

Student Organization Risk Management Training

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At least once during each academic year, Stephen F. Austin State University shall provide a risk management training program for student organizations registered with the office of Student Engagement Programs at the institution.

Four members of each organization are required to attend the training program at least once during the time(s) it is presented during the fall semester. The organization's president and vice president, or their equivalents as listed on the organization's registration with Student Engagement Programs, must be among the four members attending. If an organization has officer positions equivalent to a risk management officer and/or a new member officer, these officers must also attend the program. If the organization does not have officers with the specific titles named, the four highest ranking leaders of their organization are required to attend the training.

Newly registered student organizations must have four appropriate members receive this training within the first 30 business days following its initial registration.

Each listed student organization advisor(s) who has not previously received risk management training as outlined in this policy must also receive this training. For the purposes of this policy an advisor is defined as a person who:

1. serves in an advisory capacity to a student organization to provide guidance to the organization and its members;
2. is older than 21 years of age; and
3. is not an enrolled student at Stephen F. Austin State University.

The content of the risk management program will include topic areas mandated by the Texas Education Code, as well as topical areas deemed relevant by the university, to include:

1. possession and use of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs, including penalties that may be imposed for possession or use;
2. hazing;
3. sexual misconduct (including abuse) and harassment, and reporting procedures;
4. fire and other safety issues, including the possession and use of a firearm or other weapon or of an explosive device;
5. travel to a destination outside the area in which the institution is located;
6. behavior at parties and other events held by a student organization;
7. adoption by a student organization of a risk management policy; and

8. issues regarding persons with disabilities, including a review of applicable requirements of federal and state law, and any related policies of the institution, for providing reasonable accommodations and modifications to address the needs of students with disabilities, including access to the activities of the student organization.

The university may impose reasonable sanctions on any organization failing to meet the requirements of this policy.

Cross Reference: Tex. Educ. Code § 51.9361

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