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 Greek 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 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!
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IMPORTANT DATES

July 22: Sorority Recruitment registration closes at 4 p.m. (EST)

August 10: Women with on-campus housing who are registered for Sorority Recruitment can move into residence halls

August 10-21: Sorority Recruitment events

August 18: Fraternity Recruitment orientation

August 29-September 4: Fraternity Recruitment events

TBD: Fall Intake Orientation
Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of South Carolina totals more than 6,000 members, making up 26% of the overall student body. Today, our community boasts 44 organizations, 20 on-campus facilities, two governing councils, and four student-run boards. Each of our organizations has 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, programmatic offerings, and more at www.sa.sc.edu/fsl.
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 to advise the governing councils and boards while working directly with the presidents and executive officers of the 44 campus fraternities and sororities on leadership development and organizational management.

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 their members succeed in the classroom.

FALL 2015

The all-Greek GPA was 3.28, while the undergraduate average was 3.17.

31%

of our members have a 3.75 GPA or higher. 14% of our members have a 4.0 GPA.

GREEK

students persist through their college academic work at a 10% higher rate than non-Greeks.

Every chapter is assigned to an academic coach through the University Advising Center to assist members with study skills and accomplish their academic goals.

LEADERSHIP

Involvement in a Greek-letter organization provides a valuable opportunity to develop your leadership skills within your chapter and on campus. Almost two-thirds of Greeks are involved in an organization at Carolina outside of their chapter!

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

Check out these opportunities:

Fraternity and Sorority Council, NPHC Executive Board, Multicultural Greek Board, Greek Programming Board, Greek Conduct Board, Greek Emerging Leader Program, Greek Leadership Conference, Greek Ambassadors, Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute scholarships, chapter executive boards, and Rho Alpha and Pi Chi recruitment counselors. Want more information about these opportunities? Visit www.sa.sc.edu/fsl.
Fraternities and sororities are heavily involved in giving both their time and financial contributions to a variety of charitable causes.

Major Greek service projects include:
• Circle of Sisterhood
• Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks
• Greek Week service projects
• Individual chapter events benefiting causes like cancer charities, hunger awareness, diabetes research, children’s literacy, domestic violence, and more.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2014, Carolina Greek organizations donated more than $820,000 and close to 140,000 hours to service and philanthropic organizations.

The Circle of Sisterhood Foundation, an organization that aims to remove educational boundaries of women around the world, is Sorority Council’s adopted philanthropy. In Summer 2015, members from various sorority chapters traveled to Nicaragua to build a school on behalf of Circle of Sisterhood and Sorority Council.

Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks provides a safe trick or treating environment for hundreds of children of community members and staff. Children played games provided by the chapters and collected candy.
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!

Sororities and fraternities look forward to their signature social events each year, which include band parties, formals, semiformals, beach and mountain weekends, and themed date parties.

Greek Week 2016 featured a variety of activities to build Greek friendship including A Night at the Strom, the annual Greek Sing competition, service events at local community agencies, and a social media campaign promoting the benefits of Greek affiliation. This year also showcased the multicultural Greek organizations during a cultural food fest, as well as a viewing of The Hunting Ground.
Fraternity Council is the governing body of the fraternity community, including the North American Interfraternity Conference (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and multicultural fraternities, acting as a bridge between the fraternity community and the rest of Carolina. The 10 executive officers work alongside each organization to help promote a values-based community—one in which every fraternity man, past or present, would be proud.

On a yearly basis, Fraternity Council assists with a series of events including Greek Week, National Hazing Prevention Week, and Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks. Fraternity Council also supports all philanthropic events hosted within the community throughout the year.
SORORITY COUNCIL

Sorority Council is the governing body for the National Panhellenic Conference, National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and the multicultural sororities at the University of South Carolina. The Sorority Council executive board is made up of women from different chapters who disaffiliate to promote the ideals of scholarship, leadership, friendship, and service. The 10 executive positions include president, vice president of recruitment, vice president of finance, vice president of public relations, vice president of scholarship, vice president of programming, vice president of conduct, vice president of NPHC, and vice president of Multicultural Greek Board.

