



Sam Houston State University  
Dean of Students' Office

# HAZING REPORT

## FALL 2024

## Hazing Violations

Sam Houston State University is committed to providing a safe educational environment for everyone and does not tolerate hazing by any group or individual affiliated with the university. The university expects all students and organizations to observe and fully comply with state law and university policies associated with the prohibition of hazing.

Hazing is prohibited under state law and university policy. The university will take disciplinary action for hazing that takes place during official university functions, or during functions held by registered or sponsored student organizations. The university will also take disciplinary action for hazing incidents that have a substantial connection to the interests of the university, wherever they occur.

### State Law

- [Texas Education Code, Higher Education, Hazing \(Section 51.936\)](#)
- [Texas Education Code, Chapter 37, Subchapter F. Hazing](#)

### University Policies

- [Student Code of Conduct](#)

## Hazing Violations Within the Last Three Years

In alignment with state law, and to inform students in their choice to join student organizations, Sam Houston State University publishes and distributes this report of hazing violations and the organizations disciplined. The violations listed below include those with conduct processes resolved within the last three years.

### Talented Tenth

#### Date of Incident

- Fall 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(s)**

1. The internship class received assignments for not doing what was instructed, following directions.
2. The internship class were required to complete a one (1) page paper for not creating Instagram and Twitter (X) accounts, following all current members, and gaining at least 100 followers on each platform within an instructed period.
3. One (1) intern was required to complete a ten (10) page paper for laughing during PIT.

**University Sanction(s)**

1. Social Probation for the remainder of Fall 2023 semester

**Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity**

**Date of Incident**

Fall 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(s)**

1. The pledge class were required to always stay at the ATO house with minimal exceptions for class or doctor's appointments.
2. The pledge class were forced to do physical exercise in the form of push-ups, sit-ups, and wall-sits.
3. The pledge class were required to roll in the grass after it was sprayed with a water-hose for a prolonged period.
4. The pledge class were required to sleep outside around a fire.

**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.

**Phi Delta Theta Fraternity****Date of Incident**

Fall 2021

**Date of Report to University**

October 19, 2021

**Date Investigation Initiated**

October 19, 2021

**Date of Resolution**

October 21, 2021

**General Description of Incident**

Pledges were verbally abused, forced to do physical exercise, complete a scavenger hunt, and write the fraternity letters on female's body.

**Student Code of Conduct Violation(s)**

5.2(1) Unlawful Act, 5.2(7) Endangers Others, 5.2(9) Hazing

**University Finding(s)**

1. The pledge class were verbally abused in the form of yelling and cursing, forced to arm wrestle one another, and perform physical exercise in the form of running, burpees, and push-ups.
2. The pledge class were required to complete a scavenger hunt retrieving several items including a urinal cake and a piece of roadkill.
3. The pledge class were required to locate female's, write the fraternity letters on their breast and buttocks, and have them pose for a photograph.

4. The pledge class were required to stay up overnight in shifts and cook a brisket.
5. The pledge class were required to purchase items for a tailgate with personal funds as well as tickets for other fraternity members.

**University Sanction(s)**

1. Disciplinary Suspension from October 21, 2021, until May 13, 2022.
2. Disciplinary Probation from May 13, 2022, until May 13, 2023.
3. Co-host an educational program on sexual misconduct for the Greek Life Community in partnership with the Office of Title IX.