

Greek Life Guide Book

The background of the cover is a vibrant sunset with a warm orange and yellow glow. In the foreground, the silhouettes of a crowd of people are visible, with many hands raised in the air, some making the 'rock on' hand gesture. In the upper right corner, a silhouette of a trident (a three-pronged fork) is visible, a symbol often associated with Greek life.

2022–2023

Welcome to **Arizona State University!**

As you transition into your collegiate experience, many of you may be looking for a way to get involved in the ASU community. Fraternities and sororities have been an integral part of the Sun Devil experience for more than 90 years - bringing strong tradition, personal development and community to thousands of students each year. The impact goes far beyond ASU, with Greek students combining to donate hundreds of thousands of dollars and community service hours in their pursuit to better themselves and their community. For many, the choice to join a fraternity or sorority is one of the most impactful decisions they make in college.

As Arizona State University has established itself as the New American University, our community has developed a new model for Greek-letter organizations deemed the New American Fraternity & Sorority Community, to transform our community into the premier fraternity and sorority experience in the country by being values-based, impact-driven individuals and organizations. Our New American Fraternity and Sorority Community is centered on four aspirations to drive our community forward:

- **Leadership**
- **Scholarship**
- **Service**
- **Philanthropy**

Fraternity & Sorority Life sponsors major campus traditions like Homecoming, Greek Week, Greek Sing and the Day of Service. We host educational and leadership workshops, presentations and trainings to build skills for students to succeed in life. We also recognize outstanding collegians, alumni and organizations through our Standards of Excellence awards program.

Our community is constantly looking ahead to build upon its successes and aspires to continue to positively impact the university, first as Sun Devils, and second as members of the rich tradition of Fraternity & Sorority life at Arizona State University.

As you explore our community through this guidebook, we hope that you find ways that you can enhance your experience at ASU and make the most of this unique opportunity that will last you a lifetime.

Go Greek and Fork 'Em Devils,
Fraternity & Sorority Life Staff

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At a glance: ASU Fraternity and Sorority Life

Service and philanthropy

\$631,128

dollars to philanthropies

30,886

hours of engagement

418

educational programs

Who are we

5,500+

members in the
FSL community

36

Fraternities

30

Sororities

Academics

All Greek GPA

3.32

Spring 2021

3.24

Fall 2021

All Sorority GPA

3.45

Spring 2021

3.36

Fall 2021

All Fraternity GPA

3.13

Spring 2021

3.04

Fall 2021



Governing councils


Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council is the governing body for culturally based fraternities and sororities at Arizona State University. The MGC exists to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternal relations between the culturally based fraternities and sororities on campus and the greater Arizona State University community. Through their programming efforts, the MGC encourages scholastic achievement among its member organizations and individuals, provide a forum for discussion and to develop action strategies regarding issues relevant to the MGC community, coordinate semester activities and service related events to promote cooperation and harmony among member organizations and strive to promote cultural awareness.



MGC


Multicultural Greek Council



Alpha Phi Gamma

Nationally founded:
Feb. 1, 1994 at
Cal State Polytechnic
University, Pomona, CA

Established at ASU:
May 21, 2017



Alpha Pi Omega

"My sister as myself"

Nationally founded:
Sept. 1, 1994 at
University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Established at ASU:
June 7, 2008



Beta Chi Theta

*"Above All Else,
Brotherhood."*

Nationally founded:
June 2nd, 1999,
University of California
Los Angeles

Established at ASU:
Oct. 21, 2009



Delta Chi Lambda

*"Keep your eyes, mind,
and heart open."*

Nationally founded:
Oct. 12, 2000 at
University of Arizona,
Tucson, Arizona

Established at ASU:
Feb. 27, 2010



Gamma Rho Lambda

*"Truth in tolerance,
knowledge through
diversity, bonds of unity,
strength in trust"*

Nationally founded:
Nov. 20, 2003 at
Arizona State University,
Tempe Arizona



Lambda Sigma Gamma

"Unity Through Sisterhood"

Nationally founded:
Oct. 24, 1986 at
California State University
Sacramento, California

Established at ASU:
Nov. 3, 2012



Omega Phi Chi

"Dare to Be Different"

Nationally founded:
Nov. 9, 1988 at
Rutgers University,
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Established at ASU:
July 23, 2005