The Sorority Council president runs weekly meetings with the executive board and chapter delegates to discuss topics relevant to the Greek community. Sorority Council also works alongside Fraternity Council to develop numerous programs and events around campus and throughout the community.
GREEK CONDUCT BOARD

The Greek Conduct Board’s mission is to promote a sense of community-wide standards regarding responsible behavior, maintain accountability for Greek students’ actions, and uphold and exemplify the values of the fraternities and sororities at the University of South Carolina. Greek Conduct Board is composed of the vice presidents of conduct for Fraternity and Sorority Council as well as members selected from many of the Greek organizations on campus. The primary responsibility of the board is to resolve organizational violations of the bylaws and rules of Fraternity and Sorority Councils, the university, and additional risk management policies. Greek Conduct Board members also are responsible for promoting risk management education within the community in areas such as safe event planning and hazing prevention. All board members receive peer leader training, including Safe Zone Ally training and Stand Up Carolina Bystander Intervention.

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

The Multicultural Greek Council is the governing board for the culturally-based Greek-letter fraternities and sororities at the University of South Carolina. The board was officially recognized in 2014, becoming the first governing body recognized under the current Fraternity and Sorority Council structure. The purpose of the Multicultural Greek Council is to unify all multicultural organizations to further promote diversity and unity on campus and throughout the community, encouraging cooperation and coherence among member organizations and other organizations on campus. The board provides educational programming and service opportunities for member organizations and the student body. In addition to enriching the surrounding community, the board works to nurture the intellectual, emotional, and social development of its members.
NPHC BOARD

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the coordinating board for the 8 historically black Greek-letter fraternities and sororities at the University of South Carolina. The NPHC’s purpose is to foster cooperative actions of its members in dealing with matters of mutual concern. To this end, the NPHC promotes the well-being of its member organizations and provides leadership training for its constituents.

The NPHC Board at USC serves as the communication link between its member organizations, university administrators, Fraternity and Sorority Council, and the student body at-large. The NPHC Board 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.

GREEK PROGRAMMING BOARD

Greek Programming Board plans and executes community-wide programs surrounding Fraternity and Sorority Life’s four core values of scholarship, leadership, friendship, and service. Signature events include Greek Week, Greek Sing and Trick-or-Treat with the Greeks. Greek Programming Board is chaired by the vice presidents of programming from Fraternity and Sorority Council. The board consists of appointed officers for scholarship, leadership, member engagement, service, and public relations.
ARE YOU PREPARED TO BE GREEK?

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT AT A GLANCE
Statistics as of Fall 2015

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Fraternity New Member GPA: 3.10

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Panhellenic Dues

$390-$731
$430-$1,242
$4,800

IFC Dues

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NPHC/Multicultural Dues

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**LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT**

Percentage of fraternity and sorority members who are involved in at least one organization OUTSIDE of their chapter

62%

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT**

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life believes that the Greek experience is not just for four years but for life!

**SERVICE COMMITMENT**

Average number of dollars individual fraternity and sorority members donate to charitable causes per semester WITHIN their chapter

$85 raised per member

12 hrs. contributed per member

**PHILANTHROPY/SERVICE**

Average number of hours individual fraternity and sorority members devote to service per semester OUTSIDE of their chapter

75

**FINAL 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.
HOW TO JOIN

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 24 and 25.

RECRUITMENT & INTAKE PROCESSES

MEMBERSHIP INTAKE:
The 8 National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities and sororities, as well as the 5 multicultural Greek organizations, participate in membership intake, which is organized by the individual chapters. See page 13 for more information.

SORORITY RECRUITMENT:
The 12 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 pages 14 and 15 for more information.

FRATERNITY 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 pages 18 and 19 for more information.
Undergraduate students who wish to join a National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) or Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) 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. Any interested student is required to have a minimum of 12 credit hours before participating in the intake process, and 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 NPHC and MGC organizations, students are required to attend the Membership Intake Orientation meeting co-hosted by NPHC and MGC. Membership Intake Orientation is generally held at the beginning of both fall and spring semesters. Additionally, interested candidates are expected to research each individual organization and chapter, as well as attend various events hosted by NPHC and MGC organizations on campus.

**ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEMBERSHIP INTAKE PROCESS ARE:**

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (NPHC)
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (NPHC)
- 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)
- Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity, Inc. (MGC)
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. (NPHC)
- Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. (MGC)
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. (MGC)
- Zeta Sigma Chi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. (MGC)
SORORITY RECRUITMENT

All women participating in Sorority Recruitment who are living on campus will be able to move in on Wednesday, August 10 at staggered times assigned by University Housing. Details regarding move-in day activities and schedules will be communicated later in the summer. Please visit www.uofscsoco.com or email uscsororityrecruitment@gmail.com for more information.

