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University of Virginia



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Welcome to UVA



Involvement in the fraternity and sorority community has dramatically enhanced my time at UVA. The men and women I have met are consistently among the most passionate and engaged students that I know, so it is no wonder that our members are deeply invested in leadership and activities.

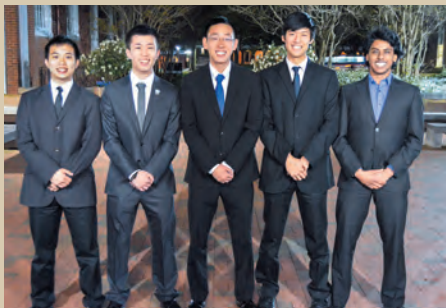
—KATHLEEN LAVELLE,
FORMER INTER-SORORITY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

For more than 160 years, fraternities and sororities at the University of Virginia have offered enriching values-based experiences that focus on scholarship, leadership, service, and brother/sisterhood. Since the establishment of our first chapter in 1852, the fraternal community has grown to support 60 chapters, which are governed by four distinct councils. Membership in our fraternity and sorority chapters encompasses nearly 30% of UVA's undergraduate population, representing over 4,000 students.

Beyond the brotherhood and sisterhood inherent in membership, fraternities and sororities offer increased opportunities for leadership development, personal growth,

scholastic achievement, and philanthropic service. In the 2013–2014 academic year, fraternities and sororities at the University reported raising over \$400,000 for charitable causes and logging over 56,000 hours of community service. This commitment to excellence in leadership and service has resulted in a significant impact for both the fraternal organizations and the local community.

The following pages provide introductory information on the various councils and chapters that comprise the fraternity and sorority community at Virginia. We invite you to explore this information and our web based resources as you consider joining the fraternity and sorority community at Virginia.



INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL • IFC



The Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) is the governing board for 30 social fraternities and approximately 1,800 men at the University. The IFC is comprised of three functional branches which are charged with developing and enforcing policies related to fraternity life, facilitating the membership recruitment process, implementing service based initiatives, and delivering educational programs and resources for the IFC community.

ΑΔΦ

Alpha Delta Phi



Chapter | Virginia
Founded | January 1832
Established at UVA | 2010
Philanthropy | Patrick Sean Murphy
Memorial Scholarship Fund

ΑΕΠ

Alpha Epsilon Pi



Chapter | Mu
Founded | November 7, 1913
Established at UVA | 1924
Philanthropy | Lion's Legacy

ΑΤΩ

Alpha Tau Omega



Chapter | Delta
Founded | September 11, 1865
Established at UVA | November 25, 1868
Philanthropy | Charlottesville SPCA

ΑΣΦ

Alpha Sigma Phi



Chapter | Zeta Upsilon
Founded | December 6, 1845
Established at UVA | November 2, 2013
Philanthropy | Homes for Our Troops

ΒΘΠ**Beta Theta Pi**

Chapter | Omicron
Founded | August 8, 1839
Established at UVA | April 24, 1855
Philanthropy | Charlottesville Free Clinic

ΧΦ**Chi Phi**

Chapter | Alpha
Founded | December 24, 1824
Established at UVA | May 1859
Philanthropy | Ashley Cowie Foundation

ΔΣΦ**Delta Sigma Phi**

Chapter | Alpha Mu
Founded | December 10, 1899
Established at UVA | May 1921
Philanthropy | Hope Community Center

ΚΑ**Kappa Alpha Order**

Chapter | Lambda
Founded | December 21, 1865
Established at UVA | November 19, 1873
Philanthropy | Mallette-Love Memorial Foundation

ΦΔΘ**Phi Delta Theta**

Chapter | Virginia Beta
Founded | December 26, 1848
Established at UVA | February 19, 2001
Philanthropy | ALS Association

ΦΚΨ**Phi Kappa Psi**

Chapter | Virginia Alpha
Founded | February 19, 1852
Established at UVA | December 8, 1853
Philanthropy | Carson Raymond Foundation

ΔΚΕ**Delta Kappa Epsilon**

Chapter | Eta
Founded | June 22, 1844
Established at UVA | November 26, 1852
Philanthropy | Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation

ΔΥ**Delta Upsilon**

Chapter | Virginia
Founded | November 4, 1834
Established at UVA | April 22, 1922
Philanthropy | Boys and Girls Club of Charlottesville

ΚΣ**Kappa Sigma**

Chapter | Zeta
Founded | December 10, 1869
Established at UVA | December 10, 1869
Philanthropy | Reading is Fundamental Foundation

ΦΓΔ**Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji)**

Chapter | Omicron
Founded | May 1, 1848
Established at UVA | December 31, 1858
Philanthropy | Jimmy V Foundation

INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL • IFC

ΦΣΚ

Phi Sigma Kappa



Chapter | Psi
Founded | March 15, 1873
Established at UVA | 1907
Philanthropy | Habitat for Humanity

Φ

Phi Society



Chapter | Virginia Beta
Founded | December 26, 1848
Established at UVA | November 18, 1873
Philanthropy | Boys and Girls Club of Charlottesville

