

Guide to Fraternity and Sorority Life





WELCOME

Congratulations on your decision to attend the University of South Carolina! At a university of this size, the number of great opportunities for campus involvement can be overwhelming. Our fraternity and sorority community allows members the chance to become involved on and off campus through philanthropic endeavors, athletics, academics, and leadership development, all while building and maintaining lasting relationships. Regardless of how far you will travel to Columbia, your chosen organization will be your home away from home just as your newfound brothers or sisters will become family. For these reasons, joining our fraternal community has the potential to be one of the best decisions you will make in college.

Greek men and women have been part of the longstanding tradition at the University of South Carolina since the first fraternity was established here in 1852. Should you choose to become a member of one of our organizations, you will be able to follow in the footsteps of the countless accomplished Greeks who came before you. Our community was founded on the values of scholarship, leadership, friendship, and service, and our members strive to live out these values each and every day.

Your time spent at the University of South Carolina will be among the best years of your life, and we hope that this guide will provide you with a small glimpse into all the ways that Greek life can enhance your experience. We wish you the very best of luck on your college journey and look forward to meeting you in the fall!

GO GREEK AND GO GAMECOCKS! Fraternity & Sorority Life

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COMMUNITY AT A GLANCE

Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of South Carolina totals almost 9,500 members, over 30% of the overall student body. Today, our community boasts more than 50 organizations, 20 on-campus facilities, and four councils.

Each of our organizations have their own rituals, traditions, and philanthropies, but they all strive to live by the four core values of scholarship, leadership, service and friendship.

Looking for more information?

Learn more about community statistics, programs, and more at: sc.edu/fraternitysororitylife



OFFICE OF FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of South Carolina works with the fraternities and sororities on campus to promote the values of scholarship, leadership, service and friendship. The office staff collaborates and advises more than 50 campus fraternities and sororities with the goal of enhancing personal and leadership development, partnering with stakeholders to create a community of safety and accountability, and providing guidance and mentorship for the strategic growth of the community.

CONNECT WITH FSL!

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SCHOLARSHIP

Fraternity and sorority members at Carolina have consistently achieved higher grade point averages and graduate at a significantly higher rate than non-Greek students. Individual chapters and the councils have scholarship chairs and academic programming to help members succeed in the classroom.

In partnership with the Student Success Center, chapters are able to encourage members to utilize their resources, such as one-on-one, drop-in, and online peer tutoring; supplemental instruction; and one-on-one and drop-in peer writing and communications tutoring.



STATISTICS FOR THE FALL 2024 SEMESTER

ACADEMIC COMMITMENT



All-Sorority GPA: 3.66 Sorority New Member GPA: 3.58

All-Fraternity GPA: 3.57 Fraternity New Member GPA: 3.57



All Greek average GPA

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT



2,668 students

28%

in fraternities and sororities had a 4.0 GPA

of fraternity and sorority members earned a 4.0

LEADERSHIP

Joining a fraternity or sorority is about more than just the social opportunities and relationships. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life hosts different events throughout the year to encourage members to focus on their own personal, professional and leadership development. Leadership programs include:

New Member Launch: This event aims to provide new members an overview of the history and significance of the USC fraternal community, the four councils represented on campus, the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, and to encourage new members to consider personal responsibility with social engagement.

Close Family Emerging Leaders Program: CFELP is an eight-week workshop series where students discover and explore their strengths, develop authentic leadership skills, and learn how to lead others.

Elevate Conference: This one-day conference provides small-group opportunities for chapter officers to engage with one another, share strategies, and receive training around topics relevant for their positions. Topics have included healthy team building, bystander intervention, crisis management, wellness wheel, high impact community involvement, and many more.

Leadership Summit: This overnight retreat is designed to onboard new officers to their roles, to provide them context of the larger community incorporating all four councils, to provide an opportunity for them to begin developing relationships with their counterparts from other chapters, and to discuss challenges and opportunities facing the community.

As a result of participating in our programs, students:

- Are more knowledgeable about on-campus resources
- Are more self-aware of their own identities
- Feel more prepared to take on a leadership position or excel in a position they currently hold
- Feel more confident in their ability to manage peer-to-peer accountability efforts
- Have developed other essential soft-skills that help prepare them for professional aspirations

Looking for ways to get involved within the fraternity and sorority community?

Check out these opportunities:

College Panhellenic Association, Interfraternity Council, Cultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Pi Chi recruitment counselors and IFC Recruitment Advisors.

Want more information about these opportunities? Visit sc.edu/fraternitysororitylife

SERVICE & PHILANTHROPY

Members are encouraged to give back to the greater Carolina and Columbia communities through service initiatives, organized by the office, the governing councils and individual chapters. Fraternity and sorority members have the opportunity to participate in:

Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks: Every year, Greek Village opens to children from the university family and the greater Columbia community for trick-or-treating. Chapters put together carnival games such as face painting, cake walks, balloon darts, bounce houses and more to entertain children.

Chapter/Council Opportunities: Every chapter and governing council also plans their own philanthropic events and service opportunities. Below is a list of the causes our community supports.