Pi Alpha Phi

*"A Tradition of Excellence
Since 1929"*

Nationally founded:
February 1, 1929 at
University of California,
Berkeley, California

Established at ASU:
Dec. 15, 2014



Pi Lambda Chi

"Preserving Latina Culture"

Nationally founded:
March 5, 1994 at
University of Colorado,
Boulder, Colorado

Established at ASU:
Nov. 18, 2017



Sigma Lambda Beta

*"Opportunity for Wisdom,
Wisdom for Culture"*

Nationally founded:
April 4, 1986 at
University of Iowa,
Iowa City, Iowa

Established at ASU:
July 29, 2004



Sigma Lambda Gamma

*"Culture is Pride,
Pride is Success"*

Nationally founded:
April 9, 1990 at
University of Iowa,
Iowa City, Iowa

Established at ASU:
May 15, 2011



Tau Psi Omega

"A Brotherhood 4 Life"

Nationally founded:
Sept. 14, 1996 at
Arizona State University,
Tempe, Arizona

"Becoming a part of a multicultural-based organization provides you the opportunity to connect with individuals of diverse backgrounds. In addition, you are able to find a community that values each individual's unique heritage, ethnicity, and overall personal identity."

– Marisol Aguilar Ojeda
Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority, Inc.



Governing **councils**

National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations

The National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations serves as the governing body for the historically Latino/a fraternities and sororities at Arizona State University. Established in 1998 to promote the advancement of Latino/a fraternities and sororities, the first local NALFO council was piloted at Arizona State University in 2003. NALFO's purpose is to promote and foster positive interfraternal relations, communication, and development of Latino/a fraternal organizations through mutual respect, leadership, honesty, professionalism and education.



**Gamma
Alpha Omega**
*"Nos Una Crescamus,
United We Will Grow"*

Nationally founded:
Jan. 25, 1993 at
Arizona State University,
Tempe, Arizona



Gamma Zeta Alpha
*"Cultivating Leaders,
Strengthening
Communities"*

Nationally founded:
Dec. 3, 1987 at
California State University,
Chico, California

Established at ASU:
May 24, 2008



Kappa Delta Chi
*"Leading with Integrity,
United Through Service"*

Nationally founded:
April 6, 1987 at
Texas Tech University,
Lubbock, Texas

Established at ASU:
Dec. 4, 1994



Lambda Sigma Upsilon
*"Latinos Siempre Unidos
(Latinos Always United)"*

Nationally founded:
April 5, 1979 at
Rutgers University–
New Brunswick,
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Established at ASU:
May 14, 2010



Lambda Theta Nu
*"Academic Excellence,
Community Service,
and Sisterhood"*

Nationally founded:
March 11, 1986 at
California State University,
Chico, California

Established at ASU:
March 28, 2009

"Being part of the NALFO executive board has shown me how us minorities or first generation students are not alone. We all are working hard towards breaking the norms and figuring out how to grow from it all. Having a council that is Latinx-based allows us to share resources and teach one another how to succeed in our dreams."

– Sarhelia Gonzalez,
Lambda Theta Nu

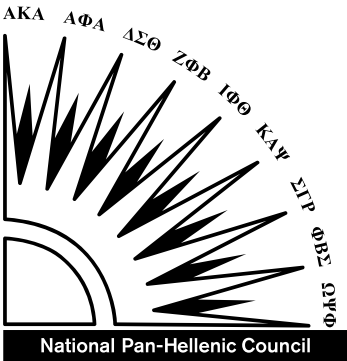
Governing councils

National Pan-Hellenic Council

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, also known as the “Divine Nine,” is the coordinating body for the historically African-American fraternities and sororities at Arizona State University. Originally formed in 1930 at Howard University, the purpose of the NPHC is “unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek-letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations.” NPHC honors the historical spirit of community service, cooperation, cultural consciousness, scholarship, servant leadership and unity.

“Being a part of Greek Life has opened up a diverse community that I didn’t expect to find at ASU. I have been able to grow as an individual and a student because of the opportunities that I’ve found through my fraternity!”

– Robert Coats,
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.



Alpha Kappa Alpha
“By Culture and By Merit”

Nationally founded:
Jan. 15, 1908 at
Howard University,
Washington, D.C.

