

**The Pennsylvania State University
Hazing Report
Time Period Covered: 2013-2018**

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This report covers all campuses of the University. Certain University campuses are not identified in the chart below because they reported no hazing violations for 2013-2018.

Campus	Date Charged	Date Resolved	Description	Sanction(s):
2013-2014*				
Altoona	10/3/2013	10/10/2014	PHI SIGMA KAPPA – New members, at the direction of members and with the knowledge of alumni, were subject to mental and physical hazing during the fall 2013 and spring 2014 semesters. As a requirement of membership, new members were forced to consume alcohol and drugs in excess throughout the process. Confinement and extreme physical activity were experienced by new members as a part of the membership initiation process.	The organization was suspended by the University for six years. Thirteen students were held accountable by the University: Two students received an indefinite expulsion. Seven students were suspended (two for three semesters, three for two semesters, one for one semester), and five of these students were placed on probation at the University once they returned (until graduation). Four students were placed on probation with a transcript notation for three semesters, and all were placed on probation through graduation. Additionally, each student received other educational sanctions.
University Park	9/12/2013	Unknown	DELTA SIGMA PHI – Members engaged in general, unspecified hazing behaviors against the new members. Activities during the pledging process included forced calisthenics, games, and consumption of food to cause embarrassment. No further information is available.	The organization was placed on probation by the Interfraternity Council (IFC) for eight weeks and received a fine. The University placed two students on probation for one semester and assigned other educational sanctions.
University Park	1/26/2014	2/27/2014	SHADES OF BLUE STUDENT ORGANIZATION – Potential new members, at the direction of members, were directed to consume alcohol.	The organization was suspended by the Student Organization Conduct Committee for two semesters.

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University Park	Unknown	2/18/2014	DELTA UPSILON – Members forced new members to consume multiple types of alcohol.	The organization was placed on probation by the IFC until the completion of the conduct process and was prevented from recruiting new members for one semester. The University placed one student was placed on probation with a transcript notation for one semester and required the student to complete counseling.
University Park	Unknown	4/25/2014	PHI KAPPA THETA – Behaviors are unknown (the IFC managed this case and no longer possesses this information).	Organization was sanctioned by the IFC, received a fine, and was placed on probation through March 2015.
2014-2015*				
Altoona	3/15/2015	3/15/2015	WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM – New members, at the direction of members, experienced hazing as a result of being new members on the team. Members subjected new members to verbal harassment, to forced/coerced alcohol consumption, and to wearing clothing deemed to have derogatory wording.	Team sanctions were the following: cancellation of 1/2 non-traditional season; no off-season competitions; removal of student assistant position; team education. The University placed two students on probation with a transcript notation for three semesters and required them to complete counseling and community service.
University Park	3/19/2015	4/6/2015	SIGMA LAMBDA GAMMA – A new member, at the direction of members, engaged in acts of servitude, and performed calisthenics which resulted in injuries. During the incidents, the new member was called names that were derogatory or offensive and was given a multitude of restrictions of their personal interactions and their on-campus use of facilities.	The organization was suspended by its national organization for five years, which the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) upheld. The University placed two students on probation and had a notation added to their transcript through their graduation. Both also received an administrative directive for no contact and were required to write a reflection paper.
University Park	Unknown	4/2/2015	PI KAPPA PHI – New members, at the direction of members, consumed expired food, performed calisthenics, consumed alcoholic beverages, engaged in acts of servitude for the brothers, and participated in bi-weekly line-ups with consequences for wrong information to include immersing new members in a large trash can filled with water and ice.	The organization was suspended for three years by the IFC. The University suspended one student for one semester and placed another on probation with a transcript notation for one semester. Each received other educational sanctions.