Philanthropic Support:

Adopt-A-Highway ALSAC Alzheimer's Association American Cancer Society Brain and Behavior Research Foundation Bright Pink Camp Cole Children's Miracle Network Children's Trust Circle of Sisterhood **Disabled Veterans of America Domestic Violence Awareness** Epworth Children's Home Georgia Children's Hospital Girls on the Run Habitat for Humanity Harvest Hope Food Bank Hayden Hurst Foundation Home for Our Troops Hoops for Hunger Hurricane Fiona Relief James R. Clark Sickle Cell Foundation James Royal Foundation JDRF John P. Thomas Elementary Just Tryan It Kindly Hearts Initiative Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Livel ikel ou Make-A-Wish March of Dimes **Midlands Foundation** Mission34

Mothers Against Drunk Driving Movember National Hispanic Institute (NHI) National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) NFL **Oliver Gospel Mission** Palmetto Place Palmetto Support Group Prevent Child Abuse America Prisma Health Children's Hospital RAINN Read>Lead>Achieve Relay for Life Rice Creek Elementary **Richland County Sheriff's** Foundation Ronald McDonald House of Columbia Sistercare Special Olympics of South Carolina Spychalski Family Hurricane Relief St. Jude Children's Research Hospital St. Vincent De Paul Society Starkey Hearing Foundation The JED Foundation Toys for Tots UMATTR UNICEE 1150 Veterans Donation Christmas Card **Xzavier K. Burris Legacy Foundation**

Service Support:

Adopt-A-Highway Alzheimer's Foundation American Red Cross Brennen Elementary School Cards for Veterans Gamecock Food Pantry Champions Are Readers Christ Central Ministries City Year Congressman Joe Wilson Dance Marathon **Darlington Raceway** Epworth Children's Home Ever Row Percent Week **Final Victory Rescue** Gamecock School Supplies Drive Girls on the Run God's Gift Thrift Store Harvest Hope Food Bank John P. Thomas Elementary Keep the Midlands Beautiful Laurel Crest Retirement Home Leeza's Care Connection Letters Against Depression Meals on Wheels Midlands Orphan Relief Newberry High School **Oliver Gospel Mission Pawmetto Lifeline** Reading to George **Rice Creek Elementary School** Salvation Army Sistercare

Special Olympics of South Carolina The Meeting Place Church The Therapy Place Transitions Homeless Center USC Mental Health Initiatives Women's Correctional Center

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY DURING THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR

14 hours contributed per member per semester
245,140 hours dedicated to service
\$64 raised per member per semester
\$1,193,823 donated to service organizations



FRIENDSHIP

Most students seek Greek affiliation as a way to meet people and develop lifelong friendships. Through brotherhood and sisterhood retreats, social events, and a variety of other chapter activities, students are able to build a close network of brothers and sisters to share in their college experience.





All organizations host regular, substance-free brotherhood and sisterhood events each semester. Some examples include movie nights, laser tag, athletic events, and more!

Fraternities and sororities look forward to their signature social events each year, which include band parties, formals, semi-formals, beach and mountain weekends, and themed date parties.

COUNCILS

CONNECT WITH US!

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COLLEGE PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is the umbrella group for 26 organizations, 14 of which have chapters on South Carolina's campus. The purpose of NPC is to be the "premier advocacy and support organization for the advancement of the sorority experience." At South Carolina, the College Panhellenic Association (CPA) is the subset campus organization that supports the Panhellenic chapters on campus. The College Panhellenic Association has elected executive members to act as liaisons between the university and chapter members to create legislation, support recruitment of members, promote academic excellence, create educational programming, and more. The council meets weekly with one representative from each Panhellenic chapter to collaborate and have open discussion about current issues. In addition, the Junior Panhellenic group, established in 2019, encourages new members to meet women in other chapters and provides leadership development opportunities to the newest women in the community. CPA also fundraises and supports circle of sisterhood throughout the year.

The College Panhellenic Association executive board is made up of women from different chapters who disaffiliate to promote the ideals of scholarship, leadership, friendship, and service. The eight executive positions include president, vice president of recruitment, vice president of administration and finance, vice president of community wellness, vice president of member development, vice president of service, vice president of community relations, and vice president of public relations.

In 2024, the council received The NPC Excellence Award, the highest award given to a College Panhellenic Association.





INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

The North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) is the umbrella group for 56 organizations, 25 of which have chapters on South Carolina's campus. The local USC executive board, the Interfraternity Council (IFC), hosts bi-weekly meetings with chapter presidents to create events, discuss current issues, and support recruitment efforts.

On an annual basis, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) assists with a series of events including an annual philanthropy event, National Hazing Prevention Week and Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks. The Interfraternity Council also supports all philanthropic events hosted within the community throughout the year. This year, the council hosted a basketball tournament to raise money for Camp Cole.

The executive board is made up of seven elected postitions that include president, vice president of administration, vice president of conduct, vice president of member development, vice president of programming, vice president of public relations, and vice president of recruitment.

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CULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

The Cultural Greek Council (CGC) is the governing council for the six culturally-based Greek-letter fraternities and sororities at South Carolina. The purpose of the Cultural Greek Council is to unify all multicultural organizations, to further promote diversity and unity throughout the community, and to encourage cooperation and cohesion among member organizations and other organizations on campus.

CGC has eight executive officers including the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, vice president of standards, vice president of service, vice president of publicity, and vice president of event planning. CGC holds bi-weekly meetings with a delegate from each organization to collaborate and discuss issues that impact CGC and South Carolina. The council provides educational programming and service opportunities for member organizations and the student body. In addition to enriching the surrounding community, the council works to nurture the intellectual, emotional, and social development of its members.





NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the coordinating council for the eight historically Black Greek-letter fraternities and sororities at South Carolina. The purpose of the National Pan-Hellenic Council is to foster cooperative actions of its members in dealing with matters of mutual concern. To this end, NPHC promotes the well-being of its member organizations and provides leadership development for its constituents. NPHC holds bi-weekly meetings with its executive board of eight officers and a delegate from each organization to collaborate and discuss issues that impact NPHC and South Carolina. NPHC at South Carolina serves as the communication link between its member organizations, university administrators, other Greek governing councils, and the

student body at-large. NPHC is committed to upholding the core values of scholarship, leadership, friendship, and service by developing, implementing, and supporting impactful and engaging programming designed to meet the needs of students on the University of South Carolina campus and residents of the greater Columbia area.

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SORORITY Cost to Join

		Housing	In-House Meal Plan	Out-of-House Meal Plan	Semester Dues	1st Semester Dues
	ALPHA CHI OMEGA	**	**	**	\$760	\$1,120
	ALPHA DELTA PI	**	**	**	\$476	\$476
	ALPHA GAMMA DELTA	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,218	\$1,329
	ALPHA XI DELTA	\$7,240/\$3,620	\$2,142.50	\$1,850 + \$500	\$990	\$1,066
	CHI OMEGA	\$2,700	\$1,775	\$1,585	\$469	\$380
	DELTA DELTA DELTA	\$3,778	\$2,000	\$2,068	\$600	\$600
CPA	DELTA ZETA	\$4,100	\$2,250	\$1,650	\$850	\$985
U	GAMMA PHI BETA	\$7000/\$3,500	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$620	\$1,075
	KAPPA DELTA	\$5,365/\$3,500	\$1,535	\$1,817	\$496	\$690
	КАРРА КАРРА GAMMA	\$2,900	\$1,750	\$1,615	\$850	\$1,025
	PHI MU	**	**	**	\$460	\$345
	PI BETA PHI	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$878	\$1,170
	ZETA TAU ALPHA	\$5,053/\$4,379	\$2,006	\$1,698	\$916	\$1,118
<u>ں</u>	ALPHA SIGMA RHO SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$225	\$325
U U U U	DELTA PHI OMEGA SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$225	\$225
	KAPPA DELTA CHI SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$350	\$360
	ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$300	\$50
¥	DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$335	\$1,300
HUN	SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	**	**
	ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$230	\$1,000

* housing and meal plan costs listed are per semester ** official costs to be determined fall 2025

GREEK FEES

All members of the fraternity and sorority community pay a \$125* Greek activity fee each semester.

Please note that all housing costs, meal plan fees, and chapter dues are subject to change. *Note that this was the fee for 2024-25 academic year and may change for the 2025-26 academic year.

A financial commitment is part of joining a fraternity or sorority. In order to operate, chapters charge membership dues once a semester. Members with houses in the Greek Village are typically required to live in the house at least one year. Additionally, all chapters with houses have a meal plan for members starting the semester after a student joins the organization, and lasting the duration of a student's college career.

FRATERNITY Cost to Join

		Housing	In-House Meal Plan	Out-of-House Meal Plan	Semester Dues	1st Semester Dues
	ALPHA EPSILON PI	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,100	\$1,100
	ALPHA SIGMA PHI	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$950	\$1,250
	ΒΕΤΑ ΤΗΕΤΑ ΡΙ	\$6,400 /\$3,200	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$900	\$1,200
	CHI PSI	\$3,550	\$2,395	\$2,395	\$1,200	\$1,350
	DELTA CHI	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$770	\$850
	DELTA KAPPA EPSILON	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,200	\$1,350
	DELTA SIGMA PHI	N/A	N/A	N/A	**	**
	DELTA TAU DELTA	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,090	\$1,300
	DELTA UPSILON	N/A	N/A	N/A	**	**
	KAPPA ALPHA ORDER	\$6,000/\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	**	**
R	KAPPA SIGMA	\$4,600/\$3,600	\$2,600	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$1,600
	PHI DELTA THETA	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,150	\$1,450
	PHI GAMMA DELTA (FIJI)	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,025	\$1,025
	PHI KAPPA SIGMA	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,100	\$1,300
	PHI KAPPA PSI	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$800	\$800
	ΡΗΙ ΚΑΡΡΑ ΤΑυ	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	\$1,200
	PHI SIGMA KAPPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1, 050	\$1,250
	PI KAPPA ALPHA	N/A	N/A	N/A	**	**
	ΡΙ ΚΑΡΡΑ ΡΗΙ	\$5,000	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$1,200	\$1,660
	SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON	**	**	**	\$1, 350	\$1, 650
	SIGMA CHI	\$6,600/\$3,300	\$2,600	\$1,800	\$1, 400	\$950
	SIGMA NU	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,450	\$1,250
	SIGMA PHI EPSILON	\$3,900	\$1,650	\$2,050	\$1,100	\$1,100
	TAU KAPPA EPSILON	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,050	\$1,050
	ТНЕТА СНІ	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,100	\$1,400
	DELTA EPSILON PSI FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$300	\$25
	PHI IOTA ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$150	\$0
	OMEGA DELTA PHI FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$325	\$500
	ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$95	\$2,000
<u>v</u>	KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$2,700
NPHC	OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	**	**
Ζ	PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$75	N/A

HOW TO JOIN



RECRUITMENT & INTAKE PROCESSES

Four different membership recruitment processes exist for fraternities and sororities to take in new members. Each process will be explained in detail in the following pages. Please note that all organizations have a cost associated with membership. To learn more about these costs, please see pages 12 and 13.