Established at ASU:
Nov. 28, 1970



Alpha Phi Alpha
“First of All, Servants of All,
We Shall Transcend All”

Nationally founded:
Dec. 4, 1906 at
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York

Established at ASU:
April 26, 1972



Delta Sigma Theta
“Intelligence is the
Torch of Wisdom”

Nationally founded:
Jan. 13, 1913
Howard University,
Washington, D.C.

Established at ASU:
May 12, 1972



Iota Phi Theta
“Building A Tradition,
Not Resting Upon One!”

Nationally founded:
Sept. 19, 1963,
Morgan State University,
Baltimore, Maryland



Kappa Alpha Psi
“Achievement in Every
Field of Human Endeavor”

Nationally founded:
Jan. 5, 1911
Indiana University,
Bloomington, Indiana

Established at ASU:
July 9, 1948



Omega Psi Phi
“Friendship is Essential to
the Soul”

Nationally founded:
Nov. 17, 1911,
Howard University,
Washington, D.C.

Established at ASU:
March 29, 1969



Phi Beta Sigma
“Culture For Service and
Service For Humanity”

Nationally founded:
Jan. 9, 1914
Howard University,
Washington, D.C.

Established at ASU:
May 6, 1980



Sigma Gamma Rho
“Greater Service,
Greater Progress”

Nationally founded:
Nov. 12, 1922 at
Butler University,
Indianapolis, Indiana

Established at ASU:
Dec. 10, 1952



Zeta Phi Beta
“A community conscious,
action-oriented
organization”

Nationally founded:
Jan. 16, 1920 at
Howard University,
Washington, D.C.

Established at ASU:
May 4, 1979



Governing councils

Interfraternity Council

The Interfraternity Council is a self-governing body representing the member fraternities at Arizona State University. The IFC strives to promote excellence in all aspects of fraternity life. The IFC works to better the Arizona State University fraternity community and represent the member fraternities to the greater campus community.



Acacia
"Human Service"

Nationally founded:
May 12, 1904 at
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Established at ASU:
Nov. 3, 2017



Alpha Epsilon Pi
*"Developing Leadership for
the Jewish Community."*

Nationally founded:
Nov. 7, 1913 at
New York University,
New York City, New York

Established at ASU:
Jan. 28, 1951



Alpha Kappa Lambda
"The Truth and the Word."

Nationally founded:
April 22, 1914 at
University of California,
Berkeley, California

Established at ASU:
July 30, 2016



Alpha Sigma Phi
*"Causa Latet Vis
Est Notissima
"The cause is hidden,
the results well-known"*

Nationally founded:
Dec. 6, 1845 at
Yale University,
New Haven, Connecticut

Established at ASU:
Nov. 18, 2011



Delta Sigma Phi
"Better Men. Better Lives."

Nationally founded:
Dec. 5, 1899 at
City College of New York,
New York City, New York

Established at ASU:
Nov. 14, 1948



Delta Tau Delta
*"Labor for the Beautiful
and the Good"*

Nationally founded:
Feb. 22, 1861 at
Bethany College,
Bethany, West Virginia

Established at ASU:
Sept. 30 1987



Kappa Alpha Order
*"God and the Ladies;
Brothers faithful
unto death."*

Nationally founded:
Dec. 21, 1865 at
Washington College,
Lexington, Virginia

Established at ASU:
Jan. 1, 1990



Kappa Delta Rho
"Honor Super Omnia"

Nationally founded:
May 17, 1905 at
Middlebury College,
Middlebury, Vermont

Established at ASU:
Feb. 2, 2017



Lambda Chi Alpha
*"Every man a man; Naught
without Labor; Crescent
Through the Cross"*

Nationally founded:
Nov. 2, 1909 at
Boston University,
Boston, Massachusetts

Established at ASU:
May 5, 1951



Omega Delta Phi
"One Culture, Any Race"

Nationally founded:
Nov. 25, 1987 at
Texas Tech University,
Lubbock, Texas

Established at ASU:
Sept. 22, 1992



Phi Delta Theta
"One Man is No Man."

Nationally Founded:
Dec. 26, 1848 at
Miami University,
Oxford, Ohio

Established at ASU:
Sept. 28, 1958



Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI)
*"Friendship, the
sweetest influence."*

Nationally founded:
May 1, 1848 at
Jefferson College, Canonsburg,
Pennsylvania

Established at ASU:
Feb. 6, 1965

Governing councils

Interfraternity Council

IFC assists with fraternity recruitment each semester and serves as a clearing house for all issues related to the fraternity community. The Interfraternity Council at Arizona State University is a North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) chartered IFC.



