



Office of Student Life

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Dear Student Leader:

Congratulations! By picking up this application packet you've made the decision to begin the process toward becoming a recognized student organization. There are several steps to starting a new student organization, which are highlighted below. You can expect the process to take anywhere from 4-12 weeks. Contact the Office of Student Life at 314-516-5291 or studentlife@umsl.edu for more information.

The process of becoming a recognized student organization is as follows:

STEP 1—Pick up the Application Packet

STEP 2—Submit the Intent to Organize Form (*all information must be complete for consideration*)

STEP 3—Begin Recruiting Members. You will have access to the following organization resources only during your *In Progress* phase of organization and only after your Intent to Organize form has been submitted.

- 3 room reservations in the MSC (rooms only, no costs can be associated with reservations)
- 3 posters provided by the Graphic Artist(s) in the Office of Student Life
- 3 email submissions to the Get a Student Life weekly newsletter to all students (submissions should be made to stulifega5@umsl.edu)

STEP 4—Complete the New Student Organization Application Packet (*review process will not begin until all of the following have been read and submitted*):

- New student organization application form
- Proposed constitution and By-Laws: also email electronically to studentlife@umsl.edu
- Policy on hazing
- Board of Curators Student Code of Conduct
- Student organization roster list

STEP 5—Submit to the Office of Student Life, 366 Millennium Student Center. You will be contacted by a staff member in Student Life to schedule an initial meeting.

STEP 6—Review by Student Affairs Committee of the University Assembly

STEP 7—Notification of status from the Office of Student Life.

STEP 8—Participate in a new student organization training session with a staff member from the Office of Student Life

I look forward to working with you and your organization here at the University of Missouri-Saint Louis. There are many opportunities to gain valuable skills and learn from a variety of experiences as part of your Student Life experience. Thank you again for your interest, and feel free to contact me if there are any questions about the application process and good luck in the future!

Best Wishes,

Brandon Nelson
Student Organizations Coordinator
Office of Student Life



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Intent to Organize

Proposed Name of Organization: _____

Student Organizer:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Student ID: _____

Potential Advisor *(advisor must be identified when form is submitted):*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

SSO ID: _____

Department: _____

Title: _____

Purpose of student organization: _____

Forming a New Student Organization:

The process to set up a new student organization is simple.

1. Decide whether your new organization should be Red or Gold.
2. Obtain a minimum of three officers. (e.g. President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Student Government Representative-requirement for gold level organizations).
3. Recruit members (minimum of 10 for red level, minimum of 13 for gold level).
4. Select an advisor (if assistance is needed in selecting an on-campus advisor contact the Office of Student Life).
5. Develop a constitution and By-Laws. (see pages 47-48 for a sample)
6. Submit a New Student Organization packet with a roster and constitution to the Office of Student Life. In cases where a student organization has a national counterpart it is required to submit the national constitution as well as the constitution created by the local organization
7. All new student organizations must be approved by the Student Affairs Committee of the University Assembly. Pending approval, new organizations may be granted provisional recognition by the Associate Director of Student Life.

I request approval to initiate and organized the above named student organization and ensure that the organization agrees to abide by all University rules and regulations as well as applicable state and federal laws. I have read the policies regarding the formation, recognition, and responsibilities of student organizations of University of Missouri-Saint Louis and agree to comply with all University of Missouri regulations concerning student organizations.

Signature of Advisor

Printed name of Advisor

Date

New Student Organization Application Form

Proposed Name of Organization: _____

Please check if you are seeking to reactivate this organization (Any organization that has been inactive for less than 3 academic years are eligible for reactivation. However, organizations that have been inactive for more than three academic years must complete the process for new organizations.)

Contact Person:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Student ID: _____

Recognition Level (please check one box):

RED

RED level organizations have the following privileges:

- Use of University's name for identification purposes.
- Participation in University sponsored events.
- Use of campus facilities and services as provided by university regulations.
- Organization Mailbox located inside the Office of Student Life.

GOLD

GOLD level organizations have the following privileges:

- Use of University's name for identification purposes.
- Participation in University sponsored events.
- Use of campus facilities and services as provided by university regulations.
- Organization Mailbox located inside the Office of Student Life.
- Voting seat in the Student Government Association (SGA)
- Eligible to apply for financial support from the Student Activities Budget Committee.
- Eligible for receiving student leadership award honors and outstanding organization awards.

Category (check one; OSU reserves the right to change category to best fit purpose and interests of the organization):

- Academic/Departmental
- Governing/Programming
- Greek Social
- Honor and Professional

- Intercultural
- Media and Publication
- Political
- Recreation and Sports

- Religious
- Service
- Social and Special Interest

Yes or No Is this organization affiliated with any other organization (regional or national) not registered with UMSL?