PANHELLENIC SORORITY RECRUITMENT:

The sororities that are members of the National Panhellenic Conference participate in primary recruitment, which gives potential new members a chance to visit with each chapter and follows a structured schedule of events. See page 15 for more information.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL RECRUITMENT:

The fraternities that are members of the North American Interfraternity Conference participate in fraternity recruitment, which gives men a chance to get a feel for fraternity life. See page 18 for more information.

CGC AND NPHC MEMBERSHIP INTAKE:

The fraternities and sororities of the Cultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council participate in membership intake, which is organized by the individual chapters. See page 21 for more information.

PANHELLENIC SORORITY RECRUITMENT

All women participating in Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment who are living on campus will be able to move into their room in early August. Details regarding move-in day activities and schedules will be communicated in the summer. Please visit sc.edu/fraternitysororitylife or email uscsororityrecruitment@gmail.com for more information.

The registration fee includes a sorority recruitment T-shirt, a small bag, and other recruitment expenses. An additional fee of \$595 will be charged to women moving into residence halls for recruitment. This will be billed through Self Service Carolina and includes the early arrival meal plan.

This year, we're offering online modules to be completed prior to recruitment. Shortly after registering, potential members will receive an email prompting them to complete the modules. The online education reviews important information about recruitment, sorority membership expectations and preventing and reporting hazing. All modules are required to be completed by Aug. 10.

REGISTRATION DATES

Register for recruitment at: sc.edu/fraternitysororitylife Registration opens: May 1 Registration closes: July 15 at 11:59 p.m. EST

REGISTRATION FEE: \$185

This registration fee is non-refundable.

RECRUITMENT EVENTS

PNM MOVE IN

Friday, Aug. 8

ROUND 1: GO GREEK &

SORORITY 101

Saturday, Aug. 9

ROUND 2: PHILANTHROPY Sunday, Aug. 10–Tuesday, Aug. 12

ROUND 3: SISTERHOOD Wednesday, Aug. 13–Friday, Aug. 15

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PREFERENCE ROUND

Saturday, Aug. 16

BID DAY Sunday, Aug. 17

NEW MEMBER LAUNCH Tuesday, Aug. 19

*All dates are subject to change



PANHELLENIC CHAPTERS



ΑΧΩ

ALPHA CHI OMEGA

National Founding: 1885 Local Founding: 1988 Instagram: @alphachiusc National Website: alphachiomega.org Colors: Scarlet and Olive Green



ALPHA DELTA PI

National Founding: 1851 Local Founding: 1928 Instagram: @adpisouthcarolina National Website: alphadeltapi.org **Colors:** Azure Blue and White



ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

National Founding: 1904 Local Founding: 2012 Instagram: @alphagamuofsc National Website: alphagammadelta.org Colors: Red, Buff, and Green



ALPHA XI DELTA

National Founding: 1893 Local Founding: 2016 Instagram: @uscalphaxi National Website: alphaxidelta.org Colors: Double Blue and Gold



CHI OMEGA

National Founding: 1895 Local Founding: 1928 Instagram: @uscchiomega National Website: chiomega.com Colors: Cardinal and Straw



DELTA DELTA DELTA

National Founding: 1888 Local Founding: 1928 Instagram: @trideltasouthcarolina National Website: tridelta.org Colors: Silver, Gold, and Cerulean Blue



DELTA ZETA

National Founding: 1902 Local Founding: 1928 Instagram: @southcarolinadz National Website: deltazeta.org Colors: Rose and Green



GAMMA PHI BETA

National Founding: 1874

Local Founding: 2005 Instagram: @uscgammaphi National Website: gammaphibeta.org Colors: Brown and Mode

KΔ

KAPPA DELTA

National Founding: 1897 Local Founding: 1940 Instagram: @southcarolinakd National Website: kappadelta.org Colors: Olive Green and Pearl White



КАРРА КАРРА GAMMA

National Founding: 1870 Local Founding: 1967 Instagram: @usckappa National Website: kappakappagamma.org Colors: Dark Blue and Light Blue



PHI MU

National Founding: 1852 Local Founding: 2009 Instagram: @uscphimu National Website: phimu.org Colors: Rose and White



PI BETA PHI

National Founding: 1867 Local Founding: 1931 (Recolonized 2014) Instagram: @scpiphi National Website: pibetaphi.org Colors: Wine and Silver Blue

ZTA

ZETA TAU ALPHA

National Founding: 1898 Local Founding: 1929 Instagram: @usczta National Website: zetataualpha.org Colors: Turquoise Blue and Steel Gray

KAPPA ALPHA THETA

Kappa Alpha Theta's Zeta Kappa Chapter is returning to South Carolina fall 2025! Learn more by following **@thetausc** on Instagram and checking out **jointheta.org/southcarolina**.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC) RECRUITMENT

IFC hosts a structured recruitment process in both the fall and spring semesters. Individuals interested can register online to have their information provided to participating fraternities.

IFC Recruitment Orientation is mandatory for all men participating in structured recruitment. Orientation covers the values of the community, as well as the recruitment process and policies. Recruitment advisors will be present to answer any questions you may have on fraternity life at South Carolina.