Phi Kappa Psi
*"United by friendship,
Sustained by honor,
And led by truth,
We live and we flourish"*

Nationally founded:
Feb. 19, 1852 at
Jefferson College in
Canonsburg, Pennsylvania



Phi Kappa Tau
"Men of Distinction"

Nationally founded:
March 17, 1906 at
Miami University,
Oxford, Ohio
Established at ASU:
Oct. 17, 2015



Phi Kappa Theta
*"Give, expecting
nothing thereof"*

Nationally founded:
April 29, 1889 at
Brown University,
Providence, Rhode Island
Established at ASU:
Sept. 20, 2014



Pi Kappa Alpha
*"Scholars, Leaders,
Athletes, Gentlemen"*

Nationally founded:
March 1, 1868 at
University of Virginia,
Charlottesville, Virginia
Established at ASU:
March 31, 1952



Pi Kappa Phi
*"Exceptional Leaders.
Uncommon Opportunities."*

Nationally founded:
Dec. 10, 1904 at
College of Charleston,
Charleston, South Carolina
Established at ASU:
April 21, 2007



Sigma Alpha Epsilon
"Phi Alpha"

Nationally founded:
March 9, 1856 at
University of Alabama,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Established at ASU:
Dec. 9, 1961



Sigma Alpha Mu
*"True Manhood,
Democracy & Humanity"*

Nationally founded:
Nov. 26, 1909 at
City College of New York,
New York City, New York
Established at ASU:
April 25, 1987



Sigma Nu
*"Excelling with
Honor"*

Nationally founded:
Jan. 1, 1869 at
Virginia Military
Institute,
Lexington, Virginia
Established at ASU:
March 19, 1955



Sigma Pi
"Quest For Excellence"

Nationally founded:
Feb. 26, 1897 at
Vincennes University,
Vincennes, Indiana
Established at ASU:
Nov. 5, 2016



Sigma Tau Gamma
"A Path of Principles"

Nationally founded:
June 28, 1920 at
University of Central Missouri,
Warrensburg, Missouri
Established at ASU:
Aug. 30, 2015



Theta Chi
"An Assisting Hand"

Nationally founded:
April 10, 1856 at
Norwich University,
Norwich, Vermont
Established at ASU:
May 16, 1953



Theta Delta Chi
"Our Hearts are United"

Nationally founded:
Oct. 31, 1847 at
Union College,
Schenectady, New York
Established at ASU:
Dec. 2, 1961



Theta Xi
*Juncti Juvant;
"United they Serve"*

Nationally founded:
April 29, 1864 at
Rensselaer Polytechnic
Institute,
Troy, New York
Established at ASU:
Sept. 17, 2018



Zeta Beta Tau
*"Brotherhood for
a Lifetime"*

Nationally founded:
Dec. 29, 1898 at
City College of New York,
New York City, New York
Established at ASU:
Feb. 7, 2013

"Joining an IFC fraternity has offered me so many opportunities to grow academically and socially. The skills you acquire stay with you after college."

– Logan Chang,
Alpha Sigma Phi



Governing councils

College Panhellenic

The College Panhellenic is the governing council for 14 National Panhellenic Conference sororities and 2 associate member sororities on campus. The College Panhellenic exists to develop and maintain fraternity life and interfraternal relations between the sororities on campus and the greater Arizona State University community.

“Panhellenic has not only given me some of my best friends but has also helped me grow as a leader and a member within the community.”

— Anne Wasinger,
College Panhellenic Sorority

CPH

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
college panhellenic



Alpha Chi Omega
“Together let us seek the heights.”

Nationally founded:
Oct. 15, 1885 at
DePauw University,
Greencastle, Indiana

Established at ASU:
Sept. 25, 1982



Alpha Delta Pi
“We Live For Each Other”

Nationally founded:
May 15, 1851 at
Wesleyan Female College,
Macon, Georgia

Established at ASU:
Oct. 14, 1950



Alpha Epsilon Phi
“Many Hearts,
One Purpose”

Nationally founded:
Oct. 24, 1909 at
Barnard College of
Columbia University,
New York City, New York

Established at ASU:
Oct. 28, 1958



Alpha Omicron Pi
“Inspire Ambition”

Nationally founded:
January 2, 1897 at
Barnard College of
Columbia University,
New York City, New York

Established at ASU:
Jan. 21, 2018



Alpha Phi
“Union Hand In Hand”

Nationally founded:
Sept. 18, 1872 at
Syracuse University,
Syracuse, New York

Established at ASU:
Oct. 10, 1959



Chi Omega
“Sisters on Purpose”

Nationally founded:
April 5, 1895 at
University of Arkansas,
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Established at ASU:
Aug. 1, 1951



Governing councils

College Panhellenic

The CPH, through their all-sorority programming efforts, promotes superior scholarship, leadership development and dissemination of information important to women in the sorority community. The CPH is the coordinating body for sorority formal recruitment.



