23, defines hazing as:

Any willful action taken or situation created, whether on or off any school, college, university, or other educational premises, which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health of any student, or Any willful act on or off any school, college, university, or other educational premises by any person 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 any 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 defined in this section.

No person shall knowingly permit, encourage, aid, or assist any person in committing the offense of hazing, or willfully acquiesce in the commission of such an offense, or fail to report promptly his knowledge or any reasonable information within his knowledge of the presence and practice of hazing in this state to the chief executive officer of the appropriate school, college, university, or other educational institution in the state. Any act of omission or commission shall be deemed as hazing under the provisions of this section.

2. Auburn's Definition of Hazing

Auburn University incorporates Alabama's Hazing Statute in its Anti-Hazing Policy and further defines hazing as follows:

Hazing is any action taken or situation created intentionally or unintentionally whether on or off campus, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities and situations may include but are not limited to:

- 2.1. Paddling in any form;
- 2.2. Creations of excessive fatigue;
- 2.3. Physical and psychological shocks;

- 2.4. Quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts that require, expect, or lead to the theft or destruction of property,
- 2.5. Road trips or any other such activities carried on or off campus;
- 2.6. Wearing, publicly or privately, apparel which is conspicuous and would not normally be worn by the new or prospective members or be considered in good taste by a reasonable person;
- 2.7. Engaging in public stunts and buffoonery;
- 2.8. Morally degrading or humiliating games activities; and
- 2.9. Any other activities which are not consistent with organizational laws, ritual, or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution.

Actions forced, required, or implied to be required, which violate federal, state or local law, are considered hazing.

3. All Student Organizations

It is important to remember that all of Auburn's organizations, including but not limited to athletic groups, honoraries, Student Activity Projects, and special interest clubs are subject to this policy. Hazing shall include, but not be limited to, forcing, requiring, or expecting new members, associate members, prospective members, or initiated members of University organizations to participate in any of the following actions or activities:

- 3.1. Drinking alcohol or any other substance;
- 3.2. Using any drug, narcotic, or controlled substance;
- 3.3. Eating foods that a reasonable person would not eat;
- 3.4. Branding, tattooing, piercing, or other bodily alteration;
- 3.5. Permitting less than eight (8) continuous uninterrupted hours of sleep per night;
- 3.6. Nudity at any time;
- 3.7. Conducting activities which do not allow adequate time for study;
- 3.8. Subjecting a person or group of people to verbal harassment;
- 3.9. The use of demeaning names;
- 3.10. Misleading new members, associate members, or prospective members in an effort to convince them that they will not attain full membership status, or that they will be hurt during an initiation ceremony or any other activity that would cause extreme mental stress;
- 3.11. Carrying any items (shields, paddles, bricks, etc.) that serve no constructive purpose or that are designed to punish or embarrass the carrier;
- 3.12. Compelling a person or group to remain at a certain place or transporting a person or group anywhere without their consent (road trips, kidnaps, etc.);
- 3.13. "Trashing," intentionally, any area for the purpose of annoying others or for having others clean the "trashed" area;
- 3.14. Disallowing new members, associate members, or prospective members to talk for an extended period of time;
- 3.15. Having new members, associate members, or prospective members perform personal chores or errands;

- 3.16. Blindfolding and parading individuals in public areas, blindfolding and transporting in a motor vehicle, or privately conducting blindfolding activities that serve no constructive purpose;
- 3.17. Exposure to the elements;
- 3.18. Conducting “interrogations” or any other non-constructive questioning;
- 3.19. House duties not shared by all members of the organization;
- 3.20. Putting new members, associate members, or prospective members in a room that is uncomfortable (examples include but are not limited to: uncomfortable temperature, noise, too small);
- 3.21. New members, associate members, or prospective members expected to do anything exclusively for the fun or entertainment of the members; and
- 3.22. Forcing new members, associate members, or prospective members to make monetary payments or incur extra expenses not included in general membership.

4. Reporting Violations

Relevant information regarding individuals allegedly violating these policies will be sent directly to the Dean of Students Office who will make referrals to the appropriate disciplining body or bodies.

To question the validity of a planned activity, please call the Greek Life Office at 334-844-4600. To report any violations of this policy, please call the Auburn’s Hazing Hotline at 334-844-4564, contact Auburn’s Office of the Dean of Students at 334-844-1300, or submit a report online at www.auburn.edu/greek.

OIT COMPUTING POLICIES

Auburn University has a significant investment in information technology resources, and, as owner of these resources, has a responsibility to ensure the appropriate and lawful use of these resources. The following Appropriate Use Policy is designed for this purpose.

All users of campus technologies are advised that they should review appropriate OIT and departmental computing and/or network use policy and be aware that there are state and federal laws in addition to those departmental policies. Violations of policy or law may include loss of user account, University sanctions, and other civil and criminal penalties.

The most current version of Auburn University’s OIT use policies can be located on the web at www.auburn.edu/oit/it_policies, and departmental policies are generally available on the college or departmental web pages.