RECRUITMENT EVENTS

IFC ON GREENE

Sunday, Aug. 24

RECRUITMENT ORIENTATION & OPEN HOUSE

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Sunday, Aug. 31

INVITATION ROUNDS Monday, Sept. 1–Saturday, Sept. 6

BID DAY Sunday, Sept. 7

NEW MEMBER LAUNCH Monday, Sept. 8

*All dates are subject to change

REGISTRATION DATES

REGISTER FOR RECRUITMENT AT: sc.edu/fraternitysororitylife

REGISTRATION OPENS: May 15 REGISTRATION CLOSES: Sept. 5 at 11:59 p.m. EST REGISTRATION FEE: \$50

Suspended Organizations

The University of South Carolina is committed to a positive fraternal experience. Unrecognized groups often misrepresent the value of fraternity and what membership in a fraternity means. Operating without recognition is not tolerated. If you have information related to an unrecognized group, please contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at sagreeks@mailbox.sc.edu.

Below are current suspended organizations: Theta Delta Chi

IFC CHAPTERS

National Founding: 1913 Local Founding: 2007 Instagram: @scaepi National Website: aepi.org Colors: Gold and Blue



DELTA CHI

National Founding: 1870 Local Founding: 2024 Instagram: @deltachi_uofsc National Website: deltachi.org Colors: Red and Buff



DELTA UPSILON

National Founding: 1834 Local Founding: 1983 Instagram: @deltaupsilonsc National Website: deltau.org Colors: Old Gold and Sapphire Blue



ALPHA SIGMA PHI

National Founding: 1845 Local Founding: 2020 National Website: alphasigmaphi.org Instagram: @alphasigusc Colors: Cardinal Red and Stone Grey



DELTA KAPPA EPSILON

National Founding: 1844 Local Founding: 1853 Instagram: @dkeusc National Website: dke.org Colors: Blue, Gold, and Crimson



KAPPA ALPHA ORDER

National Founding: 1865 Local Founding: 1881 Instagram: @ka_southcarolina National Website: kappaalphaorder.org Colors: Crimson and Old Gold

ВӨП

BETA THETA PI

National Founding: 1839 Local Founding: 1858 (Recolonized 2010) Instagram: @betausc National Website: beta.org Colors: Delicate shades of Pink and Blue



DELTA TAU DELTA

National Founding: 1858 Local Founding: 1999 Instagram: @uofscdelts National Website: delts.org Colors: Purple, White and Gold



KAPPA SIGMA

National Founding: 1869 Local Founding: 1890 Instagram: @KappaSigmaUSC

National Website: kappasigma.org Colors: Emerald and Red



CHI PSI

National Founding: 1841 Local Founding: 1858 Instagram: @usc.chipsi National Website: chipsi.org Colors: Purple and Gold

ΔΣΦ

DELTA SIGMA PHI

National Founding: 1899 Local Founding: 2024 Instagram: @deltasigmaphiusc National Website: deltasig.org Colors: Nile, Green and White

FIJ

PHI GAMMA DELTA

National Founding: 1848 Local Founding: 2016 Instagram: @uscfiji National Website: phigam.org Colors: Royal Purple



PHI DELTA THETA

National Founding: 1848 Local Founding: 1882 Instagram: @uofscphidelt National Website: phideltatheta.org Colors: Blue and White



PHI KAPPA SIGMA

National Founding: 1850 Local Founding: 1929 Instagram: @phikeuofsc

National Website: pks.org

Colors: Black and old Gold

ΦΚΤ

PHI KAPPA TAU

National Founding: 1906

Local Founding: 2016 Instagram: @scphitau National Website: phikappatau.org Colors: Harvard Red and Old Gold

ΦΣΚ

PHI SIGMA KAPPA

National Founding: 1873 Local Founding: 2007

Instagram: @phisiy_usc National Website: phisigmakappa.org Colors: Red and Silver

ΦΚΨ

PHI KAPPA PSI

National Founding: 1852 Local Founding: 2025 Instagram: @phipsiuofsc National Website: phikappapsipsi.com Colors: Cardinal, Red, and Hunter Green



PI KAPPA ALPHA

National Founding: 1868 Local Founding: 1891 Instagram: @uscpikes National Website: pikes.org Colors: Garnet and Gold



PI KAPPA PHI

National Founding: 1904 Local Founding: 1910 Instagram: @uscpikapp National Website: pikapp.org Colors: Blue, Gold, and White

ΣΑΕ

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

National Founding: 1856 Local Founding: 1882 Instagram: @saeuofsc National Website: sae.net Colors: Old Gold and Royal Purple



SIGMA CHI

National Founding: 1869 Local Founding: 1874 Instagram: @sigmanu_usc National Website: sigmanu.org Colors: Black, Gold, and White



SIGMA NU

National Founding: 1869 Local Founding: 1874 National Website: sigmanu.org Colors: Black, Gold, and White



SIGMA PHI EPSILON

National Founding: 1901 Local Founding: 1904 Instagram: @uscsigep National Website: sigep.org Colors: Purple and Red



TAU KAPPA EPSILON

National Founding: 1899 Local Founding: 1988 Instagram: @tkeusc National Website: tke.org Colors: Cherry and Gray



THETA CHI

National Founding: 1856 Local Founding: 2015 Instagram: @scthetachi National Website: thetachi.org Colors: Military Red and White

CULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP INTAKE

Are you seeking to join a Cultural Greek Council (CGC) organization? Students who are interested in one of our CGC organizations must meet specific membership qualifications which include but are not limited to, academic achievement (2.5 minimum GPA), community service, and good character. Students may participate in new member intake during their first semester if they are enrolled in at least 12 credit hours. Students who are on disciplinary probation will be prohibited from participating in new member intake. Each organization implements its own unique membership intake process that is representative of their individual cultural backgrounds. To learn more about these organizations, it is required for students to attend Intake Orientation where they will learn information that is specific for each organization. This event is hosted by the council at the beginning of the fall and spring semester. We advise students who are interested in joining to research the organizations and chapters (utilizing their social media handles), as well as attend various events hosted by the respective organization. For more information, please follow their Instagram page for more updates!

INTAKE EVENTS

CGC SHOWCASE

Wednesday, Aug. 27

INTAKE ORIENTATION - OPTION 1 Tuesday, Sept. 2

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INTAKE ORIENTATION - OPTION 2 Wednesday, Sept. 10

*All dates are subject to change



CGC CHAPTERS

ALPHA SIGMA RHO SORORITY, INC.

National Founding: 1998 Local Founding: 2018 Instagram: @uofscasr National Website: alphasigmarho.org Colors: Red, White and Silver



National Founding: 1998 Local Founding: 2024 Instagram: @depsi_uofsc National Website: deltaepsilon.org Colors: Navy Blue and Silver



National Founding: 1998 Local Founding: 2019 Instagram: @dpo_usc National Website: deltaphinega.org Colors: Red, Black, and White



National Founding: 1987 Local Founding: 2015 Instagram: @kdchiuofsc National Website: kappadeltachi. org Colors: Pink and Maroon

PHI IOTA ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

National Founding: 1931 Local Founding: 2011 Instagram: @uscphiotas National Website: phiota.org Colors: Gold, Navy Blue, Red and White



National Founding: 1987 Local Founding: 2025 Instagram: @usc.odphi National Website: omegadeltaphi.com Colors: Scarlet, Silver, and Black



NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP INTAKE

Undergraduate students who wish to join a National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) organization must meet specific membership qualifications. These standards include but are not limited to, academic achievement (2.5 minimum GPA, may be higher depending on the organization), community service, and good character. Any interested student is required to have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours before participating in the intake process, however each organization may require more completed credit hours. Students who are on disciplinary probation will be prohibited from participating in new member intake. Such requirements are designed to

INTAKE EVENTS

MEET THE GREEKS

Thursday, Aug. 21

INTAKE ORIENTATION - OPTION 1 Thursday, Aug. 28

INTAKE ORIENTATION - OPTION 2

Wednesday, Sept. 3

promote the advancement of strong and effective chapters. Each organization implements its own unique membership intake process. To learn more about NPHC organizations, students are required to attend the Intake Orientation, which is hosted by the council during the first three weeks of classes for both semesters. Interested candidates are expected to research each individual organization (using the national website links) and chapter (utilizing their social media handles), as well as attend various events hosted by the respective organization. For more information, please follow the council's Instagram page for updates!

*All dates are subject to change

COMING SOON

FALL 2025: lota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. If interested, email: *quintennorman5@gmail.com*



NPHC CHAPTERS

ADA ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

National Founding: 1906 Local Founding: 1973 Instagram: @thetanu06 National Website: apa1906.net Colors: Old Gold and Black



National Founding: 1908 Local Founding: 1973 Instagram: @TheGlamorousTG National Website: aka1908.org Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green



National Founding: 1913 Local Founding: 1973 Instagram: @iotachi1913 National Website: deltasigmatheta.org Colors: Crimson and Cream



National Founding: 1911 Local Founding: 1970 Instagram: @zenupes1978 National Website: kappaalphapsi1911.com Colors: Crimson and Cream

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

National Founding: 1911 Local Founding: 1973 Instagram: @zzques National Website: oppf.org Colors: Royal Purple and Old Gold



National Founding: 1922 Local Founding: 1974 Instagram: @zetatheta1922 National Website: sgrho1922.org Colors: Royal Blue and Antique Gold



National Founding: 1914 Local Founding: 1978 Instagram: @kappaiot1914 National Website: pbs1914.org Colors: Royal Blue and Pure White

ZOB ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.

National Founding: 1920 Local Founding: 1977 Instagram: @psieta1920 National Website: zphib1920.org Colors: Royal Blue and White



FRATERNITY AND SORORITY HOUSING

The University of South Carolina is fortunate to have some of the premier fraternity and sorority houses in the country. The Greek Village features 20 facilities and houses approximately 700 students. The Greek Village is managed by the USC Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the fraternity and sorority house corporations. Each house has a full-time, live-in property manager who is trained to manage the facility, develop mentoring relationships with residents, and make sure rules and policies are upheld.

All first-year students at the University of South Carolina are expected to live in residence halls for the duration of the contract they will sign this summer for both fall and spring semesters. This means that students will be responsible for the full cost of their University Housing contracts for the fall and spring semesters. No exceptions will be made for students who wish to move from a residence hall to the Greek Village.



MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

Expecations of membership vary between chapters. Typically, chapters have requirements based on categories listed below. These are great things to ask about during the recruitment/intake process as they are not only revelant prior to joining a chapter, but are requirements throughout membership.

