

Hazing Policy

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.

Consistent with Missouri law, MVC defines hazing as behavior that recklessly endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or prospective member of a group, organization or team at MVC for the purpose of initiation or admission into or continued membership in any such group, organization or team to the extent that such person is knowingly placed at probably risk of the loss of life or probable bodily or psychological harm. Act of hazing include:

- 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;
- 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
- Any activity that requires the student or prospective member to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the criminal laws.