Registration costs include several meals and snacks, two sorority recruitment t-shirts, a backpack, and other recruitment costs. An additional fee of $20 per night, for a total of $80, will be charged to women moving into residence halls on August 10. This will be billed through Self Service Carolina.

SORORITY RECRUITMENT ORIENTATION

**Wednesday, August 10**
**Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center**

Want to learn more about the recruitment process? This is your chance to hear from Sorority Council officers and recruitment counselors, also known as Pi Chis, about what to expect. Attendance is **mandatory** in order to participate in recruitment. You will be assigned to two recruitment counselors who will help guide you through the recruitment process. After you have registered for recruitment, you will receive more details. A mandatory dinner with your small group will be provided following orientation. Dress is very casual.

GO GREEK ROUND

**Thursday, August 11 & Friday, August 12**

Over the two days of round one, you will visit all 12 sororities, plus Alpha Xi Delta, with your Pi Chi group. You will spend about 20 minutes with each chapter learning about their scholarship initiatives and academic success. These first two days are very casual, so please wear your recruitment t-shirt, shorts or a skirt, and comfortable shoes.

LEADING WOMEN ROUND

**Saturday, August 13 & Sunday, August 14**

On these days, you can visit a maximum of nine sororities. You will spend about 35 minutes with each chapter while they show a video that highlights their activities, sisterhood, tradition, and friendship. Please wear your recruitment t-shirt, shorts or a skirt, and comfortable shoes.

PHILANTHROPY ROUND

**Monday, August 15 & Tuesday August 16**

During round three, you will visit a maximum of six sororities and spend about 45 minutes with each chapter to learn about their philanthropic causes and activities. Attire for this day is dressier, so please wear a sundress or skirt and top with dressy sandals or heels.

PREFERENCE ROUND

**Saturday, August 20**

This round is a special ceremony intended for each chapter to showcase the bond they share as sisters. You will visit a maximum of two sororities and spend about one hour with each chapter. Due to the more formal nature of this day, please wear a cocktail or semiformal dress.

REGISTRATION DATES

Register for Recruitment at [www.uofscsoco.com](http://www.uofscsoco.com)
Registration opens: **May 1**
Registration closes: **July 22 at 4 p.m. (EST)**

REGISTRATION FEES

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BID DAY

Sunday, August 21

This day is the grand finale of recruitment. Everyone will gather at the Colonial Life Arena in anticipation of the final bids. Membership bids are given out to the women who finish the recruitment process, and recruitment counselors reveal their chapter affiliation and reunite with their sisters. Please wear comfortable attire as this is an active and exciting day. Each sorority will give their new members a t-shirt or tank top to wear when they receive their bids.

RECRUITMENT COUNSELORS

What is a Recruitment Counselor?

Recruitment counselors (or Pi Chis) will be assigned to you and a small group of other potential new members. They are current members of the sorority community who temporarily leave their chapters to help you find your perfect fit. They have no contact with anyone from their chapter from May until recruitment is over.

Please do not pressure your recruitment counselor into telling you her chapter affiliation. At the end of recruitment, all recruitment counselors will reveal the chapters they belong to and rejoin their sisters. These women are trained to assist students who are going through the recruitment process. They are here to guide you and answer any questions you may have. Your Pi Chis are there to help you!
SORORITY CHAPTERS

**ALPHA CHI OMEGA**
- Panhellenic
- National Founding: October 15, 1885
- Local Founding: March 25, 1988
- Chapter Website: axousc.com
- National Website: alphachiomega.org
- Colors: Scarlet and Olive Green

**ALPHA DELTA PI**
- Panhellenic
- National Founding: May 15, 1851
- Local Founding: 1928
- Chapter Website: alphadeltapiusc.com
- National Website: alphadeltapi.org
- Colors: Azure Blue and White

**ALPHA GAMMA DELTA**
- Panhellenic
- National Founding: May 30, 1904
- Local Founding: November 18, 2012
- Chapter Website: bit.do/alphagamsc
- National Website: alphagammadelta.org
- Colors: Red, Buff, and Green

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.**
- NPHC
- National Founding: January 15, 1908
- Local Founding: November 3, 1973
- Chapter Website: thetagamma1908.org
- National Website: aka1908.org
- Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green
FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT

Recruitment orientation is mandatory for all men participating in fall Fraternity Recruitment. At orientation, the process and policies will be explained in detail. Community leaders will be present to answer any questions you may have on fraternity life at Carolina. Please check your email to see which session you should attend.