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University Park	Unknown	5/27/2015	KAPPA DELTA RHO – New members, at the direction of members, ran errands for members of the fraternity, were forced to clean the fraternity house, cleaned brother’s laundry, missed their own classes and at times went to class in place of members, and new members were taped or restrained to poles or to the wall and objects (food, etc.) would be thrown at them, forced to plank with bottle caps on their elbows, drove active members to locations around town, required to write and create “Stall Stories,” which is a pseudo-newsletter containing pornographic images that was placed throughout the fraternity house.	After completion of a University investigation into the allegations, the organization was suspended for 3 years by the University.
University Park	4/27/2015	5/1/2015	PHI KAPPA TAU – New members, at the direction of members, were required to perform calisthenics in the basement of the chapter house. The new members were required to plank, placing their arms or elbows on bottle caps or on the floor or to plank on milk crates which at times were kicked out from underneath their arms. The floor of the basement was covered in garbage, water, and unknown unhygienic liquids/particles. The new members experienced sleep deprivation, hunger, physical abuse, unsanitary sleeping conditions, exposure to loud noise, and when certain music was played, they were required to respond in certain ways (e.g., dropping to ground during the chorus of a song).	The organization was suspended by the IFC for three years. Thirteen students were held accountable by the University: ten students were suspended (eight were suspended for two semesters, two were suspended for one semester). One was placed on probation with a transcript notation for one semester. One was placed on probation for one semester. Additionally, each student received other educational sanctions.
2015-2016*				
Harrisburg	2/10/2016	2/10/2016	ZETA PHI BETA – Activities included unauthorized late-night meetings and putting into place a uniform policy. The investigation concluded that the organization indeed violated new member protocols as it pertains to intake.	The organization was suspended by the University through August 1, 2021.
University Park	2/23/2016	4/26/2016	ALPHA PHI ALPHA – New members, at the direction of members, engaged in calisthenics as part of the new member education process. The sessions occurred multiple times a week and included performing pushups, sit ups, planks, and squats in repetition or as a consequence for incorrect answers to questions asked by the brothers. During this forced physical activity, the participants were sometimes struck by members. The behaviors were reported in spring 2016. The behaviors occurred from fall 2014 semester through spring 2016 semester.	After the University investigation, the organization was suspended for 3 years by its national organization. The suspension was upheld by the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).

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Behrend	3/21/2016	4/19/2016	ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA – New members, at the direction of members, were blindfolded and then driven around while members yelled at the new members before going to their big/little ceremony.	The Panhellenic Council required the organization to host all new member activities in on-campus facilities. The organization was issued a warning from its national headquarters and was required to complete additional educational sanctions.
University Park	4/4/2016	7/15/2016	ALPHA KAPPA DELTA PHI – The new members were required to memorize material not officially required in the process and were given short or little notice via text to physically appear at various locations. Members yelled at new members during the process; new members were required to complete tasks that were not part of the official new member process.	The organization was placed on a probation by its national organization for one semester, which the MGC upheld. In addition, the chapter was prevented from receiving a new member class for one semester, was subjected to increased national organization oversight, and was required to complete an educational program. Two students were placed on probation by the University for one semester.
University Park	N/A	7/14/2016	During a high-school sports camp, it was reported that four campers (non-PSU students) used a stun gun on another camper, who was believed to have been a minor.	Upon being interviewed by police, the four campers were immediately removed from the camp, and their team was permanently banned from participating in future camps. The University reported this incident to Childline and to the District Attorney's Office, which declined to prosecute.
2016-2017*				
University Park	2/2/2017	3/30/2017	BETA THETA PI – New members, at the direction of members, were compelled to consume alcohol throughout "bid-night" through various activities. Some of these activities required new members to consume alcohol at rapid speed. Criminal charges were filed against multiple individuals associated with this hazing.	The University permanently expelled the organization. The University managed individual student cases as follows: Five students received an indefinite expulsion. Six students received a suspension (one for three semesters, three for two semesters, two for one semester). Two students were placed on probation and received a transcript notation for two semesters for similar behaviors that came to light from previous semesters. Twenty-one students took a conduct withdrawal from the University. Three additional students were held accountable for other University violations that came to light during the investigation; two of these received an indefinite expulsion and one received a two-semester suspension. Additionally, all students who were sanctioned received additional educational sanctions.

Campus	Date Charged	Date Resolved	Description	Sanction(s):
Behrend	3/16/2017	3/31/2017	DELTA CHI – New members, at the direction of members, were instructed to learn a song within 30 minutes and then perform for a group of people. New and initiated members participated in drinking games.	The organization was placed on probation for six weeks by the IFC and was required to host a strategic planning session regarding new member education programs and recruitment.
University Park	2/7/2017	3/2/2017	PHI KAPPA PSI – Members locked new members in a room in the chapter house with the lights turned off. Then, while in the basement, the new members were ‘lined up,’ required to turn in their cellular devices, asked to repeat derogatory chants, made to answer questions or provide an embarrassing story about themselves, required to physically run a specific pattern in the basement, and had objects (beer cans and/or cigarettes) thrown at them.	The organization was placed on probation for fourteen weeks by the IFC and was required to complete an educational program.
University Park	3/29/2017	7/10/2017	PHI MU DELTA – New members, at the direction of members, were lined up in the basement and asked questions by members. If questions were answered incorrectly, new members were told to do 5 push-ups or had to run stairs at the house. These line-ups occurred in both fall 2016 and spring 2017. New members participated in an event where trash (bottles, cans, paper) had to be picked up. If certain requirements were not met, then new members were at times told to perform push-ups. New members were told to carry out “scavenger hunt” type tasks where various items were collected throughout campus and in the town.	The organization was suspended for one year by the IFC.
University Park	6/8/2017	7/17/2017	ALPHA CHI RHO – Errands were being carried out by new members at the direction of members. New members and members stated that cleaning was performed by new members at the fraternity house on all three floors and without members assisting. New members and members stated that a scavenger hunt was part of the new member process which required new members to obtain pictures at various locations to include locations off campus.	The organization was suspended for one year by the IFC.
University Park	6/8/2017	9/29/2017	PI LAMBDA PHI – New members, at the direction of members, were participating in a new member education process that was not approved by the Interfraternity Council and which the chapter denied was occurring. New members were required to clean the fraternity facility without members participating.	The organization was placed on probation by the University for a year and a half, lost the privilege of recruiting new members for two semesters, was required to complete educational programs, and had other sanctions assigned including required community service.