- Maintain a minimum GPA
- Attend chapter meetings and events
- Be involved in other organizations on campus
- Complete service hours

- Support the organization's philanthropy efforts
- Be involved with committees within the chapter
- Maintain financial good standing
- Uphold the values of the organization



NOTES ON FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

First semester dues are more expensive due to initiation fees and new member fees. These fees strictly cover chapter dues and do not include chapter apparel/ paraphernalia, philanthropic donations, housing, meal plans, and other incidentals. Please note that all requirements and fees are averages based on previous years' statistics, and many organizations requirements exceed the average.

HAZING POLICY

Hazing is against the law. The University of South Carolina is committed to providing a safe educational environment for everyone, cultivating a community that fosters respect for the dignity and rights of all persons. Therefore, hazing will not be tolerated by any group or individual affiliated with the University. Here is a link to USC's hazing policy: sc.edu/policies/ppm/staf305.pdf

The university defines hazing as : Any act, occurring on or off university property, by one person or acting with others, directed against an individual when both of the following apply: 1)The person knew or should have known that the act in question would endanger the physical health or safety of the other person or a reasonable person would appreciate that the act in question would cause immediate or future mental distress for the impacted individual; and 2)The act was associated with pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, participating in, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any student group

Examples of hazing include:

- Activities which harass, intimidate, physically exhaust, impart pain, cause undue mental fatigue or mental distress, emotional distress
- Activities that engage in any conduct which presents a threat to the student's health or safety, causes mutilation or alteration of the body or parts of the body, which shall include but are not limited to brutality of a physical nature such as whipping, beating, branding, or exposure to elements.

Such activities include but are not limited to:

- Tests of endurance
- Personal servitude activities such as cleaning, driving and running errands
- Submission of members or prospective members to potentially dangerous or hazardous circumstances
- Unwanted ingestion of any substance
- Activities which have a foreseeable potential for resulting in personal injury
- Any activity which by its nature is so profound that it would have a potential to cause severe mental anxiety, mental distress, emotional distress, panic, degradation, or interference with a student's academic progress or performance

Student groups shall be permitted certain initiation ceremonies and activities, which when examined by the ordinary university student, would seem reasonable under the circumstances and justified in view of the purpose for which they are conducted.

It shall not constitute a defense to the charge of hazing that the participants took part voluntarily, gave consent to the conduct, voluntarily assumed the risks or hardship of the activity, that the conduct was not part of an official organizational event or sanctioned or approved by the organization, that the conduct was not done as a condition of membership in the organization or that no injury in fact was suffered.

An individual is responsible for hazing if they personally take or contribute to the actions described in this section or if they know hazing will occur or is occurring and do nothing to stop and report it to the appropriate university and legal authorities.

Retaliation against any individual who reports a hazing violation or suspected hazing violations to the university or law enforcement official would be considered a violation against university policy.

To help you make fully informed choices about joining fraternities and sororities at USC, we provide a report on organizational conduct violations dating back to 2012. Think about this information as you evaluate the safety and integrity of the organizations you're considering joining. Make a plan to be an active bystander in an unsafe situation and know what you can do to stop harmful behavior and get help for yourself and your peers. We care about your safety and well-being, and we appreciate your support as we work together, guided by the tenets of the Carolinian Creed, to keep our campus and community safe. For more information on hazing prevention please visit go.sc.edu/hazing.

Want to report hazing anonymously? *go.sc.edu/hazing* Call the University Hazing Hotline at 803-777-5800.

HARM REDUCTION EDUCATION

The fraternity and sorority community is committed to members having a safe, fun and memorable Greek experience. Our community education focuses on harm reduction topics including: bystander intervention, event management, hazing, mental health, sexual assault and interpersonal violence, and substance abuse.

Hazing Prevention Modules: A series of hazing prevention education modules are required of students planning to join the community. The modules educate on how to recognize, prevent, and report hazing using real-life scenarios to prepare students and bystanders to make informed decisions and ultimately empowering them to prevent hazing.

New Member Education/Intake Plan Review: Chapter officers overseeing new member education then meet with FSL staff to discuss chapter values, goals and learning objectives, university expectations on hazing, and other common education planning. Chapters submit new member education/intake plans to FSL staff for review.

Event Planning Workshop: A workshop designed to educate chapter officers on best practices related to event management and harm reduction, as well as university and organization policies.

Hazing and Sexual Assult Prevention: Organizations partner with several offices on campus including Mental Health Initiatives, Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention, Student Conduct, Substance Abuse Prevention and Education, and University of South Carolina Police Department, to provide education to their members. These programs may include alcohol skills training, hazing, sexual assault, bystander intervention, substance abuse, mental health, and self-defense.



Student Organizational Conduct

In accordance with the Tucker Hipps Transparency Act, the university publishes a report on actual findings of violations involving alcohol, drugs, sexual assault, physical assault and hazing by fraternity and sorority organizations formally affiliated with the institution. The report includes the name of the responsible organizations; the dates of the incident, report, charge, investigation and resolution; and a general description of the incident and the subsequent charges, findings and sanctions placed on the organization. This information can be found on the main Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life website.

IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

Frequently Used Greek Terms

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

Alumni: Members of a fraternity who have graduated. (Singular is alumnus.)

Alumnae: Members of a sorority who have graduated. (Singular is alumna.)