If yes, please record the name of the organization on the following line and attach a copy of their constitution, if different from the one submitted by this organization

National/Regional Organization name: _____

Web Address: _____ Phone Number: _____



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Organization Officers

President/Chief Executive Officer

Name: _____ Student Number: _____
Local Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: (_____) Email*: _____

Treasurer/Chief Finance Officer

Name: _____ Student Number: _____
Local Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: (_____) Email*: _____

SGA Assembly Representative — Gold Level organizations only

Name: _____ Student Number: _____
Local Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: (_____) Email*: _____

Advisor

Name: _____ Employee SSOID: _____
Office Address: _____ Department : _____
Phone**: (_____) Email*: _____

*Through our online database system to manage clubs and organizations, the names and email addresses of officers may be listed.

**If requested, an advisor phone number may be given out as a method for contacting the student organization.

Signature of President and Advisor

We request permission from the Office of Student Life and the Student Affairs Committee of University Assembly to organize for the purpose of becoming an officially registered student organization at the University of Missouri-Saint Louis. It is understood that by submitting this application, the proposed organization agrees to abide by all University rules and regulations as well as applicable state and federal laws. I have read the policies regarding the formation, recognition, and responsibilities of student organizations of University of Missouri-Saint Louis and agree to comply with all University of Missouri regulations concerning student organizations.

Student President's Signature

Advisor's Signature

Date

Date

Office Use Only

Recognition Date: _____

Approved by: _____

Chair, UMSL Senate Student Affairs Committee

Date: _____

Approved by: _____

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Date: _____



Student Organization Constitution and By Laws

Why do you need a Constitution and By Laws?

Remember the reasons for having a Constitution and By-Laws. They articulate the purpose of your organization and spell out the procedures to be followed for its orderly functioning. Constitutions usually require a 2/3 vote of the membership for adoption. By-Laws only require a simple majority for passage. Once you have developed your Constitution and By-Laws review them often. The needs of your group will change over time and it is important that the Constitution and By-Laws are kept up to date to reflect the current state of affairs.

Make sure every new member of the organization has a copy of the by-laws and constitution. This will help to unify your members by informing them about the opportunities that exist for participation and the procedures they should follow to be an active, contributing member. A thorough study of the constitution and By-Laws should be a part of officer training and transition.

Constitution (Sample Format)

The Constitution of an organization contains the fundamental principles which govern its operation. A UM-St. Louis **recognized** Student Organization's Constitution must include:

- Article I (Name of Affiliation)
 - A. "This organization shall be known as"
 - B. Statement of Governance by a national organization
- Article II (Purpose)
 - A. "The Purpose of this Organization shall be"
 - B. Goals of the organization
- Article III (Membership Requirements and Limitations)
 - A. Define the qualifications required for a candidate to become a member
 - B. Define qualifications for remaining a member in good standing
- Article IV (Officers)
 - A. State the title and date of term of each officer
 - B. Order the administrative succession of each officer
 - C. Removal of officers procedure
- Article V (Meetings)
 - A. Name and Purpose of the meeting
 - B. Frequency of meetings
 - C. Who may call meetings
 - D. What constitutes a quorum



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- Article VI (Advisor)
 - A. Requirements of advisor
 - B. Term of office of Advisor
 - C. Selection and removal procedure for Advisor
- Article VII (Ratification and Amendments)
 - A. Requirements for adopting this document
 - B. Requirements for amending this document

By-laws (Sample Format)

The By-Laws establish the specific rules of guidance by which the group is to function. By-Laws must not contradict provisions in the Constitution. By-Laws of UM-St. Louis Recognized Organizations must include:

- A. Membership (selection requirements, resignations, expulsion rights and duties)
- B. Dues (amount and collection procedures, any special fees, when payable)
- C. Duties of Officers (powers, responsibilities, specific job descriptions, procedures for filing unexpired terms of office, removal from office)
- D. Executive Board (structure, composition, powers)
- E. Committees (standing, special, how formed, chairpersons, meeting powers, duties)
- F. Order of Business (standard agenda for conducting meetings)
- G. Parliamentary Authority (provisions for rules of order, generally Roberts Rule of Order – Newly Revised)
- H. Amendment Procedures (means proposals, notice required, voting requirements)
- I. Non-discrimination policy: It is the policy of the University of Missouri to provide equal opportunity for all enrolled students and applicants for admission to the University on the basis of merit without discrimination on the basis of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age or disability, or Vietnam era veteran status. Sexual harassment shall be considered discrimination because of sex. This policy shall not be interpreted in such a way as to violate the legal rights of religious organizations or military organizations associated with the Armed Forces of the United States of America.
- J. Other specific policies and procedures unique to your organization necessary for its operation.