RECRUITMENT EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
Potential new members must attend at least one of these sessions:

- Monday, August 22 at 8 p.m. - Russell House Theatre
- Tuesday, August 23 at 8 p.m. - Russell House Theatre

REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE - Sunday, May 1

RECRUITMENT ORIENTATION - Thursday, August 18 at 6:30 & 8 p.m., Booker T. Washington Auditorium

CHAPTER TOURS

Monday, August 29
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

Chapter tours will occur over one day, and you will have the opportunity to visit with all of the fraternities participating in fall Fraternity Recruitment. For this tour, potential new members go on tours with their recruitment counselor (Rho Alpha) to meet each chapter. Taking advantage of the time given to meet all of the chapters allows for a more well-rounded recruitment experience. Feel free to ask the chapters about dues, time commitments, and scholarship programs during this time.

INFORMAL INVITATION ROUNDS

Tuesday, August 30 through Thursday, September 1
Location and time determined by chapter

Chapter informal nights give chapters the opportunity to invite potential new members to visit with them in a more informal setting like a barbecue or other brotherhood events. You are encouraged to get to know the brothers in the chapters that you visit to increase your chances of being invited back to the invitational nights of recruitment.

FORMAL INVITATION ROUNDS

Friday, September 2
Location and time determined by chapter

For the invitational night of recruitment, you may choose to accept as many invitations as you receive. These formal dinners are restricted only to potential new members specifically invited by the chapter. This round should be taken very seriously in your selection process. Chapters will showcase the importance of lifelong brotherhood in their organization as part of the final night of formal recruitment.

BID DAY

Sunday, September 4

Potential new members will attend one of two presentations in the Russell House Theatre and later pick up bids between 1 and 3 p.m. in the Russell House Ballroom.
FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT GUIDELINES

All potential new members who wish to accept a membership into a fraternal organization in the Fall 2016 semester must meet the following requirements:

- Be a full-time student at the University of South Carolina Columbia
- Have a 2.75 cumulative GPA or be an incoming freshman student
- Pay the $60 recruitment fee ($40 must be paid online with the individual registration before open house tours begin and $20 at bid day)
- Must participate in at least one community service event between August 15 and September 4 sponsored by Fraternity Council, an individual chapter, or on your own (Fraternity Council must be able to verify these service hours)
- Attend at least one of the supplied educational programs during informal recruitment week (hosted by Fraternity Council)
- Observe the no-alcohol policy during the recruitment activities

YOUR FIRST TWO WEEKS...

We are glad that you are interested in becoming a part of our fraternity community. Please take advantage of your first two weeks of school to learn even more about being a fraternity man on campus. Like us on Facebook for up-to-date information and be sure to register for recruitment at www.sa.sc.edu/fsl/fraternity to receive email updates in order to help you learn more about our community’s values of scholarship, leadership, friendship, and service.
FRATERNITY CHAPTERS

АЕΠ
ALPHA EPSILON PI
IFC
National Founding: 1913
Local Founding: 2010
Chapter Website: aepiusc.org
National Website: aepi.org
Colors: Gold and Blue

АФА
ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.
NPHC
National Founding: December 4, 1906
Local Founding: March 30, 1973
Chapter Website: thetau06.org
National Website: apa1906.net
Colors: Old Gold and Black

ВΘΠ
BETA THETA PI
IFC
National Founding: August 8, 1839
Local Founding: January 31, 1858
(Recolonized 2010)
Chapter Website: uscbeta.org
National Website: betathetapi.org
Colors: Pink and Blue

ΧΨ
CHI PSI
IFC
National Founding: May 20, 1841
Local Founding: 1858
Chapter Website: chipsi.org/?BetaSC
National Website: chipsi.org
Colors: Purple and Gold
ΔΚΕ
DELTA KAPPA EPSILON
IFC
National Founding: June 2, 1844
Local Founding: May 5, 1852
National Website: dke.org
Colors: Azure, Or, and Gules

ΔΥ
DELTA UPSILON
IFC
National Founding: November 4, 1834
Local Founding: April 9, 1983
Chapter Website: scdeltau.com
National Website: deltau.org
Colors: Old Gold and Sapphire Blue