1. Appropriate Use Policy

Auburn University students, faculty, and employees are afforded the privilege of using Auburn University Information Technology (IT) resources, computers, telecommunications equipment, and telecommunications and computing networks

for the expressed purpose of supporting the University's mission of Instruction, Research, and Outreach and for the administrative functions of the University.

Additionally, Auburn University reserves the right to regulate individual resource usage to promote optimum system-wide performance and/or optimum performance for critical or priority functions. It is the responsibility of each individual to use University IT resources in an appropriate manner and to comply with any federal, state, or local statutes that apply to IT resources. Any OIT or departmental policies and guidelines that further define the use of IT resources and services must not conflict with this policy. Auburn University reserves the right to revise or amend those policies at any time.

See the complete Appropriate Use of Information Technology Policy online at www.auburn.edu/oit/it_policies/appropriate_use_infotech.php.

2. Student E-mail Policy

At Auburn University, e-mail is considered an official medium for communicating with students. All students are responsible for checking their Auburn University issued e-mail accounts in a timely fashion and on a regular basis. The official e-mail system for students is identified by *username@auburn.edu* and can be accessed via TigerMail, GroupWise, or any other IMAP compatible client.

This policy can be found online at www.auburn.edu/oit/it_policies/email_memo.pdf.

3. ResNet Policies

AU ResNet provides campus subscribers with an active connection to the Auburn University campus residential network as well as the worldwide Internet. The features of this service are a privilege and not a right. All subscribers are expected to practice responsible computing and to adhere to these requirements for acceptable use when accessing AU ResNet. It is a requirement that centrally provided virus protection software will be run on all ResNet computers connected to the Auburn University Network. The reproduction and duplication of copyrighted material like MP3 files is explicitly prohibited. Peer-to-peer file sharing is not allowed on ResNet.

These policies can be found online at www.auburn.edu/oit/it_policies/resnet_acceptable_use.php
www.auburn.edu/oit/it_policies/resnet_virus_policy.php
www.auburn.edu/oit/connectivity/resnet/p2p_disabled.php

SAFETY POLICY

It is Auburn University's sincere desire that students attending the University receive a good education that will prepare them for prosperous, fulfilling lives without suffering injury resulting from accidents. For this reason, it is extremely

important that students conduct themselves in a mature, responsible, and safe manner.

Students entering Auburn University have agreed to conform to its regulations and policies and acknowledge that they retain the responsibility as a citizen to obey all public laws (Code of Student Discipline, Paragraph 1.1). In keeping with this policy, students are required to obey all traffic laws and safety regulations of the University.

The basis for the University's safety regulations is established in the Auburn University Safety Program, Policy, and Administration Manual (Safety Manual). In addition to the regulations contained in the Safety Manual, other sources of safety rules and regulations exist, including specific safety manuals (such as the Laboratory Safety Manual, the Biosafety Manual, etc.), unit safety policy manuals, and safety instructions issued by professors, teaching assistants, and instructors. Failure to comply with laws and safety regulations may result in disciplinary action as outlined in the Code of Student Discipline.

AU SMOKING POLICY

It is the policy of Auburn University to prohibit the smoking of tobacco within the interior of any building or facility except under the conditions described below:

- Smoking at university-sponsored public events at Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum and intercollegiate athletic facilities will be regulated by the management of those facilities in conjunction with the local fire authority.

In keeping with the university's concern for the well-being of its employees and students, smoking cessation classes are provided by Human Resource Development Office and the Auburn University Medical Clinic to assist smokers who want to quit smoking.

Failure to comply with this policy will constitute a violation of University Policy and may be dealt with accordingly through established, formal disciplinary procedures.

Requests for assistance and questions regarding this policy can be addressed to the Department of Risk Management and Safety at 334-844-4870.

Social Regulations

1. General Regulations

- 1.1. The area around the University residence halls and apartments is off limits for all persons other than residents and their authorized guests after visitation hours end every night.
- 1.2. A close and continuing contact between University administrative personnel and officers of student organizations traditionally has been important to Auburn. This has helped us to maintain a spirit of community within the large population surrounding the University. Information about current officers and advisors of student organizations is available at Foy Student Union.
- 1.3. The possession, consumption, or serving of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the main University campus (defined as the area within the streets of South College, West Samford, South Donahue, West Thach, Roosevelt, and West Magnolia, plus all University-owned student housing and excluding leased property). Students should know the State of Alabama law, which prohibits the possession or purchase of alcoholic beverages by persons less than twenty-one (21) years of age. They should further understand their possible liability in the event of violations of the law in which they may be involved, either as individuals or as members of student organizations. They shall be subject to the enforcement of this law by appropriate city, county, and state officers, irrespective of any additional action that the University may consider appropriate under the Student Discipline Code. Within the context of State law and University policy, each student organization should consider the sensitivities and desires of all its members when planning and including alcoholic beverages at functions. All student organizations shall demonstrate a good faith effort to prevent the loss of self control among its members or guests at any function, either through the excessive use or consumption of alcoholic beverages or by any other means.
- 1.4. Additional information regarding social regulations for students in University housing is provided by Housing and Residence Life in the Guide to Residential Living.
- 1.5. All student organizations' officers and advisors are expected to promote a safe environment for its participants. Students are expected to act consistently within the applicable policies of the University and to obey local, state, and federal laws.
- 1.6. The obligation for the enforcement of these regulations pertaining to student organizations (except fraternities) shall rest with the organizations and their advisors and shall be considered a bond between them and Auburn University. Adjudication of any violations of these regulations shall be the responsibility of the Committee on Student Social Life of Auburn University.