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University Of Missouri Board Of Curators Standard Of Student Conduct

A student enrolling in the University assumes an obligation to conduct himself in a manner compatible with the University’s function as an educational institution. Misconduct for which students are subject to discipline falls into the following categories:

- Dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University.
- Forgery, alteration, or misuse of University documents, records or identification.
- Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, or other University activities, including its public service functions, or of other authorized activities on University premises.
- Physical abuse of any person on University-owned or controlled property or at sponsored or supervised functions, or conduct, which threaten or endangers the health or safety of any such person.
- Theft of or damage to property of the University or a member of the University community or campus visitor.
- Unauthorized entry or use of University facilities.
- Violation of University policies or of campus regulations, including campus regulations concerning the registration of student organizations, the use of University facilities, or the time, place and manner of public expression.
- Use, possession or distribution of narcotic or dangerous drugs, such as marijuana and lysergic acid diethylamine (LSD), except as expressly permitted by law.
- Violation of rules governing residence in University-owned or controlled property.
- Disorderly conduct or lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or expression on University- owned or controlled property or at University sponsored or supervised functions.
- Failure to comply with directions of University officials acting in the performance of their duties.
- Conduct which adversely affects the student’s suitability as a member of the academic community

I assume responsibility for and attest to my organization’s compliance with this policy.

Student President’s Signature

Student President’s Printed Name

Student Organization Name

Date



ANTI-HAZING POLICY

The act of hazing is a violation of UMSL's Student Conduct Code and Missouri State Law. The University of Missouri-St. Louis does not condone nor tolerate hazing of any type by any organization, or by an individual against another individual. The following Missouri State statutes define hazing in an educational institution and the penalties associated with individuals caught in the act of hazing.

Missouri State Law/Statutes on Hazing

578.360. As used in sections 578.360 to 578.365, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms mean:

1. "Educational institution," a public or private college or university;
2. "Hazing," a willful act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, directed against a student or a prospective member of an organization operating under the sanction of an educational institution, that recklessly endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or prospective member for the organization for the purpose of initiation or admission into or continued membership in any such organization to the extent that such person is knowingly placed at probable risk of the loss of life or probable bodily or psychological harm. Acts of hazing shall include:
 - a. Any activity which recklessly endangers the physical health or safety of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to physical brutality, whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance or forced smoking or chewing of tobacco products; or
 - b. Any activity which recklessly endangers the mental health of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to sleep deprivation, physical confinement, or other extreme stress-inducing activity; or
 - c. Any activity that requires the student or prospective member to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the criminal law of this state or any political subdivision in this state

Colleges and universities to have written policy prohibiting hazing

578.365. Each educational institution in this state shall adopt a written policy prohibiting hazing by any organization operating under the sanction of the institution.

Hazing—consent not a defense—penalties.

578.365.

1. A person commits the crime of hazing if he knowingly participates in or causes hazing, as it is defined in section 578.360.
2. Hazing is a class A misdemeanor, unless the act creates a substantial risk to the life of the student or prospective member, in which case it is a class C felony.



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3. Nothing in sections 578.360 to 578.365 shall be interpreted as creating a new private cause of action against any educational institution.

4. Consent is not a defense to hazing. Section 565.080 does not apply to hazing cases or to homicide cases arising out of hazing activity.

In addition to Missouri State Law, UMSL also has accepted and recognizes the definition of hazing by the Fraternity Executive Association as any intentional action taken or situation created, whether on or off University premises, that produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. This includes, but is not limited to: paddling in any form, creation of excessive fatigue, physical or psychological shocks, wearing apparel in public stunts and buffoonery, morally degrading or humiliating games and activities, involuntary labor, or any activity not consistent with the University Of Missouri Board Of Curators Standard Of Student Conduct.

The Office of Student Life will investigate any incident in which a charge of hazing has been made. University recognition may be temporarily withdrawn pending hearings and due process procedures.

Should it be determined that a student organization or any of its members is guilty of hazing as previously defined, university sanctions may include but are not limited to:

- 1) Automatic and indefinite suspension of campus recognition with an accompanying loss of all campus privileges, (i.e. use of facilities, student services, etc.)
- 2) Disciplinary action against those members involved in the incident(s) including suspension or expulsion from the University.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Each organization president, or equivalent officer, is required to read the University's Policy on Hazing at the first regular meeting that he/she presides after taking office.

I have read the University of Missouri – St. Louis Hazing Policy to the active members at a regularly scheduled meeting of our organization. As President, I assume responsibility for and attest to my organization's compliance with this policy.

Student President's Signature

Student President's Printed Name

Student Organization Name

Date



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Red/Gold Level Student Organization Roster

Organization Name: _____

Student President's Name: _____ Email: _____

By signing this roster, I attest that I am an active member of this organization and currently enrolled at UM-St. Louis. (Red-level organizations must have at least 10 members, Gold-level organizations must have at least 13 members.)

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