ΚΑ
KAPPA ALPHA ORDER
IFC
National Founding: December 21, 1865
Local Founding: December 1881
Chapter Website: facebook.com/KappaAlphaOrderRho
National Website: kappaalphaorder.org
Colors: Crimson and Old Gold

ΚΑΨ
KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.
NPHC
National Founding: January 5, 1911
Local Founding: September 25, 1970
Chapter Website: thezenupes.com
National Website: kappaalphapsi1911.com
Colors: Crimson and Cream

ΚΣ
KAPPA SIGMA
IFC
National Founding: 1869
Local Founding: 1890
Chapter Website: socarkappasig.com
National Website: kappasigma.org
Colors: Emerald and Red

ΛΧΑ
LAMBDA CHI ALPHA
IFC
National Founding: November 2, 1909
Local Founding: August 1945
National Website: lambdachi.org
Colors: Purple, Green, and Gold

ΩΨΦ
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
NPHC
National Founding: November 17, 1911
Local Founding: April 14, 1973
Chapter Website: oppfzz.org
National Website: oppf.org
Colors: Purple and Gold

ΦΒΣ
PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.
NPHC
National Founding: January 9, 1914
Local Founding: November 13, 1978
Chapter Website: web.sa.sc.edu/kappaiota
National Website: pbs1914.org
Colors: Royal Blue and Pure White

FIJI
PHI GAMMA DELTA
IFC
National Founding: May 1, 1848
Local Founding: February 27, 2015
Chapter Website: uscphigam.com
National Website: phigam.org
Colors: Royal Purple

ΦΙΑ
PHI IOTA ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.
Multicultural
National Founding: December 26, 1931
Local Founding: December 19, 2011
Chapter Website: uscphiotas.wix.com/fia1931
National Website: phio1931
Colors: Oro, Azul, Rojo, y Blanco

ΦΚΣ
PHI KAPPA SIGMA
IFC
National Founding: 1873
Local Founding: 2008
Chapter Website: pks.org
National Website: pks.org
Colors: Black and Old Gold

ΦΚΤ
PHI KAPPA TAU
IFC
National Founding: 1906
Local Founding: Coming Fall 2016
National Website: phikappatau.org
Colors: Harven Red and Old Gold
**ΦΣΚ**
**PHI SIGMA KAPPA**
IFC
National Founding: 1873
Local Founding: 2004
Chapter Website: scphisigns.com
National Website: phisigmakappa.org
Colors: Red and Silver

**ΠΚΑ**
**PI KAPPA ALPHA**
IFC
National Founding: 1868
Local Founding: 1891
Chapter Website: xi.pikes.org
National Website: pikes.org
Colors: Garnet and Gold

**ΠΚΦ**
**PI KAPPA PHI**
IFC
National Founding: 1904
Local Founding: 1910
Chapter Website: pikapp.org
National Website: pikapp.org
Colors: Blue and Gold

**ΣΑΕ**
**SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON**
IFC
National Founding: March 9, 1856
Local Founding: February 28, 1882
Chapter Website: saeuscs.com/welcome
National Website: lsae.net
Colors: Old Gold and Royal Purple

**ΣΒΡ**
**SIGMA BETA RHO FRATERNITY, INC.**
Multicultural
National Founding: August 16, 1996
Local Founding: April 18, 2010
Chapter Website: sigmabetarho.com
National Website: sigmabetarho.com
Colors: Red, Black, and Green

**ΣΛΒ**
**SIGMA LAMBDA BETA INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY, INC.**
Multicultural
National Founding: April 4, 1986
Local Founding: November 2, 2013
Chapter Website: facebook.com/USCBrothers
National Website: sigmalambdabeta.com
Colors: Royal Purple and Pure White

**ΣΝ**
**SIGMA NU**
IFC
National Founding: 1869
Local Founding: 1874
Chapter Website: sigmanudeltachapter.com
National Website: sigmanu.org
Colors: Black and Gold

**ΣΦΕ**
**SIGMA PHI EPSILON**
IFC
National Founding: November 1, 1901
Local Founding: April 2, 1904
Chapter Website: sigep.org
National Website: sigep.org
Colors: Purple and Red

**ΤΚΕ**
**TAU KAPPA EPSILON**
IFC
National Founding: January 10, 1899
Local Founding: November 12, 1988
Chapter Website: scsikte.com
National Website: tke.org
Colors: Crimson Lake Cherry and Pure Silver Gray

