



Name of Policy: Hazing
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**Policy:**

As stated in the KCAI Student Code of Conduct, the Kansas City Art Institute is committed to creating and maintaining an environment where individual and institutional responsibility combine to promote each student’s development. Students are encouraged to help create an environment that stimulates both their educational and social development. With that freedom, however, comes a responsibility to respect others. Each individual at KCAI is considered an adult, and it is assumed they will maintain standards of conduct appropriate to membership in the college community. The college accepts and retains students on the condition that they observe these standards. As such, the Kansas City Art Institute prohibits hazing by any member or group within the KCAI community. KCAI’s anti-hazing policy is applicable on and off campus, before, during and between semesters. This policy is enforced under the Student Code of Conduct procedures and is punishable by law.

Consistent with Missouri law, KCAI defines “hazing” as a willful act, occurring on or off the campus, directed against a student or a prospective member of a student organization, that recklessly endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or prospective member for the purpose of initiation or admission into or continued membership in any such organization to the extent that such person is knowingly placed at probable risk of the loss of life or probable bodily or psychological harm. Acts of hazing shall include:

- (a) 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; or

(b) 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

(c) Any activity that requires the student or prospective member to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the criminal laws of this state or any political subdivision in this state.