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
COMMUNITY AT A GLANCE

Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of South Carolina totals almost 7,600 members, close to 30% of the overall student body. Today, our community boasts 47 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/fraternitiesororitylife

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 47 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.

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IMPORTANT DATES*

May 1: CPA Sorority and IFC Fraternity Recruitment registrations open
July 31: CPA Sorority Recruitment registration closes at 11:59 p.m. (EST)
Aug. 16: CPA Sorority Recruitment begins
Aug. 23: IFC on Greene
Aug. 27: CPA Sorority Bid Day and IFC Fraternity Meet the Chapters
Aug. 30: MGC Intake Orientation and NPHC Meet the Greeks
Aug. 31: MGC showcase and NPHC Intake Orientation
Sept. 7: Make-up MGC Intake Orientation
Sept. 10: IFC Bid Day

*All dates are subject to change
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 2022 SEMESTER

ACADEMIC COMMITMENT

All-Sorority GPA: 3.53
Sorority New Member GPA: 3.56
All-Fraternity GPA: 3.19
Fraternity New Member GPA: 3.15

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

1,495 students in fraternities and sororities had a 4.0 GPA
21% of fraternity and sorority members earned a 4.0
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 Summits:** 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.

**Greek New Member Experience:** This half-day experience helps newly initiated members build connections with other affiliated students, learn more about our overall fraternal community, and participate in an immersive community-building experience.

**Leadership Conference:** This half-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.

**President Retreat:** This full-day 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, Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Greek Leadership Conference, Greek Ambassadors, Pi Chi recruitment counselors and IFC Recruitment Advisors.

Want more information about these opportunities? Visit sc.edu/fraternitysororitylife
Members are encouraged to give back to the greater Carolina and Columbia communities through service initiatives, organized by the office, the governing council 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 Come
- 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
- LikeLikeLou
- 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 JD Foundation
- Toys for Tots
- UMATTR
- UNICEF
- USO
- 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
- Rinal 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 2022 CALENDAR YEAR**

- **9.5 hours** contributed per member per semester
- **140,500 hours** dedicated to service
- **$85** raised per member per semester
- **$1,263,000** 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.
The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is the umbrella group for 26 organizations, 13 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.

The College Panhellenic Association executive board is made up of women from different chapters who disassociate to promote the ideals of scholarship, leadership, friendship, and service. The eight executive positions include president, vice president of recruitment, vice president of administration, 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 2020, the council received The NPC Excellence Award, the highest award given to a College Panhellenic Association.
The North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) is the umbrella group for 56 organizations, 22 of which have chapters on South Carolina’s campus. The local USC 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 the Hayden Hurst Foundation.

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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The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is the governing council for the four culturally-based Greek-letter fraternities and sororities at South Carolina. The purpose of the Multicultural 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.

MGC has seven executive officers including the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, vice president of standards, vice president of service, and vice president of publicity. MGC holds bi-weekly meetings with a delegate from each organization to collaborate and discuss issues that impact MGC 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.
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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*Official costs to be determined fall 2023

*above housing and meal plan costs are per-semester

### GREEK FEES

All members of the fraternity and sorority community pay a $50* 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 2022-23 academic year and may change for the 2023-24 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.
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*Official costs to be determined fall 2023

* Above housing and meal plan costs are per-semester
HOW TO JOIN

RECRUITMENT & INTAKE PROCESSES

Three 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.

MGC AND NPHC MEMBERSHIP INTAKE:
The fraternities and sororities of the Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council participate in membership intake, which is organized by the individual chapters. See page 21 for more information.
All women participating in Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment who are living on campus will be able to move into their room in mid-August. Details regarding move-in day activities and schedules will be communicated in the summer. Please visit sc.edu/fraternitiesororitylife or email uscsororityrecruitment@gmail.com for more information.

The registration fee includes several meals, a sorority recruitment T-shirt, a small bag, and other recruitment expenses. An additional fee of $100 will be charged to women moving into residence halls for recruitment. This will be billed through Self Service Carolina.

This year, we’re offering online workshops to be completed prior to recruitment. Shortly after registering, potential members will receive an email prompting them to complete the workshops. 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. 11.

All active and potential new members participating in the recruitment process are required to follow all public health directives. Campus policy related to physical distancing, event caps, and face coverings must be followed.

**RECRUITMENT EVENTS**

**RECRUITMENT ORIENTATION**
Wednesday, Aug. 16

**ROUND 1: GO GREEK & SORORITY 101 PROGRAMMING**
Thursday, Aug. 17

**PHILANTHROPY ROUND**
Friday, Aug. 18–Sunday, Aug. 20

**LEADING WOMEN ROUND**
Monday, Aug. 21–Wednesday, Aug. 23

**PREFERENCE ROUND**
Saturday, Aug. 26

**BID DAY**
Sunday, Aug. 27

**NEW MEMBER SUMMIT**
Monday, Aug. 28 or Tuesday, Aug. 29

**REGISTRATION DATES**
Register for recruitment at:
[sc.edu/fraternitiesororitylife](sc.edu/fraternitiesororitylife)
Registration opens: May 1
Registration closes: July 31 at 11:59 p.m. (EST)

