



Sam Houston State University
Dean of Students' Office

REQUIRED HAZING REPORT FALL 2025

Sam Houston State University is dedicated to providing a safe educational environment and does not tolerate hazing by any group or individual associated with the university. Hazing is against the university's values. All students, student organizations, and affiliated groups must adhere to state and federal laws, as well as university policies prohibiting hazing.

The university will take disciplinary action for hazing incidents that occur: (1) during official university functions; (2) in connection with the activities of registered or sponsored student organizations; or (3) in any situation where a hazing incident has a significant connection to the university's programs, operations, or interests, regardless of its location. Violations of this policy may lead to disciplinary action, which can include expulsion or the termination of organizational recognition, as well as potential criminal prosecution under applicable laws.

Individuals who are victims of or witnesses to hazing are strongly encouraged to report the incident to the Dean of Students' Office and the University Police Department for investigation and appropriate action.

Federal Law

[Stop Campus Hazing Act](#)

[Stop Campus Hazing Act Quick Guide](#)

[SHSU Stop Campus Hazing Investigation Process](#)

State Law

[Texas Education Code, Higher Education, Hazing \(Section 51.936\)](#)

[Texas Education Code, Chapter 37, Subchapter F. Hazing](#)

University Compliance

[Student Code of Conduct](#)

[University Policies](#)

Hazing Reports Within the Last Three Years

In compliance with state and federal law, this notification informs students about their options regarding joining student organizations or programs. Sam Houston State University publishes and distributes this report detailing incidents of hazing that occurred on or off campus by organizations registered with or recognized by the institution during the three years preceding this report.

Talented Tenth

Date of Incident

September 13, 2023

Date of Report to University

September 13, 2023

Date Investigation Initiated

September 13, 2023

Date of Resolution

October 18, 2023

General Description of Incident

The Talented Tenth conducted an intake process that required the internship class to participate in late night events not allowing the internship class to leave PIT for sleep or do classwork. The internship class were asked to write 10-page papers and lined up to be yelled at by both current and former members.

Student Code of Conduct Violation(s)

Hazing, Violation of University Policy

University Finding

Responsible

University Sanction(s)

1. Social Probation for the remainder of Fall 2023 semester.

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity

Date of Incident

November 18, 2022

Date of Report to University

November 19, 2022

Date Investigation Initiated

November 19, 2022

Date of Resolution

January 19, 2023

General Description of Incident

Pledges were required to always stay at the ATO house with minimal exceptions, forced to do physical exercise, sprayed with a water-hose, and required to sleep outside in wet clothes around a fire.

Student Code of Conduct Violation(s)

5.2 Student Misconduct, 5.2(2) Violation of University Policy, 5.2(9) Hazing

University Finding

Responsible

University Sanction(s)

1. Social Probation for the spring, summer, and fall semesters of 2023.
2. Completion of a hazing prevention educational course.
3. Submission of a new member education plan.

Sigma Chi**Date of Incident**

September 22, 2024

Date of Report to University

September 22, 2024

Date Investigation Initiated

September 23, 2024

Date of Resolution

October 16, 2024

General Description of Incident

Allegations relating to kidnapping of a recruit.

Student Code of Conduct Violation(s)

Hazing by organization, violation of university policy, unlawful act.

University Finding

Responsible

University Sanctions

1. Letter of apology to University Police Department and Huntsville Police Department.
2. 80 hours of community service.
3. Social probation ending May 12, 2025.
4. All members to complete an anti-hazing educational course at the organization's expense by December 2, 2024.