Delta Gamma
"Do Good"

Nationally founded:
December 25, 1873 at
The Lewis School for Girls,
Oxford, Mississippi

Established at ASU:
May 10, 1958



Delta Zeta
"Love That Is Ever
Steadfast"

Nationally founded:
October 24, 1902 at
Miami University,
Oxford, Ohio

Established at ASU:
Oct. 8, 2005



Kappa Alpha Theta
"Leading Women"

Nationally founded:
January 27, 1870 at
DePauw University,
Greenscastle, Indiana

Established at ASU:
April 11, 1959



Kappa Delta
"Ta kala diokomen" meaning
"Let us strive for that which
is honorable, beautiful, and
highest"

Nationally founded:
Oct. 23, 1897 at
Longwood University,
Farmville, Virginia

Established at ASU:
Jan. 12, 1952



Kappa Kappa Gamma
"Dream Boldly, Live Fully"

Nationally founded:
Oct. 13, 1870 at
Monmouth College,
Monmouth, Illinois

Established at ASU:
April 24, 1959



Phi Sigma Rho
"Together we build
the future"

Nationally founded:
Sept. 24, 1984 at
Purdue University,
West Lafayette, Indiana

Established at ASU:
Sept. 10, 2016



Pi Beta Phi
"Phi Beta Phi"

Nationally founded:
April 28, 1867 at
Monmouth College,
Monmouth, Illinois

Established at ASU:
Feb. 14, 1965



Sigma Kappa
"One Heart One Way"

Nationally founded:
November 9, 1874 at
Colby College,
Waterville, Maine

Established at ASU:
April 14, 2012

Recruitment and Membership Intake



The fraternity and sorority community at ASU has over 90 years of rich tradition on campus. Joining a fraternity or sorority can be an exciting opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and increase engagement on campus.

The joining process is either council or chapter coordinated, depending on which organization you are interested in joining. Fraternities and sororities conduct recruitment and intake events, activities and informational sessions at various times during the year.

Rush, Recruitment and Intake are terms used by fraternities and sororities to identify the joining process. Intake is a term specifically used by many culturally based organizations to bring in new members.

Please note that many councils and chapters have minimum GPA requirements, either from high school or college, in order to participate in the recruitment or intake process.

Interfraternity council recruitment

During the beginning of the fall and spring semester, IFC hosts Walkaround as an opportunity for potential members to meet all of the fraternities before each chapter's individual recruitment activities.

Potential members must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.75 in order to join an IFC member fraternity

The Interfraternity Council supports and promotes "open recruitment" within its member chapters. Open recruitment allows for chapters to add members at any time of the year, as long as they meet the criteria for membership and selection is mutually beneficial.



Recruitment and Membership Intake

College Panhellenic Sorority recruitment

The formal recruitment process allows potential members to visit each sorority and to find a group of women that feels like their home away from home. At the end of each round, chapters will select potential members to invite back to their next event and potential members will prioritize their selections as well. This mutual selection process allows for the best fit for both the chapter and the new member.

Panhellenic Sorority Formal Recruitment consists of four rounds of recruitment over two weekends – the last weekend in August and first weekend of September.

Every Panhellenic member organization has their own internal GPA to join. It is recommended that potential members have a 2.5 high school or college GPA requirement to join.

Informal spring recruitment

In the spring semester, there are typically a few chapters that continue to recruit new members if space allows. Chapters do not make decisions about recruiting new members in the spring until the beginning of the semester.

Cultural Fraternity and Sorority recruitment

The process for joining a culturally based fraternity or sorority is varied by organization and takes place throughout the academic year.

Students interested in joining a cultural fraternity or sorority are encouraged to research the history and values of the organization(s) they are interested in, and attend chapter hosted programs, events and community service.

