

# DEFINE YOUR EXPERIENCE

SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA



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## INTRODUCTION

The fraternities and sororities at The University of Alabama are governed by four councils: **the Alabama Panhellenic Association, the Alabama National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Alabama Interfraternity Council and the Alabama United Greek Council.**

Each council has a different focus, operational structure, history, recruitment or intake procedure, and key dates. Chapters range in size from 6 to 438 members. Each chapter offers members a variety of opportunities to hold leadership positions in the chapter and at the University, participate in volunteer and service activities on campus and in the community, become involved in campus life and achieve success academically, personally and professionally.





## ALABAMA PANAHELLENIC ASSOCIATION (APA)

### ***What is the NPC?***

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is the umbrella organization for 26 national and international sororities and women's fraternities in North America. The Alabama Panhellenic Association (APA) represents NPC on campus and is the coordinating body for the 17 NPC women's organizations and one affiliate chapter on campus. NPC promotes the values of and advocates for its member groups within the organization and in collaboration with the University and the community. For more than 100 years, UA Greek women have been recognized for their scholastic achievement, campus involvement and community service.

### ***What sororities are members of the APA?***

Alpha Chi Omega	Chi Omega	Kappa Delta
Alpha Delta Chi	Delta Delta Delta	Kappa Kappa Gamma
Alpha Delta Pi	Delta Gamma	Phi Mu
Alpha Gamma Delta	Delta Zeta	Pi Beta Phi
Alpha Omicron Pi	Gamma Phi Beta	Sigma Delta Tau
Alpha Phi	Kappa Alpha Theta	Zeta Tau Alpha



### ***When and how does this group admit new members?***

APA sororities traditionally admit new members following a weeklong recruitment process that occurs the week before the fall semester starts. Some chapters also engage in a less formal recruitment process known as continuous open bidding, or COB, in the fall and spring.

### ***What are the requirements to become a member?***

In order to be eligible to join an APA sorority, participants must be an enrolled full- time female student in good standing with The University of Alabama. Prospective new members should go online no earlier than May 1 and register for participation in fall formal recruitment. A registration fee is required. Approximately 93 percent of young women who completed formal fall recruitment in 2015 received a bid.

Although the Alabama Panhellenic Association does not require a specific GPA to participate in recruitment, each sorority chapter does have a minimum grade requirement for pledging and initiation. Therefore, it is highly recommended that all prospective members participating in recruitment have at or above a 3.0 cumulative high school or college GPA at the time of recruitment.

*Additional information: Please visit <http://www.uapanhellenic.com> and <http://www.npcwomen.org>*

## ALABAMA NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC ASSOCIATION (NPHC)

### ***What is the NPHC?***

NPHC is the governing and coordinating council for nine historically African-American Greek-letter organizations, often referred to as the Divine Nine. UA currently has six of the nine organizations. These sororities and fraternities have been an integral part of the UA community since 1974. NPHC organizations are committed to community service and support academic excellence between members and the general student body by providing scholarships, study breaks and other programs. In addition to providing a social outlet, NPHC organizations also provide a variety of programs designed to enrich the cultural experience of UA students.

### ***What sororities and fraternities are members of the NPHC?***

SORORITIES	FRATERNITIES
Alpha Kappa Alpha	Alpha Phi Alpha
Zeta Phi Beta	Kappa Alpha Psi
	Omega Psi Phi
	Phi Beta Sigma

### ***When and how does this group admit new members?***

NPHC organizations recruit members through a process called Membership Intake. Before an individual can seek membership, he or she must have accumulated 12 or more semester hours at UA. To be eligible for membership, prospective members must attend one of two convocations, which take place in August and January.

### ***What are the requirements to become a member?***

In addition to having at least 12 semester hours at UA and attending convocation, prospective members must have documented community service hours and a college GPA of 2.5 or higher.

*Additional information: Please visit [www.uanphc.com](http://www.uanphc.com)*



## ALABAMA INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC)

### ***What is the IFC?***

The Interfraternity Council serves as the governing body for 31 fraternities at UA, many of which are affiliated with the North-American Interfraternity Conference, which is the trade association representing 74 international and national men's fraternities. Fraternities provide a meaningful outlet for students to become involved in campus life outside the classroom through an emphasis on scholarship, leadership, community service, social life and lasting friendships. The IFC sponsors programs throughout the year and works with the NPHC, NPC and UGC to strengthen and promote the UA Greek community's values and vision.

### ***What fraternities are members of the IFC?***

Alpha Delta Phi	Kappa Alpha	Pi Kappa Phi
Alpha Kappa Lambda	Kappa Sigma	Phi Kappa Tau
Alpha Sigma Phi	Lambda Chi Alpha	Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Alpha Tau Omega	Lambda Sigma Phi	Sigma Alpha Mu
Beta Theta Pi	Phi Delta Theta	Sigma Chi
Chi Phi	Phi Gamma Delta	Sigma Nu
Delta Chi	Phi Kappa Psi	Sigma Phi Epsilon
Delta Kappa Epsilon	Phi Kappa Sigma	Sigma Pi
Delta Sigma Phi	Phi Sigma Kappa	Sigma Tau Gamma
Delta Tau Delta	Pi Kappa Alpha	Theta Chi
		Zeta Beta Tau

### ***When and how does this group admit new members?***

There are two ways of seeking membership.

Traditionally, groups recruit members and extend bids for membership before the beginning of classes for fall semester. The IFC also holds informal recruitment during late August and early September. During informal recruitment, prospective members have the opportunity to interact with individuals from each fraternity. Once prospective members have registered online, their information is shared with all IFC fraternities. A registration fee is required.



