

“Hazing” means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution.

Students and the organizations to which they may belong commit a criminal offense if they are involved in any form of hazing. This includes engaging in, soliciting, encouraging, directing, aiding, or attempting to aid another in engaging in hazing; intentionally, knowingly or recklessly permitting hazing to occur; and having firsthand knowledge that hazing is going to occur or has occurred and knowingly failing to report this information in writing to the Dean of Students or other appropriate University official. Hazing is punishable by fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and confinement in jail ranging from 90 days to two years, or both a fine and confinement in jail may be assessed. Organizations involved in hazing are subject to fines of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000 except when the offense causes personal injury, property damage or other loss, and then the organization may be punished by a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than double the amount lost or the expenses incurred because of such injury, damage or loss. In addition, individuals and organizations involved in any form of hazing subject themselves to University discipline.

The above statement is a brief, factual summary of the Hazing Act and is not intended as a substitute for or a legal interpretation of the Act. Copies of the complete Act are available in the Office of Student Life.

4. **Student Dress on Campus.** The University assumes that the ASU student is a professional person, cognizant of common standards of decency in the determination of acceptable wearing apparel. The student’s mode of dress is considered to be a matter of personal taste as long as common standards of decency are followed.

Common standards of decency imply a recognition of the social obligation to the University community and the responsibility to dress in a manner which will not distract from the academic atmosphere of the library, classrooms, and other facilities. Dress standards require that students wear shoes and be appropriately clothed at all times in academic buildings, library, cafeterias, and all other public buildings.

Any additional ad hoc requirements for ASU functions are reserved for determination by the sponsoring organization.

5. **Privacy of Student-Occupied Units.** The privacy of student residential units in University housing shall be respected, and a unit will not be entered without knocking. In the absence of occupants, units may be entered by authorized University personnel for routine inventory, maintenance or repair, and health or safety inspections. Authorized University personnel may conduct a search of a student residential unit to determine compliance with the Regents’ RULES AND REGULATIONS and University policies, or federal, State, and local law where there is probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred or is taking place.

As routine procedure, personal belongings of students will not be searched. However, in situations where there is probable cause to believe that a violation of the Regents’ RULES AND REGULATIONS, University policies, or federal, State, or local law has occurred or is taking place, the student may be asked to open all drawers, luggage, or other personal possessions during a search. In situations involving a violation of State or federal law, if the student chooses not to assist in this manner, the University Police Department may be requested to obtain a search warrant for this purpose.

In an emergency, it may be neither safe nor possible to follow the above procedures regarding search of personal belongings. These exceptions will be rare and will include only situations where, in the judgment of the Director of Residence Life or his/her designated representative, an immediate danger to the safety of the building and/or its occupants exists.

6. **Solicitation.** Solicitation of students or groups for the purpose of selling merchandise or services or obtaining contributions on campus or off campus by registered University organizations is subject to written authorization by the Dean of Student Life.

All proceeds from sales must be used toward fulfilling the purposes of the soliciting organization. Requests for authorization to solicit must be made through the Dean of Student Life at least three days prior to the event.

7. **Free Expression Area.** The Free Expression Area is currently located between the Porter Henderson Library and the Academic Building, and is bound by sidewalks on the north, east, and west. Use of the area, which is subject to reasonable time, place, and manner, requires that it be scheduled through the Dean of Student Life. Additional areas and scheduling guidelines are now being developed. Contact the Dean of Student Life for the latest policies.

8. **Distribution Policy.** The distribution of literature, publications, books, flyers, handouts, and other written materials on the campus of Angelo State University by a group or person, whether or not a student or an employee, is subject to

reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions, and is limited to the designated Free Expression Area between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Saturday.

No materials which include "fighting words" expressions, obscenities, vulgarities, libel, slander, expressions which are an incitement to imminent lawlessness, or impermissible solicitation can be distributed.

9. **Placing of Banners or Signs on Buildings.** No banners or signs are to be placed on vehicles or buildings or suspended between structures on the campus without the written approval of the Vice President for University Relations and Development. Nothing may be painted on the sidewalks or on the walls of University buildings.
10. **Billboards.** No billboards or signs supported by posts may be erected on the campus except on occasions and in locations approved in writing by the Vice President for University Relations and Development.
11. **Erection of Structures.** Structures may be erected on the campus only in areas designated for that purpose. Permission for the erection of structures in approved areas must be obtained in writing from the Vice President for University Relations and Development.
12. **Use of Advertising Media.** Only official University academic and administrative departments and registered student organizations may represent themselves as associated with Angelo State University in any advertising, publicity or promotional purpose.
13. **Posting Regulations**

- I. **Scope**

This policy applies to all Angelo State University students, faculty, staff, and their registered campus organizations that are directly associated with ASU programs and activities. Section III, items E, F, G and H are not applicable to Administrative units, academic departments, and the Student Body elections. ASU does not allow any outside postings or solicitation of any kind.

- II. **Definitions**

- A. For the purposes of this policy, the terms "sign" and "signs" shall include, but are not limited to, billboards, decals, notices, table tents, flyers, placards, posters, banners, and hand-held signs.
- B. "Posting" shall refer to any means used to display one or more signs.

- III. **Procedural Regulations:**

- A. Individuals and organizations have and assume full responsibility and liability for the signs which they post, and should realize that legal action against persons or members of groups who participate in defamatory action, intentional infliction of emotional distress, or such other causes of action recognized and allowed by law may be possible.
- B. No object, other than a sign, may be posted on University property unless approved in writing by the Vice President for University Relations and Development.
- C. Only students, faculty, staff, and their registered campus organizations may post signs on University property. Posting must be conducted in compliance with this policy and University guidelines regarding the reasonable time, place, and manner in which signs may be posted.
- D. A sign or combination of signs with the same message cannot be larger than 616 square inches unless authorized by the University Center Director or his/her designee. Authorization for larger signs shall be based upon matters relating to space availability.
- E. The individual or organization wishing to post a sign must submit two copies of the sign to be posted to the University Center Program Office at least twenty four (24) hours in advance of the proposed posting. Weekends and holidays shall not be included in the calculation of the 24 hour period. The proposed sign will be checked for compliance with this policy.
- F. Each sign to be posted must contain the following information on the front of the sign:
  1. The name of the individual or organization responsible for the posting of the sign. The name of the individual or organization must be fully spelled out in print which