Interested students are also encouraged to attend interest meetings/informational sessions hosted by the chapter to learn more about the requirements and the process for joining as the process is unique to each organization.

At the beginning of each semester MGC, NALFO and NPHC host the Cultural Greek Open House. This event allows interested students to interact with fraternity and sorority members from all chapters to learn more about each organization in an informal setting. At this event the organizations will also showcase their traditions of stepping, strolling or saluting.

“When I decided to join Greek life here at ASU, I really had no idea how big of an impact it would have made on my college experience. ASU Fraternity and Sorority life has allowed me to grow as an individual, student, and friend through the countless opportunities and large support system.”

– Rachel Bateman,
College Panhellenic Sorority

Financial

Fraternity and sorority members pay dues each semester to their chapter. These dues are used to pay for national fees, philanthropy, service projects, social events, alumni events and apparel. Some of our chapters that have housing have other fees associated with their membership such as parlor fees and member usage fees. Some of our organizations’ dues are all inclusive, meaning there are no additional fees assessed. Other chapters assess fees for any additional activities or apparel. Dues are privately assessed membership dues and not paid through ASU or through myASU finances, nor are managed by staff at ASU. Many chapters use third party billing companies to assess dues and fees.

The new member period is typically the most expensive time of membership. This is due to one-time fees associated with initiation or affiliation. Each organization should be able to provide potential new members with the specific details during recruitment or at the beginning of the new member process.

Our culturally based fraternities and sororities disclose financial information once a prospective new member has submitted an application for membership with the organization. For more information regarding financial information for these organizations, please contact directly.



Interfraternity Council (IFC)

Fee Type	Range	Average
New Member	\$150–\$1,300	\$805
Chapter Dues	\$120–\$1,200	\$708

Panhellenic Association (PHA)

Fee Type	Range	Average
New Member	\$350–\$1,300	\$994
Chapter Dues	\$300–\$890	\$700

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Fee Type	Range	Average
New Member	\$250–1,200	\$850
Chapter Dues	\$80–250	\$100

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

Fee Type	Range	Average
New Member	\$100–400	\$200
Chapter Dues	\$30–300	\$200

National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO)

Fee Type	Range	Average
New Member	\$120–500	\$200
Chapter Dues	\$10–200	\$75

Hazing policy

Arizona State University defines its hazing policy within the Student Services Manual SSM 104-03.

Policy

Hazing is prohibited. Any solicitation to engage in hazing is prohibited. Aiding and abetting another person who is engaged in hazing is prohibited.

All students, faculty and staff must take reasonable measures within the scope of their individual authority to prevent violations of this policy. It is not a defense to a violation of this policy that the hazing victim consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity.

Violations of this policy or interference in an investigation under this policy by students or student organizations are subject to sanctions under the Student Code of Conduct. Any university employee who knowingly permitted, authorized or condoned hazing activity is subject to disciplinary action by the university.

Procedure

Report violations of this policy by students or student organizations to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Violations of this policy by faculty or staff are subject to discipline in accordance with Arizona Board of Regents’ and university policies and procedures governing employee misconduct. Report violations by faculty or staff in writing to the provost of the university for investigation.

If the university receives a report or complaint of hazing involving physical injury, threats of physical injury, intimidation, harassment or property damage, or other conduct that appears to violate Arizona law, the university will report such conduct to the appropriate law enforcement agency.



Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, and in accordance with A.R.S. 15–2301, the following definitions apply:

Hazing

Any intentional, knowing or reckless act committed by a student, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against another student and in which both of the following apply: the act was committed in connection with an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in any organization that is affiliated with the university and the act contributes to a substantial risk of potential physical injury, mental harm, or degradation or causes physical injury, mental harm, or personal degradation.

If you are concerned that you or a student is being hazed within their organization please call the ASU Fraternity and Sorority life Hotline: 480-884-0346

Frequently asked questions



Can I join as a first-semester freshman?

It depends on the organization, but most can be joined by first-year students. While first-semester students are permitted to join organizations their first semester and many do, some students chose to wait a semester or more before joining an organization. Joining a fraternity or sorority is an individual decision and students should look to start the fraternity or sorority experience when they are ready.

What is the time commitment?