### ***What are the requirements to become a member?***

All male students are eligible to join an IFC fraternity, provided they are enrolled full time at The University of Alabama. Students who are first-semester freshmen are eligible to join a fraternity in their first semester. In the fall, prospective members should go online and register for participation in fall recruitment. A registration fee is required.

*Additional information: Please visit <http://www.alabamaifc.com>*



## ALABAMA GREEK UNITED COUNCIL (UGC)

### ***What is the UGC?***

Established on the UA campus in spring 2009, the Alabama UGC is the governing body for the 6 multicultural and special interest sororities and fraternities. UGC exists to enable member organizations to share ideas and resources, promote mutual respect and equality, and provide a support network for students on campus.

### ***What sororities and fraternities are members of the UGC?***

SORORITY	COED	FRATERNITIES
Alpha Omega Epsilon	Theta Tau	Beta Upsilon Chi
	Kappa Kappa Psi	Sigma Lambda Beta
	Phi Sigma Pi	

### ***When and how does this group admit new members?***

Students who are interested in joining an organization that is part of the UGC should contact the chapter directly, as each chapter's membership intake and recruitment process is conducted differently.

### ***What are the requirements to become a member?***

For individual membership requirements, contact the chapter directly.

*Additional information: Please visit <http://ofsl.sa.ua.edu/councils/ugc>*





## FRATERNITY AND SORORITY ALTERNATIVE MEAL PLAN

Since some fraternities and sororities also have their own mandatory meal plans, the University and Bama Dining allow new members of these organizations the option of choosing an alternative meal plan. First-year students who join a fraternity or sorority with a full-service kitchen will automatically have their Bama Dining All-Access meal plan reduced to 55 meals per semester with the option of choosing other alternative meal plans.

*For more information about the Greek 55 meal plan, visit <http://bamadining.ua.edu/fraternity-sorority>.*

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Greek-letter organizations have been self-sufficient since their inception. Fraternities and sororities pay their own way through dues, membership fees and one-time pledge or initiation fees. Cost of membership in a Greek organization varies, depending on the organization and housing options. However, the cost of living in a fraternity or sorority house is generally comparable to living on campus.

## COMPLIANCE

The University of Alabama complies with all applicable laws prohibiting discrimination, which are outlined in the University's nondiscrimination notice available at <http://eop.ua.edu/law.html> and in its harassment policy at <http://eop.ua.edu/harassment.html>. Membership in registered student organizations shall be open to all students at The University of Alabama, without regard to race, religion, sex, disability, national origin, color, age, disability, gender identity or expression, sexual identity, or veteran status, except in cases of designated fraternal organizations exempted by federal law from Title IX regulations concerning discrimination on the basis of sex.

Individuals who have concerns about the recruitment process are encouraged to contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 205-348-3326.

# DID YOU KNOW?

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

In the spring of 2015, the UA Greek Community raised \$101,000 from fraternity and sorority donations. The money was awarded to 32 nonprofit organizations in and around Tuscaloosa.



## TRADITION

Social fraternities have been a valued part of student life at The University of Alabama since 1847. The first sorority was founded at the Capstone in 1904.

## MORE THAN ALABAMA

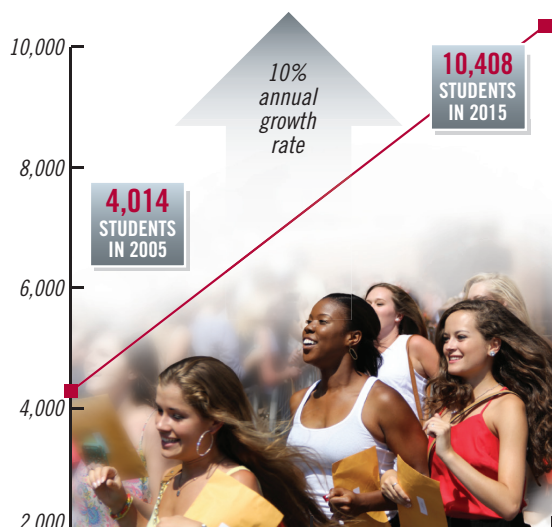
Since 2009, more than half of the new members in UA's Greek community have been from out of state.

## NO.1 NATIONWIDE

In 2014, for the fifth year in a row, UA had the largest Greek community in the United States.

## GROWTH

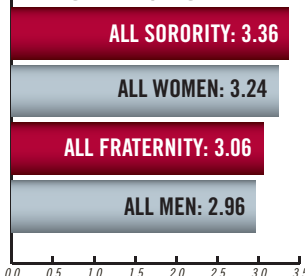
The Greek population at UA has more than doubled in size, from 4,014 in 2005 to 10,408 in 2015.



## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

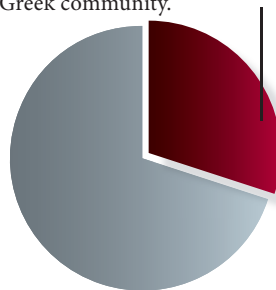
Since 1927, the all-sorority GPA has been higher than the campus all-women's GPA.

### Average GPA Spring 2015



## PARTICIPATION

In 2015, approximately 29 percent of UA students were members of the Greek community.



## FORMAL RECRUITMENT

In the fall of 2015, 93 percent of the women who participated in recruitment received a bid for membership. The national average for women receiving a bid during formal recruitment is 79 percent. UA is always well above the average.