Badge/Pin: An item of jewelry given to members upon initiation. The badge is to be worn at all official functions. The badge must be worn with business-like attire, usually over the heart and above all other pins.

Bid: An invitation to join a fraternity or sorority. They are given out on Bid Day during formal recruitment.

Bid Day: The last day of recruitment where potential new members receive formal invitations to join a fraternity or sorority.

Call: A yell used mostly by NPHC. Used to identify and greet brothers and sisters. Non-members are not permitted to use the call.

Chapter/Entity: A branch of a national sorority or fraternity, established at a campus. Each will have its own name, usually designated by Greek letters.

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

Colony: A new organization that is awaiting official recognition from its national office to have a chapter at a campus.

Cultural Greek Council: The governing board for culturally based Greek-letter fraternities and sororities at the University of South Carolina.

Expansion/Extension: When an organization is looking to expand and open a new chapter at a school.

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

Initiate: A person who has recently learned the ritual of a fraternity or sorority and is a full member.

Initiation: A ceremony where a new member becomes a full member of the organization. Initiation ceremonies are private and different for all organizations.

Intake: Term for the process by which CGC and NPHC members select and educate new members of the organization.

Legacy: The son, daughter, brother, or sister of an initiated or alumnus/alumna member. Some organizations also include grandchildren, step-children, or other family members.

Line: The new member class of CGC and NPHC organizations that are often named.

Neophyte: New member of an NPHC organization. Also called a neo.

New Member: After receiving and accepting a bid, but prior to initiation, the person is considered a new member.

NIC: Stands for North American Interfraternity Conference and is the national governing body of men's fraternities.

National Panhellenic Conference: The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is the organization that governs 26 national women's sororities.

National Pan-Hellenic Council: The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the governing body of the nine traditionally African-American fraternities and sororities, also known as the Divine Nine.

Order of Omega: An honor society for Greek members who demonstrate outstanding leadership and academic achievement.

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

AWARDS

The Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards recognize both chapters and individuals for outstanding accomplishments over the past calendar year.

Congratulations to our 2024 winners!



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Dr. Anna Edwards Changemaker Award: Kate Garwood, Pi Beta Phi

Outstanding Chapter President: Marco Renzo, Phi Delta Theta

Outstanding Chapter Executive Board Member: Morgan Carter, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and Emma McManis, Phi Mu

Outstanding Active Member: Hakeem Keith, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. **Outstanding New Member:** Mariela Luna-Melgar, Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. and Catherine Lamplugh, Delta Zeta

Jerry T. Brewer Living the Ritual Award: Peter Pastore, Tau Kappa Epsilon

CHAPTER SUPPORT AWARDS

Outstanding Chapter Advisor: Drew Casper, Alpha Sigma Phi

Outstanding Property Manager: Raechel Blakeney, Phi Mu **Outstanding Campus Partner:** Substance Abuse Prevention and Education

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CPA Chapter of the Year: Delta Zeta	Excellence in Scholarship: Alpha Delta Pi				
CGC Chapter of the Year: Alpha Sigma Rho Sorority, Inc	Excellence in Membership Development: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.				
IFC Chapter of the Year: Alpha Sigma Phi	Excellence in New Member Education: Pi Beta Phi				
NPHC Chapter of the Year: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	Most Improved Chapter: Kappa Sigma and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,				
Excellence in Community Service: Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.	inc. Dr. Anno Edwardo Channon altar Awardo Kanno Alabo Dei Fredomite				
Excellence in Philanthropy: Zeta Tau Alpha	Dr. Anna Edwards Changemaker Award: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.				
Excellence in Campus Involvement: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.					

GREEK HALL OF FAME

Christian Myers, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Eric Burger, Kappa Sigma

Joshua Moorehead, Sigma Phi Epsilon

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Nadine Vercruz, Alpha Sigma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Sarah Berry, Phi Mu

FOR FAMILIES

Parents play a large role in a student's college career and in their decision to join a fraternity or sorority. Whether or not your family has a history of fraternity and sorority involvement, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is here to help you along the way. We greatly value the role that parents play in the lives of their students and look to you as an ally in making every fraternity and sorority experience the best that it can be.



QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED BY PARENTS

What are the financial obligations of joining?



Costs to be a member of a fraternity or sorority can vary greatly by chapter, but it is important to know ahead of time that there will be some costs associated. The dues go toward (inter)national fees, chapter operating costs, and social functions. New members should expect to pay higher dues their first semester due to initiation fees. Groups who have a chapter facility in the Greek Village require members to join the Greek meal plan after their first semester for the duration of their membership. This is an expectation of membership.

Who runs the fraternities and sororities?



Students elect their own officers to manage the day-to-day operations of the organization. These officers are assisted by chapter members serving on committees and alumni who serve as advisors to the officers and general chapter members. Chapter facilities are owned by a house corporation that oversees the facility's management and operations. Each chapter is governed by its (inter)national headquarters and governing council on campus. Additionally, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life staff supports and advises the governing councils, chapter officers, and chapter advisors.



What is the time commitment like?

The time commitment varies from chapter to chapter and from member to member, but you can expect your student to invest more time in their fraternity or sorority during the first semester as they go through the new member education program. New member education focuses on learning the history and facts about the organization, developing leadership and time management skills, and spending time getting to know their brothers or sisters. Although it can be time intensive, it should not interfere with academic commitments. If you have concerns about the time your student is putting into their chapter, do not hesitate to contact our office.

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