



Sigma Nu Fraternity

A Different Look at Hazing

A hand is pouring a clear, yellowish liquid from a plastic cup into a mold. The mold contains a thick, yellow, viscous substance that has been spread into a circular pattern. The background shows a workshop setting with a power drill and a tube of material.

New Member Experience

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What kind of experiences do we want to create through the new member program?

What kind of experiences do we want to avoid creating through the new member program?

Expectations

Candidate Members

Initiated Members



Influences

What is the strongest contributing factor to hazing?

Strongest attitudinal predictor of hazing is the belief peers approve of the hazing behavior (Campo, 2005).

Moral Disengagement Theory

- Advantageous contrast
- Minimizing or disregarding harm
- Displacing responsibility
- Diffusing responsibility
- Euphemistic terms
- Moral justification
- Dehumanization / devaluation
- Blaming others

Stanford Prison Experiment

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Stanford Prison Experiment

What transformations take place when people go through an experience like this?

How do you think you would have behaved if you were a prisoner in this situation?

Why do you think the guards were upset the experiment was ended prematurely?

Being Above Abuse of Power

What provided the prison guards their authority over the prisoners?

What were the qualities of the prisoners' lifestyle that made them inherently obedient?

What provides initiated members implied authority over candidate members?

What qualities of a candidate's status makes him inherently obedient?



1. Why would we not just initiate new members immediately?
2. What things need to be done to fully prepare new members for initiation?
3. What are the qualities of a good member in your chapter?
4. How successful has your chapter been in creating good members?

New Member Program Components

Education

Activities and experiences that develop new members into leaders; orient them to the organization's values, history, and expectations; and prepare them for initiation.

Training

Activities that give new members first-hand experience in the operations of the organization and prepare them to be active, contributing members as soon as they are initiated.

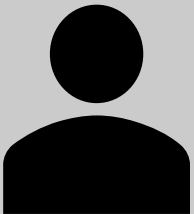
Intervention Options



Get someone else to help you



Keep it simple



Approach as a friend

Wrap Up

- Desired New Member Experience
- Influence of peers
- Moral disengagement theory
- Stanford Prison Experiment
- Purpose of New Member Program
- Intervention Options

Additional Help

Sigma Nu National Office (540-463-1869,
headquarters@sigmanu.org)

Fraternity/Sorority Life Office

National Hazing Hotline (1-888-NOT-HAZE)



Planned Expansions for 2024-2025

Sigma Nu returns to San Diego State
and Iowa State in Fall 2024 and
Washington & Lee and Miami (Ohio) in
Spring 2025.

Know of a prospective member?
Scan the QR Code on the next slide to
help fuel the Fraternity's return.





Help Grow the Legion of Honor

Know someone who would be an
ideal candidate for Sigma Nu?

Submit a membership referral
at sigmanu.org/referral or by
scanning the QR code to the left.

Save the Date for the 71st Grand Chapter

Grand Chapter will be held July 23 – 27, 2025, at the Grand Hyatt located in San Antonio, Texas.

More information will be shared as Grand Chapter approaches. If you have any questions in the meantime, please email **gc.info@sigmanu.org**.





Become a Consultant!

- Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. is always looking for enthusiastic leaders to join our staff team at the Headquarters Office in Lexington, Va.
- Interested in working for the Legion of Honor after graduation? Use the QR code to fill out an interest form to receive more information or visit sigmanu.org/employment.



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Questions?

I'll stick around for a few minutes if individuals want to discuss anything we've covered.

