



JOHNSON & WALES
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Campus Hazing Transparency Report

Providence, RI

as of December 17, 2025

Johnson & Wales University seeks to provide an educational environment free from all forms of hazing. Hazing violates university policies, including the Student Handbook's Hazing Policy, and also may violate applicable law, in particular Rhode Island General Law, Title 11, Chapter 21, and North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 14, Article 35.

The Campus Hazing Transparency Report contains, if known, the name of the organization, the date(s) of the hazing incident, investigation initiated and ended, date of notice of violation provided to organization as well as a general description of the violation, including whether the violation involved the abuse or illegal use of alcohol or drugs, the findings of the investigation, and any sanctions placed on the organization. Any reports of hazing that did not result in a finding of responsibility are not included in this Campus Hazing Transparency Report. JWU Providence will update this webpage as outcomes are finalized and will share the transparency report and resources with the campus community twice a year.

Statistics regarding hazing will be available in the university's Annual Security Report (ASR), available for the [Providence Campus](#) beginning with the 2026 ASR. Hazing statistics in the ASR include incident reports that meet the federal definition of hazing. Such statistics are not limited to actual findings of hazing, which are provided in this Campus Hazing Transparency Report.

2024-2025 Academic Year

There were no findings of hazing behavior during this time period.

2025-2026 Academic Year

Name of student organization: Sigma Delta Tau Sorority

General description of the violation that resulted in a finding of responsibility:

1k. Harming or Endangering - Hazing

Campus Safety & Security received allegations of hazing against Sigma Delta Tau sorority. Sigma Delta Tau was found responsible for hazing for instituting rules on Bid Night that impose social isolation, particularly those restricting going out and dictating relationships/interactions with specific people. This violation did not involve the abuse or illegal use of alcohol or drugs.

Sanctions:

Probation With Restrictions effective December 2, 2025, through May 21, 2027.

Follow-up Meeting with Student Engagement on or before January 31, 2026.

Chapter leadership is required to review the chapter's status and directives at a chapter meeting with a Chapter Advisor present and report on that no later than January 31, 2026.

Hazing Prevention Workshop: Chapter leadership is required to organize a Hazing Prevention workshop to ensure members' understanding of the National Organization and University hazing policies. Due date: February 15, 2026.

During the spring 2026 semester, Chapter leadership is required to work with the sorority National Office to review and revise the New Member Experience Process to fully align with university and Sigma Delta Tau's expectations and procedures. New members will not be subjected to any rules that would not be implemented with active sisters, including not being able speak to others or choose how they spend their time outside of class. A pre-approved calendar of events with times and locations will be provided to all new members at the beginning of the new member experience, and any changes made to the calendar must be approved by Student Engagement. The chapter's New Member Educator will communicate weekly with the chapter's assigned New Member Specialist to ensure the program is being facilitated successfully.

Staff/Volunteer Attendance at New Member Activities: A sorority staff member or volunteer will be present either virtually or in-person at all new member activities, meetings, and events during the next new member cycle in fall of 2026.

Date of Incident: October 14, 2025

Date Investigation Initiated: October 21, 2025

Date Investigation Ended: November 24, 2025

Date Notice of Violation Provided to Organization: December 3, 2025