

2012 Hazing Campus Assessment

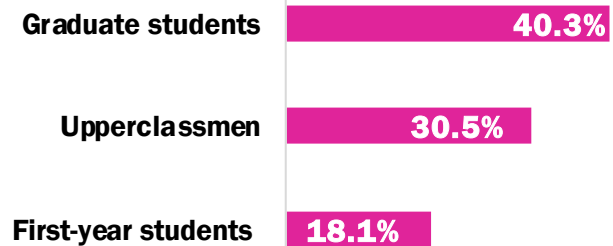
In an effort to gauge hazing behaviors on campus and identify where prevention and education needed to focus, a hazing climate assessment was performed. As a result of the hazing assessment, we hoped that the university community would be able to:

- Understand community-wide awareness of the university definition of hazing
- Understand university-specific environments that normalize and promote hazing
- Identify specific community hazing practices utilized and normalized at Lehigh
- Identify specific community sub-populations that promote and engage in hazing activities
- Identify specific resources to combat and report hazing in the Lehigh community

1,554

Respondents

Yes, I believe hazing is an issue at Lehigh



THE MOST COMMON HAZING ACTIVITIES BELIEVED TO BE HAPPENING AT LEHIGH ARE:

FORCED CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AND/OR OTHER DRUGS...39.4%

FORCED ATTENDANCE AT SOCIAL EVENTS...21.2%

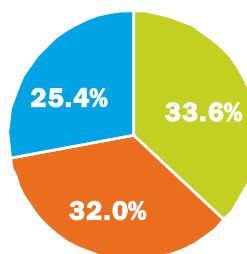
MANDATORY STUDY HALLS/STUDY HOURS...14.7%

CLEANING UP AFTER OTHERS...14.2%

OTHER EMBARRASSING, PAINFUL OR DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES...10.8%

“From my observation, it seems as if some group's hazing tends to get written off as tradition .”

Reported being a Victim of Hazing (at some point in their life)



“As new members we were separated from the rest of the group and made to feel like we were less than them and that we had to prove ourselves in someway. “

“Hazing will continue to occur throughout campus organization as long as students are not buying in or involved with the reduction process.”

- Greeks
- Club Athletes
- Intercollegiate Athletes

It is evident that there is plenty of work to be done around hazing awareness and education. To address this issue, Lehigh plans to join The National Collaborative for Hazing Research and Prevention at the University of Maine as well as create a local hazing prevention coalition to continuously evaluate the culture on campus. The coalition will include stakeholders across the institution, including multiple students. Efforts will focus around the Greek community, student-athletes, and will include on-going training on bystander intervention, the definition of hazing, and alternative practices.