

Georgia Tech Interfraternity Council

New Member Worksheet

Welcome

Welcome to the Fraternity system at Georgia Tech; a system rich in history and tradition for over 100 years. Over 30,000 men have been part of this system, and with your contributions and adherence to its standards, the path will remain clear for many more men to follow. **Please read this document carefully!** You will be bound by your signature to live up to these standards, and to bring credit upon yourself, your chapter, and the Georgia Tech Fraternity system.

Scholarship and Judicial Release

We believe and promote, that being a Fraternity member is an advantage academically. You are expected to perform to the best of your ability, to practice academic integrity, to contribute to the academic success of your brothers, and to help reinforce the assertion that the Fraternity experience contributes to and enhances academic achievement. One part of our management of scholarship information is the use of grade information. **Your signature below authorizes release of your midterm and semester grades and judicial standing to the Office of Greek Affairs and, through that office, to your Chapter President and other authorized agents and appropriate governing board officers, who may use them in your chapter's scholarship program and to verify your eligibility for membership, offices, and awards. Information regarding your judicial standing is used to verify your eligibility for any Greek involvement opportunities.** This agreement will remain in affect during your affiliation with your organization unless you personally revoke the agreement in writing to the Office of Greek Affairs.

Printed Name

GTID#

Date

Signature

Fraternity

Hazing

A fraternity man who believes in true brotherhood and the ideals taught in his fraternity's ritual, could not possibly haze a pledge/associate member or brother. Every national fraternity has outlawed hazing. The State of Georgia has enacted legislation making hazing a criminal offense. The Georgia Tech administration is unconditionally opposed to any situation created to produce mental and/or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. You are expected not to participate in any hazing activity, and to report immediately (anonymously if necessary) any such activity of which you become aware. Failure to report hazing is in effect giving tacit approval of it.

For the purposes of this document, hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Such activities and situation include (but are not limited to):

- Paddling in any form, pushing, hitting, or physical threats;
- Creation of excessive fatigue, or forced or coerced participation in calisthenics;
- Physical or psychological shocks;
- Quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any such activities carried on outside the confines of the house and not directly related to the purposes of the fraternity;
- Wearing publicly, apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste, or requiring shaved hair;
- Public nudity;
- Engaging in public stunts or buffoonery;
- Morally degrading or humiliating games and activities;
- Late work sessions or activities that interfere with scholastic activities, including exhausting and time consuming projects that are disruptive to normal study patterns;
- Tasks of personal servitude;
- Physical disfigurements (temporary or permanent) including tattooing or branding (simulated or actual);
- Deprivation of normal sleep (less than six uninterrupted hours per night);
- Memorization of information not directly related to fraternity lore;
- Forced, required, or coerced consumptions of any food, liquid, or other substance;
- Any dangerous activity including, but not limited to, long swims, jumps from high places, binding, and blindfolding (except as may be required during the national ritual);
- Requiring the carrying of objects such as bricks, buckets, or large wooden objects;
- Required participation in public acts, skits, or songs, for the purpose of humiliation or embarrassment;
- Any activity considered morally offensive by an individual pledge/associate member;
- Intentionally creating clean-up work;
- Confining pledges to rooms or areas that are uncomfortable due to temperature, noise, size, or air quality for the purpose of harassment;
- Any activity without a constructive aspect or reasonable purpose, including but not limited to, “line-ups”, “rat courts”, mock trials, interrogations, yelling obscenities, or votes of continuance not consistent with the national constitution of, or sanctioned by, the national fraternity;
- Any other activity that is not consistent with fraternal law, ritual, or policy and regulations of Georgia Tech.

Hazing may be caused by either overt or covert coercion. When any hazing activity is suggested by a fraternity or member of a fraternity, to new or trial members, covert coercion will be established, even if the activity is said to be “voluntary”.

Your signature below certifies you have read, understand, and agree to abide by this hazing policy.

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Georgia Tech Interfraternity Council Fraternal Code of Conduct

It is both an honor and a privilege to be a fraternity man at Georgia Tech. Each man should take pride in improving his chapter and the fraternity system, by upholding and promoting the Fraternity Conduct Code. This Code of Conduct does not supersede, but rather compliments, the Georgia Tech Student Conduct Code. Behaviors that violate this conduct code are subject to disciplinary action by the IFC Judicial Board and/or the Office of the Dean of Students.

1. I will know and understand the ideals expressed in my Fraternity Ritual and will strive to incorporate them in my daily life.
2. I will respect the dignity of all persons; therefore, I will not physically, mentally, psychologically or sexually abuse any human being. I will not attempt to injure, harm, malign, or harass a person because of race, religious belief, color, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age, or gender.
3. I will protect the health and safety of all human beings.
4. I will respect my property and the property of others; therefore I will neither abuse, or tolerate the abuse of property.
5. I will meet my financial obligations in a timely manner.
6. I will neither use, nor support the use of illegal drugs; I will neither abuse, nor support the abuse of alcohol. I will abide by all laws, Institute regulations, and fraternity rules concerning the use of drugs and alcohol.
7. I acknowledge that a clean and attractive environment is essential to both physical and mental health, and reflects well upon my chapter, the fraternity system, and the Institute; therefore I will do all in my power to see that the chapter property is properly cleaned and maintained.
8. I recognize immoral, indecent and/or lewd conduct is in direct conflict with fraternity values; therefore, I will not participate in such behavior, and will challenge those fraternity men who do.
9. I will challenge all my fraternity members to abide by these fraternity expectations and will confront and/or report those who violate them.

Your signature below certifies you have read, understand, and agree to abide by, the Fraternity Conduct Code.

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