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SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

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Introduction

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.

The fraternities and sororities at The University of Alabama are governed by four councils:

- **Alabama Panhellenic Association**
- **Alabama National Pan-Hellenic Council**
- **Alabama Interfraternity Council**
- **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 3 to 452 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 Panhellenic Association (APA)

What is the APA?

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is the umbrella organization for the 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

**Sigma Kappa coming Fall 2018*

When and how does this group admit new members?

APA sororities traditionally admit new members through the primary recruitment process, which occurs the week before the start of the fall semester. 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, prospective members must be an enrolled full-time undergraduate 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 primary recruitment. A registration fee is required. Approximately 93 percent of individuals who participated in fall recruitment received a bid in 2016.

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 **uapanhellenic.com** and **npcwomen.org***

Alabama National Pan-Hellenic Association (NPHC)

What is the NPHC?

NPHC is the governing and coordinating council for the nine historically African-American Greek-letter organizations, often referred to as the Divine Nine. UA currently has eight 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
Delta Sigma Theta	Kappa Alpha Psi
Sigma Gamma Rho	Omega Psi Phi
Zeta Phi Beta	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. To register for Convocation, please visit **uagreekaffairs.tix.com**.

What are the requirements to become a member?

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

*Additional information: Please visit **uanphc.com***

Alabama Interfraternity Council (IFC)

What is the IFC?

The Interfraternity Council serves as the governing body for 33 fraternities at UA, many of which are affiliated with the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), a trade association representing 69 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 various programs throughout the year and works with the NPHC, APA, and UGC to strengthen and promote the UA Greek community's values and vision.

What fraternities are members of the IFC?

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

When and how does this group admit new members?

There are two ways of seeking membership. Organizations recruit members and extend bids for membership before the beginning of classes for fall semester. The IFC also holds structured recruitment during late August and early September. During structured 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.

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 can join a fraternity in their first semester. Prior to the start of the fall semester, prospective students should complete the online IFC Recruitment Registration Form. A participation fee is required at the time of registration.

Additional information: Please visit ***alabamaifc.com***

Alabama United Greek Council (UGC)

What is the UGC?

Established on the UA campus in spring 2009, the Alabama UGC is the governing body for the 7 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	Delta Lambda Phi
	Kappa Kappa Psi	Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
	Phi Sigma Pi	Sigma Lambda Beta

When and how does this group admit new members?

Each organization that encompasses the United Greek Council has an individual recruitment process and depending upon the chapter, this process may be referred to as Recruitment, Membership Intake, or Rush. While most chapters recruit new members at the beginning of the fall and spring semester, each chapter's process for taking new members varies in accordance with their specific needs and inter/national requirements.

UGC recruitment includes participation in fall and spring Get On Board Day (GOBD). Chapters will also be hosting tabling events and programs throughout the semester and will register different events on campus, advertised through the SOURCE, to recruit members.

What are the requirements to become a member?

In order to join a UGC organization, prospective members must, at minimum, be an enrolled student at The University of Alabama; however, it's important to note that additional membership requirements vary by chapter.

Since membership in some UGC organizations is based on special interest, pursuing a specific major, and/or student involvement; students interested in joining a UGC organization should visit the chapter's website and/or contact the chapter directly, regarding specific membership requirements.

Additional information: Please visit ***alabamaugc.com****.*

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 Greek organizations, serving a minimum of 10 meals per week, the option of choosing an alternative meal plan. These students will automatically have their meal plan reduced to 55 meals per semester with the option of choosing other alternative meal plans, provided that the fraternity/sorority submits a new member roster to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life by the required deadline.

For more information about the Greek 55 meal plan, visit ***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 new member 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.

For more information about the cost of membership, please visit ***ofsl.sa.ua.edu/join/.***

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 of 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 2017, the UA Greek Community raised $101,000 from fraternity and sorority donations. The money was awarded to 30 nonprofit organizations in and around Tuscaloosa.

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

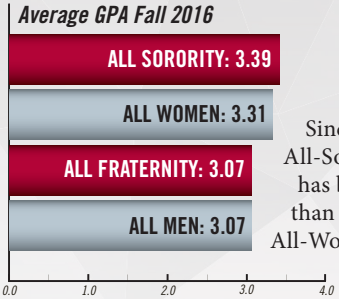
In 2016, for the seventh year in a row, UA had the largest Greek community in the United States.

GROWTH

The Greek population at UA has more than doubled in size, from 4,014 in 2005 to 10,942 in 2017.

GRADUATION

The 4-year graduation rate for UA Greek students is 15% higher than that of their unaffiliated peers.

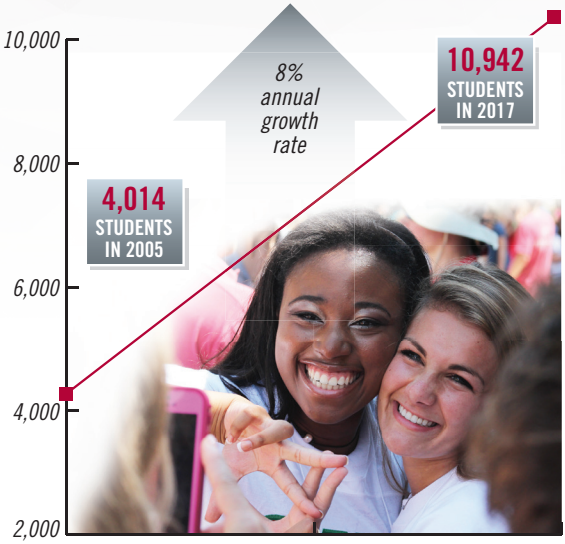


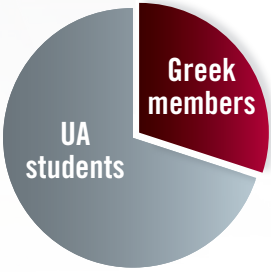
ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Since 1927, the All-Sorority GPA has been higher than the campus All-Women's GPA.

PARTICIPATION

In 2016, approximately 34 percent of UA students were members of the Greek community.





PRIMARY RECRUITMENT

In the fall of 2016, 93 percent of the women who participated in Panhellenic Recruitment received a bid for membership. The national average for women receiving a bid during Primary Recruitment is 79 percent. UA is always well above the average.

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