2. Additional Fraternity Regulations

- 2.1. The term "fraternity" as used in these regulations shall be defined as the student chapter and the alumni house corporation, or their designated representatives, collectively. It is the position of Auburn University that a close working relationship among the student chapter and the alumni house corporation and chapter advisors is essential to the functioning of the fraternity.
- 2.2. Auburn University considers the presence of a qualified resident advisor—housemother, housefather, or graduate in residence—to be a positive force

in the total development of the individual fraternity man, a stabilizing influence, and a force for continuity within the house organization. The image and reputation of the fraternity to the campus, city, and larger community are primarily determined by the example of the membership. The involvement of a compatible and skilled resident advisor, however, will enhance this image and reputation. Each fraternity shall employ a resident advisor. In the event that a fraternity feels that the employment of a resident advisor would cause undue hardship due to:

- 2.2.1. Financial inability to support the position;
- 2.2.2. Non-availability of qualified person(s) to fill the position; or
- 2.2.3. Such other reasons as may be apparent,
the fraternity may request that the Committee on Fraternities and Sororities grant a waiver of this employment to its organization for good cause for a specified period of time.

- 2.3. The obligation for the enforcement of these regulations as pertaining to fraternities shall rest upon the Interfraternity Council and the individual fraternity and shall be considered a bond between them and Auburn University. Adjudication of any violations of these regulations shall be the responsibility of the Interfraternity Council Court and the Committee on Fraternities and Sororities of Auburn University.

WEAPONS POLICY

1. Introduction

Auburn University prohibits possession, use, and transportation of any dangerous or potentially dangerous weapons described below on all University properties:

- 1.1. Fixed blade knives concealed on the person or in vehicle (i.e., Bowie knife, knife or instrument of like kind or description);
- 1.2. Shotgun, rifle, or other shoulder gun; Pistol or revolver;
- 1.3. Air gun (i.e., air or gas-powered rifle or pistol);
- 1.4. Bow and arrow (i.e., archery equipment);
- 1.5. Slingshots (including throwing weapons);
- 1.6. Swords;
- 1.7. Crossbows;
- 1.8. Brass Knuckles; and
- 1.9. Fireworks or explosive devices.

This policy shall apply to all faculty, staff, and students of Auburn University, and to all visitors to the Campus or AU Properties.

2. Exclusions

This policy shall not apply to duly authorized law enforcement officials in the lawful discharge of their duties.

Temporary exclusions may be granted by written permit only by the Executive Director at 334-844-2262 for job related, educational, or demonstration purposes.

3. Security & Public Safety

Where applicable, concerning these instruments, department heads and respective instructors may be granted a blanket authorization for organized activities by the Executive Director or the chief of the campus police for similar activities at the Auburn University at Montgomery campus. Although said, organizations must guarantee qualified instruction, safety, and security for such activities.

Where applicable, all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances will be strictly enforced by the City of Auburn Police Division or AUM campus police and respective mutual aid agencies and shall be separate from this administrative policy.

CODE OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Adopted March 1987. Revised February 28, 2006.

I. General Policy

- A. A student, upon registration at Auburn University, agrees to conform to its regulations and policies and is subject to disciplinary action by the University upon violation of any part of Section 2 of the Discipline Code. A student, by registering at Auburn University, in no way abrogates responsibility as a citizen to obey all public laws.
- B. Only a duly authorized agent, who is officially appointed by the President of Auburn University, shall have the right, if it is deemed necessary, to initiate legal proceedings against a student for violation of public law on campus in which University properties and/or vested interests are involved.
- C. Violations of the Discipline Code will be referred to the University Discipline Committee; violations of the Academic Honesty Code will be referred to the Academic Honesty Committee; violations that pertain to both codes will be referred to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, who will refer the case to the committee he/she deems more appropriate.
- D. All cases involving infractions of the Discipline Code of Auburn University by students enrolled in the School of Pharmacy and College of Veterinary Medicine will be handled initially by the Student Boards of Ethical Conduct/Relations of the respective schools.
- E. Appeal of University traffic and parking regulations will be referred to the Auburn University Traffic Appeals Board.
- F. Violations of the Housing and Residence Life Community Standards will be referred to the Housing and Residence Life Peer Review Board.
- G. Proceedings of the University Discipline Committee may be instituted against a student charged with conduct that potentially violates both the criminal law and this Discipline Code without regard to the pendency of civil or criminal litigation in court or criminal arrest and prosecution. Determinations made or sanctions imposed under this Discipline Code shall not be subject to change because criminal charges arising out of the same