A popular but important question to ask during the recruitment/intake process – the time commitment varies based upon the expectations of each organization. The amount of time a member wants to commit to the chapter is also a testament to how much the member wants to get out or contribute to the chapter. Many chapters would minimally expect members to be present for a weekly chapter meeting and a weekly chapter event (brotherhood/sisterhood, dinner, fundraiser, educational speaker, etc.), so two to four hours a week.

If I join, how committed am I and for how long?

A strong benefit of fraternities and sororities is that relationships and connections to the fraternity/sorority

are life-long. Unlike a student organization that you may choose to be a part of one semester and leave the next, fraternities and sororities do not have simple processes for removing membership, however, each organization does have a process should the need arise.

What is the minimum GPA requirement?

The required GPA varies for each chapter and each governing council. If you are concerned that your high school GPA, or for current ASU students your college GPA, may not be sufficient, ask during the recruitment/intake process if you meet the minimum requirements.

What are the benefits of being in a fraternity or sorority?

There are many benefits of being in a fraternity or sorority. These benefits include, but are not limited to the following: leadership experiences (officer positions and conferences), academic support, friendships, mentorships, intramurals and team sports, community service, alumni networking, wider range of resources and connections on campus, lifelong memories, philanthropic involvement, time management, life skills development and the potential to receive various scholarships.

Will fraternity/sorority life interfere with my academics?

Academic achievement is your primary responsibility while at ASU. In addition to minimum GPA requirements, most chapters have an academic officer and a faculty advisor whose responsibilities include assisting members in achieving their academic goals and monitoring their academic progress. If necessary, they also help connect members with academic resources such as tutoring or mentoring to help members who are not meeting expectations. Many chapters also reward members for excelling in the classroom with discounted dues and scholarships.

What is the new member process?

The new member process, sometimes referred to as pledging or associate member process, consists of a defined period of time (typically between four to eight weeks) where new members meet brothers/sisters in the fraternity/sorority, learn about the history and values of the chapter and community and participate in service and philanthropy events and social activities. After completing the new member process, new members are initiated into the organization.

If I join a fraternity or sorority, can I join any other clubs?

Fraternity and sorority members are very involved in other clubs and organizations across campus and in the community. In fact, many chapters expect members to be involved in at least one organization outside of the fraternity or sorority. Many of the leaders of Undergraduate Student Government, Residence Hall Association, Programming and Activities Board and other major student organizations are members of fraternities and sororities.

Am I guaranteed a bid?

Recruitment/intake is a mutual selection process, so while you are looking for an organization that is best for you, chapters are determining who they think will be best for the organization, so unfortunately, bids are not guaranteed.

How will I know which group is right for me?

In order to choose a chapter that is right for you, do some preliminary research about each organization before recruitment. The recruitment process will allow you and the chapters to decide on the best fit. As you go through the process, be sure to keep an open mind, take notes, after events and be yourself.

If I am an ASU Online student, can I join?

ASU Online students are enrolled ASU students, therefore eligible to be a member of a fraternity or sorority. If an ASU Online student is not in the immediate area, the distance may prove difficult for recruitment or membership expectations for the fraternity or sorority (ie. attendance requirements for brotherhood/sisterhoods, chapter meetings, chapter ceremonies and rituals, etc.).

If I'm a graduate student at ASU, can I join?

Graduate students interested in pursuing membership in a Greek-letter organization should research the national organization they are interested in to see what the possibility of graduate membership may be. Some chapters and councils allow for graduate members and others do not. For questions about a specific chapter, refer to that organization's national website.



Fraternity & Sorority Life terminology

Active: An initiated, dues-paying member who is enrolled in the university.

Advisor: An alumni member who serves as a resource for the active chapter and liaison between the alumni and collegians.

Alumnus/Alumna/Alumnx: An initiated member of an organization who has graduated from university and is no longer an active undergraduate member (plural forms: Alumni/Alumnae/Alumnx)

Badge: An insignia of membership worn by initiated members.

Bid: A formal invitation to join a fraternity, sorority or cooperative.

Bid Day: The last day of sorority formal recruitment, when potential new members receive a bid to join a chapter and begin their new member process. A potential new member can only receive one bid.

Brother: Term used primarily by fraternity members when referring to each other.

Call: A yell used most commonly by National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and culturally based chapters. Used to identify and greet brothers and sisters. Non-members are not permitted to use the call.

Chapter: The name applied to the local organization of a national fraternity or sorority.

Chartering: When an establishing chapter receives official recognition from its (inter)national office to have a chapter at a campus.