**REGISTRATION FEE: $250**
This registration fee is non-refundable.

*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

αδπ
ALPHA DELTA PI
National Founding: 1851
Local Founding: 1928
Instagram: @adpisouthcarolina
National Website: alphadeltapi.org
Colors: Azure Blue and White

αγδ
ALPHA GAMMA DELTA
National Founding: 1904
Local Founding: 2012
Instagram: @alphagamuofsc
Twitter: @alphagamuofsc
National Website: alphagammadelta.org
Colors: Red, Buff, and Green

αΞΔ
ALPHA XI DELTA
National Founding: 1893
Local Founding: 2016
Instagram: @uofscaxid
Twitter: @uofscaxid
National Website: alphaxidelta.org
Colors: Double Blue and Gold
CHI OMEGA
National Founding: 1895
Local Founding: 1928
Instagram: @uschiomegaa
Twitter: @uschiomegaa
National Website: chiomega.com
Colors: Cardinal and Straw

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

DELTA ZETA
National Founding: 1902
Local Founding: 1928
Instagram: @uscdeltazeta
Twitter: @uscdeltazeta
National Website: deltazeta.org
Colors: Rose and Green

GAMMA PHI BETA
National Founding: 1874
Local Founding: 2005
Twitter: @usc gammaphi
Instagram: @usc gammaphi
National Website: gammaphibeta.org
Colors: Brown and Mode

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

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

PHI MU
National Founding: 1852
Local Founding: 2009
Instagram: @scphimu
Twitter: @SCPhiMu
National Website: phimu.org
Colors: Rose and White

PI BETA PHI
National Founding: 1867
Local Founding: 1931 (Recolonized 2014)
Instagram: @scpiphi
Twitter: @scpiphi
National Website: pipetaphi.org
Colors: Wine and Silver Blue

ZETA TAU ALPHA
National Founding: 1898
Local Founding: 1929
Instagram: @uscztata
Twitter: @ztatausc
National Website: zetataualpha.org
Colors: Turquoise Blue and Steel Gray
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC) RECRUITMENT

IFC hosts a structured recruitment process in both the fall and spring semester. 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.

REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE  Monday, May 1

IFC ON GREENE  Wednesday, Aug. 23
Greene Street

MEET THE CHAPTERS  Sunday, Aug. 27
Blatt Fields

RECRUITMENT ORIENTATION  Sunday, Sept. 3
Location and time determined by chapter

OPEN HOUSE  Monday, Sept. 4
Russell House Ballroom

REGISTRATION CLOSES  Friday, Sept. 8

INVITATION ROUNDS  Tuesday Sept. 5 —
Saturday, Sept. 9
Location and time determined by chapter

BID DAY  Sunday, Sept. 10

*All dates are subject to change
**ΑΕΠ**
ALPHA EPSILON PI
National Founding: 1913
Local Founding: 2007
Instagram: @scaepi
Twitter: @sc_aepi
National Website: aepi.org
Colors: Gold and Blue

**ΑΣΦ**
ALPHA SIGMA PHI
National Founding: 1845
Local Founding: 2020
National Website: alphasigmaphi.org
Instagram: @alphasig_uofsc
Colors: Cardinal Red and Stone Grey

**ΒΘΠ**
BETA THETA PI
National Founding: 1839
Local Founding: 1858
National Website: beta.org
Colors: Delicate shades of Pink and Blue

**ΧΨ**
CHI PSI
National Founding: 1841
Local Founding: 1858
Instagram: @chipsiuofsc
National Website: chipsi.org
Colors: Purple and Gold

**ΔΚΕ**
DELTA KAPPA EPSILON
National Founding: 1844
Local Founding: 1853
Instagram: @sc_dke
Twitter: @sc_dke
National Website: dke.org
Colors: Blue, Gold, and Crimson

**ΔΤΔ**
DELTA TAU DELTA
National Founding: 1858
Local Founding: 1999
Instagram: @scdeltas
National Website: deltats.org
Colors: Purple, White and Gold

**ΔΥ**
DELTA UPSILON
National Founding: 1834
Local Founding: 1983
Instagram: @deltaupsilonsc
Twitter: @scdeltau
National Website: deltau.org
Colors: Old Gold and Sapphire Blue

**ΚΑ**
KAPPA ALPHA ORDER
National Founding: 1865
Local Founding: 1881
National Website: kappaalphaorder.org
Colors: Crimson and Old Gold
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:
Lambda Chi Alpha
Theta Delta Chi
MGC AND NPHC MEMBERSHIP INTAKE

Undergraduate students who wish to join a Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) or National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) organization must meet specific membership qualifications. These standards include but are not limited to, academic achievement (2.5-3.0 GPA depending on the organization), community service, and good character. For MGC, first-semester students may participate in the intake process as long as they are enrolled in at least 12 credit hours. For NPHC, any interested student is required to have a minimum of 12 credit hours before participating in the intake process. For both councils, students who are on disciplinary probation may not participate. Such requirements are designed to promote the advancement of strong and effective chapters. Each organization implements its own unique membership intake process. To learn more about MGC and NPHC organizations, students are required to attend the Intake Orientation individually hosted by MGC and NPHC. Intake Orientation is generally held at the beginning of both the fall and spring semesters. Interested candidates are expected to research each individual organization and chapter, as well as attend various events hosted by the respective organization.

