

recognized, the College does not provide them with access, support, or benefits. Individual students involved in such organizations of course remain subject to the College's policies including the policy with regard to unrecognized organizations discussed further below.

For more on these categories and the process by which they are governed, see the [Recognized Student Organization Resource Guide](#).

## Unrecognized and Non-Harvard Organizations

The regulations for ISOs require that they maintain local autonomy. This means that all policy decisions must be made without obligation to any parent organization. The regulations also require ISOs to comply with the University's policy that discrimination based on race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, age, ancestry, veteran status, disability, military service, or any other legally protected basis is contrary to the principles and policies of Harvard University (see "[Discrimination](#)"). In this way, the independence and integrity of the College are maintained.

From time to time, undergraduates raise questions about their membership in unrecognized or non-Harvard organizations. It is important that students make well-informed decisions when considering membership in these organizations. Organizations defined as non-Harvard or as unrecognized organizations are not permitted to conduct any activity at Harvard even though their activities involve Harvard undergraduates.

However, in special circumstances, unrecognized student organizations whose membership consists entirely of Harvard College undergraduates may, at the discretion of a particular Harvard office or department, be permitted to co-sponsor educational programs organized by that office or department.

## Hazing

The laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts forbid any form of hazing in connection with initiation into a student organization (see "[Hazing](#)"). As a condition of College recognition, all student organizations must file non-hazing attestation forms with the Dean of Students Office. These policies also apply to unrecognized organizations whose membership is made up of Harvard College students. See <https://dso.college.harvard.edu/student-organizations>.

## Religion

The ability to express one's views regarding religion is a significant freedom of speech that the College upholds. In some instances, this type of expression becomes an avenue for persuasion to affiliate with a particular religion. Discussion in this vein is prohibited when the educational and work environment of an individual or the community is jeopardized. Harassment is defined as actions on the part of an individual or group that demean or abuse another individual because of religious beliefs or that continue after the affected individual has requested a termination of that type of discussion. In all instances in which a particular religion sponsors an event or discussion, the individual or group initiating such contact must clearly identify its sponsorship or the sectarian religious nature of its agenda.

On occasion, students have expressed concerns about feeling pressure to join a particular religious organization. The Harvard Chaplains, the interfaith association of chaplains at Harvard, are attuned to some of the issues related to religious recruitment through high-pressure tactics and can offer suggestions for intervention and prevention. More information is available in the

Harvard Chaplains Office (617-495-5529) located in the basement of the Memorial Church.

## Distribution of Printed Matter

Distribution of printed matter in the Houses, dormitories, Dudley residences, Annenberg Hall, or on Harvard property must be approved by the Dean of Students Office. The Faculty Deans, Dudley Assistant Dean, and the First-Year Experience Office have the right to regulate the time, place, and manner of distribution in their areas. In each of the above cases, permission to distribute printed matter may be granted upon outreach to the respective House or Office. Student groups may also wish to use the distribution services of Harvard Student Agencies (see <https://www.hsa.net/>). For distribution of materials outdoors, all ISOs must register with the Dean of Students Office.

## Solicitation

Solicitation in University buildings and on University property must have prior approval of the proper authority. For more specifics, see the Dean of Students website.

## Use of Harvard University Trademarks

The use of the names and insignia of Harvard College and Harvard University or any of the University's units by any student is permitted only as spelled out in the University "Policy on the Use of the Harvard Names and Insignias," found at <https://trademark.harvard.edu/policy-on-use-of-harvard-names-and-insignias>. In particular, reference to "Harvard," "Harvard College," or "Harvard University," or suggestions of affiliation with the College or University in connection with any organization, publication, activity, or third party is allowable only with advance permission of the Dean of Harvard College or the Provost.

The Harvard Trademark Program (<http://trademark.harvard.edu>) is charged with the protection and licensing of Harvard's trademarks worldwide and the administration of the University's internal use-of-name policies and guidelines. The office also provides advice to members of the Harvard community on a wide range of trademark-related issues.

In its protection efforts, the Trademark Program registers Harvard's various trademarks and works to stop their unauthorized use around the world. Through its domestic and international licensing endeavors, the office licenses the University's trademarks (e.g., Harvard, Harvard University, Harvard College, Harvard Medical School, HBS, Harvard Football, the VERITAS shield, etc.) to qualified companies to produce a variety of insignia items; proceeds from the sales of these items are provided to the FAS for undergraduate financial aid. The office also administers Harvard's use-of-name policies, which were established by the University to ensure that the Harvard name and insignias are used appropriately and accurately by the University community and in accordance with the principles contained in the policies.

All Harvard student group names incorporating any of the University's trademarks are owned by the President and Fellows of Harvard College (Harvard University) and are used by permission of the University. In addition, the use of any of Harvard's shields/logos by student groups is by permission of the University. Also, any use of Harvard's names/logos by student groups or students must comply with all relevant University policies, including the "Policy on the Use of Harvard Names and Insignias," available at <https://trademark.harvard.edu/policy-on-use-of-harvard-names-and-insignias>.

No student shall be connected with any advertising medium (including the press, the internet, or other public forum) or publication that makes use of the name of Harvard or Radcliffe or implies