Collegian/Collegiate: An initiated member of a fraternity or sorority currently in college. Formerly known as active.

Crossing: Initiation from pledge to new member, often utilized in culturally based Greek-lettered organizations.

Continuous Open Bidding/Continuous Open Recruitment (COB/COR): An opportunity for chapters that do not reach total during primary recruitment to bid to total. The continuous open bidding process is less

formal, and not all chapters will participate in continuous open bidding. Continuous Open Bidding/Continuous Open Recruitment is also the blanket term for recruitment that occurs outside of the Primary Recruitment Period.

Council: The governing and or collaborative body of a number of chapters with a shared historical purpose or founding. Member fraternities and sororities are held accountable to council policies.

Culturally based: Fraternities and sororities that include the celebration or appreciation of a particular culture.

Expansion/Extension: The process used by (inter)national organizations to establish a new chapter of their organization at a university.

Formal Recruitment: The primary selection period of the year for interested students to join a Panhellenic sorority.

Founders' Day: An event celebrated by fraternities and sororities to highlight the founding of their organization and celebrate its history. It is not necessarily held on the day the organization was founded.

Greek Leadership Community Center (GLCC): Operating center of Fraternity and Sorority Life on ASU's campus. Home to all councils of Fraternity and Sorority Life as well as the office suites of full-time Fraternity and Sorority Life staff members.

Greek Leadership Village (GLV): Houses 27 fraternities and sororities in an on-campus living opportunity. Range in size from 19-41 bed spaces per house.

Initiate: An individual who has recently become an active member of an organization.

Initiation: The traditional ritual or formal ceremony, which marks the transition to full membership of an organization.

Informational: Recruitment event for culturally based fraternity or sorority.

Informal Recruitment: An opportunity for prospective new members to find a fraternity or sorority through various events hosted by each group.

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Intake: The process through which NPHC, NALFO and some MGC organizations select and educate members.

Interest Group/Provisional Chapter/Chartering

Chapter: An approved student organization working toward recognition as a chartered chapter of a fraternal organization. A group working in coordination with both the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and an (inter) national organization.

Legacy: To have a relative that is a member of the same fraternal organization of which you are a member. Relationship that determines legacy varies by organization.

Line: New member class of an NPHC, NALFO and some MGC organizations.

Line Brother/Sister: Someone who is going through the same intake process for the same organization.

Neophyte: New member of an NPHC, NALFO and some MGC organization. Also called a Neo.

New Member/Associate Member: A new member of an organization who has committed to joining the organization, is in some stage of the new member process or has completed the new member process, but has not yet been initiated.

Neophyte Presentation: A formal presentation of a new line to campus once new members have been initiated.

Order of Omega: An honor society for Greek members who demonstrate outstanding leadership and academic achievement. Limited to the top 10% of Greek students in a fraternity and sorority community on a campus based on cumulative GPA.

Philanthropy: Charitable events to support a specific cause or non-profit organization.

Potential New Member (PNM)/Aspirants/

Applicants/ Interests: A term used to describe individuals who have not joined a sorority, fraternity or cooperative but are interested in doing so.

Prophyte: Term used to refer to an older member in a NPHC, NALFO and some MGC organizations.

Recruitment: The process where sororities and fraternities get new members. Potential new members have the opportunity to interact with all participating organizations and learn more about fraternity/sorority life.

Recruitment Counselor/Rho Gamma: Members of a Panhellenic sorority who assist potential new members going through formal recruitment. It is their job to answer questions and provide guidance to potential new members.

Rush: A term formerly used to describe a recruitment process. Now called recruitment.

Saluting: Tradition common to many NALFO organizations consisting of a synchronized recitation of information typically not set to music. This can include performing synchronized body movements in a line formation to greet others, honor traditions and history of the organization, as well as celebrate their cultures.

Sands: Members of different organizations that went through an educational process and joined at the same time (Same Year, Same Semester). Mostly used in MGC and NPHC.

Soror/Sister: A term used primarily by sorority members when referring to each other.

Stepping: A historically Black tradition characterized by synchronized hand/foot movements, along with singing, dancing, chanting and acting.

Stroll: A coordinated dance done by members of cultural Greek organizations.

Walk Around: Open house for prospective new members to meet Interfraternity Council organizations.

Yard: A term used to refer to the particular campus or university where a chapter is located.

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