*All dates are subject to change

ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROCESS ARE:

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (NPHC)
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (NPHC)
- Alpha Sigma Rho Sorority, Inc. (MGC)
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (NPHC)
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (NPHC)
- Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. (MGC)
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (NPHC)
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (NPHC)
- Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (MGC)
- Pi Alpha Phi Fraternity, Inc. (MGC)
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. (NPHC)
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (NPHC)
MGC CHAPTERS

ΑΣΡ
ALPHA SIGMA RHO
SORORITY, INC.
National Founding: 1998
Local Founding: 2018
Instagram: @uofcsars
National Website: alphasiswau.org
Colors: Red, White and Silver

ΠΑΦ
PI ALPHA PHI
FRATERNITY, INC.
National Founding: 1929
Local Founding: 2021
Instagram: @uofscpaphi
National Website: pialphaphi.com
Colors: Berkeley Blue and California Gold

ΚΔΧ
KAPPA DELTA CHI
SORORITY, INC.
National Founding: 1987
Local Founding: 2015
Instagram: @kdchi_uofsc
Twitter: @KDChi_uofsc
National Website: kappadeltachi.org
Colors: Pink and Maroon

ΦΙΑ
PHI IOTA ALPHA
FRATERNITY, INC.
National Founding: 1931
Local Founding: 2011
Instagram: @uscphiota
Twitter: @uscphiota
National Website: phiota.org
Colors: Gold, Navy Blue, Red and White
NPHC CHAPTERS

**ΑΦΑ**
**ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.**
National Founding: 1906
Local Founding: 1973
Instagram: @thetanu06
Twitter: @thetanu06
National Website: apa1906.net
Colors: Old Gold and Black

**ΩΨΦ**
**OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.**
National Founding: 1911
Local Founding: 1973
Instagram: @zzques
Twitter: @zzques
National Website: oppf.org
Colors: Royal Purple and Old Gold

**ΣΓΡ**
**SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.**
National Founding: 1922
Local Founding: 1974
Instagram: @zeta1922
Twitter: @zeta1922
National Website: sgrho1922.org
Colors: Royal Blue and Antique Gold

**ΦΒΣ**
**PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.**
National Founding: 1914
Local Founding: 1978
Instagram: @usc_sigmas
Twitter: @usc_sigmas
National Website: pbs1914.org
Colors: Royal Blue and Pure White

**ΖΦΒ**
**ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.**
National Founding: 1920
Local Founding: 1977
Instagram: @psibeta1920
National Website: zphi1920.org
Colors: Royal Blue and Pure White

**ΑΚΑ**
**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.**
National Founding: 1908
Local Founding: 1973
Instagram: @TheGlamorousTG
Twitter: @TheGlamorousTG
National Website: aka1908.org
Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green

**ΔΣΘ**
**DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**
National Founding: 1913
Local Founding: 1973
Instagram: @iotachi1913
Twitter: @iotachi1913
National Website: deltasigmatheta.org
Colors: Crimson and Cream

**ΚΑΨ**
**KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.**
National Founding: 1911
Local Founding: 1970
Instagram: @zenupes
Twitter: @zenupes
National Website: kappaalphapsi1911.com
Colors: Crimson and Cream
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

Expectations 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 considered 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

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

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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
- 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: Two 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: Chapters submit new member education/intake plans to FSL staff for 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.

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.

Chapter/Council Programming: 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.

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.
**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.

**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 MGC 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 MGC and NPHC organizations that are often named.

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

**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. Submitting the Annual Chapter Expectations Program (ACE) puts the chapter in the running for the Chapter of the Year Award.

Outstanding community members are also recognized in a variety of categories through the Individual Achievement Awards.

Congratulations to our 2022 winners!

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Greek Man of the Year: Seth Hajzus, Phi Delta Theta
Greek Woman of the Year: Blakely Hardin, Gamma Phi Beta
Outstanding Chapter President: Emily Collins, Pi Beta Phi & Blair Elliot, Alpha Gamma Delta
Outstanding Council Leader: Laurynn Jeter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Outstanding New Member: Sloane Borsuk, Delta Zeta
Jerry T. Brewer Living the Ritual Award: Aaron Stark, Alpha Epsilon Pi

CHAPTER SUPPORT AWARDS

Outstanding Chapter Advisor: Leighton Gray Smith, Delta Zeta
Outstanding House Corporation Board Member: Greg Buehner, Pi Kappa Phi
Outstanding Property Manager: Wallace Crosby, Pi Kappa Phi & Meg Heath, Delta Zeta

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CPA Chapter of the Year: Delta Zeta
IFC Chapter of the Year: Alpha Epsilon Pi
MGC Chapter of the Year: Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.
NPHC Chapter of the Year: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Community Service of the Year: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Philanthropy of the Year: Pi Beta Phi
Most Improved Chapter: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
FOR PARENTS

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. 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 generally 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.
GREEK ALPHABET

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