**ΘΧ**
**THETA CHI**
IFC
National Founding: April 10, 1859
Local Founding: March 21, 2015
Chapter Website: scethetachi.org
National Website: thetachi.org
Colors: Military Red and White

**ΘΔΧ**
**THETA DELTA CHI**
IFC
National Founding: 1847
Local Founding: 1859 (Recolonized 2008)
Chapter Website: blaida.wix.com/tdxhopro
National Website: tdx.org
Colors: White, Blue, and Black
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 live-in house director 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.
### SORORITY Cost to Join

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### PLEASE NOTE

A financial commitment is part of joining a fraternity or sorority. In order to operate, chapters charge membership dues once a semester. Fraternity members with houses in the Greek Village are typically required to live in the fraternity house at least one year, while sorority members with houses in the Greek Village have the opportunity to live in the house. 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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HAZING POLICY

Hazing is against the law. The University of South Carolina strongly believes in a vibrant learning environment where all students learn, grow, and develop to their fullest potential in a safe atmosphere. As such, Carolina strongly prohibits any actions, including hazing, that detract from such an environment.

Here is a link to USC’s hazing policy: www.sc.edu/policies/ppm/staf305.pdf

No organization may participate in the activity of hazing. Hazing is any activity undertaken by a group or organization or a member of that group or organization in which members or prospective members are subjected to activities that harass, intimidate, physically exhaust, impart pain, cause undue mental fatigue or mental distress, or which cause mutilation or alteration of the body or parts of the body.

Such activities include but are not limited to tests of endurance, submission of members or prospective members to potentially dangerous or hazardous circumstances, activities that have a foreseeable potential for resulting in personal injury, or any activity that by its nature is so profound that it would have a potential to cause severe mental anxiety, mental distress, panic, degradation, or public embarrassment. Registered organizations and 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, that they 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. Students found responsible for hazing face suspension from the university.

Want to report hazing anonymously? Call the Fraternity and Sorority Life Hazing Hotline at 803-777-5800.
What is the financial obligation 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, Greek boards, chapter officers, and 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 his or her 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 his or her chapter, do not hesitate to contact our office.
Frequently Used Greek Terms

**Advisor:** An alumnus member who serves as a resource for the active chapter and liaison between the alums 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:** Also known as a pin, it is an item of jewelry given to members upon initiation. The badge is to be worn at all official functions, and upon a member’s death, it should be returned to the sorority or fraternity headquarters. 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:** A branch of a national sorority or fraternity, established at a campus. Each will have its own name, usually designated by Greek letters.

**Conduct Board:** Board led by the VPs of conduct for Sorority and Fraternity Council. The board has some organizational sanctioning responsibilities and does risk management programming for the Greek community.

**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.

**Fraternity Council:** Governing body of the fraternity community at the University of South Carolina.

**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 NPHC members are selected to become pledges of an organization. Much more secretive than recruitment or rush.

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

**Line:** An NPHC term somewhat equal to a pledge class. They are the potential new members of the organization. Lines are often given names.

**Multicultural Greek Board:** 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, the person becomes a new member.

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

**NPC:** The National Panhellenic Conference is the organization that governs the 26 national women’s sororities.

**NPHC:** The National Pan-Hellenic Council, 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.

**Programming Board:** Board led by the VPs of programming for Sorority and Fraternity Council. Plans all Greek-wide programming in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and friendship. Also in charge of the Carolina-Clemson Blood Drive.

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

**Sorority Council:** The governing body of the sororities at the University of South Carolina.
COMING FALL 2016

Alpha Xi Delta

Panhellenic
National Founding: 1893
Local Founding: Coming Fall 2016
Chapter Website: sc.alphaxidelta.org
National Website: alphaxidelta.org
Colors: Dark Blue, Light Blue, and Gold

August 25: Recruitment Kickoff
August 29: How Sweet It Is To Be An Alpha Xi
August 31: Piece It Together Philanthropy Event
September 6: Add A Chapter To Your Life

Phi Kappa Tau

ΦΚΤ

IFC
National Founding: March 17, 1906
Local Founding: Coming Fall 2016
National Website: phikappatau.org
Colors: Harvard Red and Old Gold

Coming September 2016
October 5: Phi Kappa Tau Engagement Event