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2017-2018				
University Park	11/1/2017	11/1/2017	ALPHA SIGMA PHI – Behaviors were reported in fall 2017 but occurred in fall 2016. New members, at the direction of members, experienced forced consumption of multiple bottles of liquor and several cases of beer on 'bid acceptance night.' New members participated in line-ups, and if incorrect information was provided, the new members were required to performed calisthenics. New members ran errands for the brothers.	The organization was suspended by the University for 18 months.
Altoona	2/2/2018	2/2/2018	GAMMA PHI BETA – New members, at the direction of members, were forced to engage in underage drinking, servitude, and were required to lick the toes of members. Verbal abuse (e.g., being called "stupid" and "idiots") also occurred.	The organization was suspended by the University for two semesters.
University Park	3/14/2018	3/14/2018	ALPHA CHI OMEGA – New members, at the direction of members, engaged in embarrassing tasks during their new member education process (e.g., wearing embarrassing outfits to class and were required to send photographic evidence of the completion of the tasks to a number unknown to the new member). As part of the big/little reveal night, the new members were taken to different apartments off-campus and were required by members of the sorority and of a fraternity invited into the activity to engage in derogatory or embarrassing behaviors. In another apartment, the new members were compelled to consume alcohol.	Upon the completion of a University investigation into the allegations, the organization was suspended for three years by its national organization, which the University upheld.
University Park	4/13/2018	4/13/2018	ZETA PSI – As part of the new member education process, the new members, at the direction of members, ran errands for the brothers, and on one occasion were in a room at the chapter facility and instructed to consume a jug of wine in 30 minutes.	The organization was suspended for three years by the University.
University Park	4/19/2018	5/24/2018	TAU KAPPA EPSILON – Several men in the organization participated in the hazing of new members of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. See description above related to Alpha Chi Omega.	The organization was placed on probation for one year by the University, was required to complete an educational program, and lost the privilege to host social events for one semester.
Harrisburg	5/24/2018	6/21/2018	KAPPA BETA GAMMA – Members created additional new member expectations that were not a part of the normal new member educational program, including restricting with whom new members could speak, and that were intended to cause embarrassment.	Organization was placed on probation for two semesters by the University and was required to complete an educational program.
University Park	9/7/2018	PENDING	LAMBDA CHI ALPHA – It has been alleged that new members, at the direction of members, were required to participate in activities where new members experienced confinement, forced food consumption, sleep deprivation, and physical abuse. The University's investigation, including issuance of potential sanctions, remains pending.	Because the University's conduct process is still pending, no sanctions have been issued as of the date of this report.

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University Park	9/10/2018	9/12/2018	KAPPA SIGMA – Behaviors that occurred in the fall 2015 semester were reported to the University in late spring 2018. New members, at the direction of members, experienced multiple instances of forced consumption of alcohol. New members ran errands for the brothers, served as the designated drivers for events, and were required to carry a pledge pack and a pledge book that had various tasks written down. Investigation revealed that the hazing behaviors did not persist in subsequent semesters.	The organization was placed on probation for one year by the University and was required to meet weekly with University staff and to have new members be interviewed by staff regarding their current experience.
University Park	9/20/2018	9/20/2018	SIGMA PHI EPSILON – The new members, at the direction of members, were required to clean the house multiple times a week with no participation from the brothers, were always required to carry a ‘pledge pack’ which consisted of a condom, playing cards, quarters, cigarettes, and other items.	The organization was placed on probation for two semesters by the University and was required to complete two educational programs and to meet regularly with University staff.
University Park	10/9/2018	10/9/2018	PHI KAPPA SIGMA – The new members, at the direction of members, participated in line-ups, and engaged in sexually-charged chanting.	The organization was placed on probation for two years by the University, lost the privilege to host social events for one semester, was required to conduct all recruitment events on campus (rather than at the chapter facility), and was required to adhere to a joint rehabilitation plan with its national organization that included educational programs, training, regular check-ins, and oversight.

* The University's Office of Student Conduct assumed responsibility for organizational misconduct beginning with the fall 2017 semester. Prior to that time, organizational misconduct cases were typically managed by the respective student-led governing councils (i.e., the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Councils) or the Student Organization Conduct Committee. These cases have been included, but limited records exist. However, the Office of Student Conduct managed all individual student conduct cases during the entirety of the reporting period.