ΠΚΦ

Pi Kappa Phi



Chapter | Beta Upsilon
Founded | December 10, 1904
Established at UVA | March 6, 1961
Philanthropy | Push America

ΔΨ

St. Anthony Hall (Delta Psi)



Chapter | Upsilon
Founded | January 17, 1847
Established at UVA | 1860
Philanthropy | American Heart Association

ΣΑΕ

Sigma Alpha Epsilon



Chapter | Virginia Omicron
Founded | March 9, 1856
Established at UVA | December 19, 1857
Philanthropy | Camp Kesem

ΣΧ

Sigma Chi



Chapter | Psi
Founded | June 28, 1855
Established at UVA | December 10, 1860
Philanthropy | Children's Miracle Network, UVA Children's Hospital

ΠΛΦ

Pi Lambda Phi



Chapter | Omega Alpha
Founded | March 21, 1895
Established at UVA | 1932
Philanthropy | March of Dimes, Alzheimer's Association

ΔΦ

St. Elmo Hall (Delta Phi)



Chapter | Rho
Founded | November 17, 1827
Established at UVA | January 1908
Philanthropy | One Love Foundation

ΣΑΜ

Sigma Alpha Mu



Chapter | Beta Psi
Founded | November 26, 1909
Established at UVA | 1968
Philanthropy | Alzheimer's Association

ΣΦ

Sigma Phi Society



Chapter | Alpha of Virginia
Founded | March 4, 1827
Established at UVA | February 27, 1954
Philanthropy | Monica Sue Long Foundation



TKE

Tau Kappa Epsilon



Chapter | Gamma Omicron
Founded | January 10, 1899
Established at UVA | December 1, 2012
Philanthropy | St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

ΣΠ

Sigma Pi



Chapter | Beta Pi
Founded | February 26, 1897
Established at UVA | April 4, 1959
Philanthropy | Nursing Students Without Borders

ΘΔΧ

Theta Delta Chi



Chapter | Nu Charge
Founded | October 31, 1847
Established at UVA | 1857
Philanthropy | Autism Speaks

ΘΧ

Theta Chi



Chapter | Xi
Founded | April 10, 1856
Established at UVA | January 26, 1914
Philanthropy | Comfort Zone Camp

ZΨ

Zeta Psi



Chapter | Beta
Founded | June 1, 1847
Established at UVA | 1868
Philanthropy | Jimmy V Foundation

ZBT

Zeta Beta Tau



Chapter | Phi Epsilon
Founded | December 29, 1898
Established at UVA | 1915
Philanthropy | Relay for Life, American Cancer Society

INTER-SORORITY COUNCIL • ISC

The Inter-Sorority Council (ISC) is the governing body of 16 social sororities on the Grounds. With nearly 2,500 members, the ISC represents the largest group of women on Grounds and strives to enhance the Greek experience by providing opportunities that support leadership, service, scholastic growth, social development, and sisterhood. The ISC strives to uphold the values of integrity, loyalty, compassion, and humility, upon which our organizations were founded, while supporting the University and local communities and developing an atmosphere conducive to friendship and sisterhood.

ΑΧΩ

Alpha Chi Omega



Chapter | Zeta Lambda
Founded | October 15, 1885
Established at UVA | April 19, 1980
Philanthropy | Domestic Violence Awareness, Shelter for Help in Emergency

ΑΔΠ

Alpha Delta Pi



Chapter | Zeta Xi
Founded | May 15, 1851
Established at UVA | April 16, 1977
Philanthropy | Ronald McDonald House

ΑΦ

Alpha Phi



Chapter | Zeta Iota
Founded | September 18, 1872
Established at UVA | December 2, 1978
Philanthropy | Alpha Phi Foundation, Women's Cardiac Care

ΧΩ

Chi Omega



Chapter | Lambda Gamma
Founded | April 5, 1895
Established at UVA | June 4, 1927
Philanthropy | Make a Wish Foundation

ΔΔΔ

Delta Delta Delta



Chapter | Beta Sigma
Founded | November 27, 1888
Established at UVA | September 27, 1975
Philanthropy | St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

ΔΓ

Delta Gamma



Chapter | Epsilon Gamma
Founded | December 25, 1873
Established at UVA | November 18, 1978
Philanthropy | Service for Sight

ΔΖ

Delta Zeta



Chapter | Lambda Delta
Founded | October 24, 1902
Established at UVA | November 12, 1977
Philanthropy | Starkey Hearing Foundation and Painted Turtle Camp

ΓΦΒ

Gamma Phi Beta



Chapter | Zeta Beta
Founded | November 11, 1874
Established at UVA | April 9, 1994
Philanthropy | Camp Fire USA, Girls on the Run



ΚΑΘ

Kappa Alpha Theta



Chapter | Delta Chi
Founded | January 27, 1870
Established at UVA | April 3, 1976
Philanthropy | CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), One Love Foundation

ΚΔ

Kappa Delta



Chapter | Beta Alpha
Founded | October 23, 1897
Established at UVA | June 5, 1932
Philanthropy | Prevent Child Abuse America, Children's Hospital In Richmond, Girl Scouts

ΚΚΓ

Kappa Kappa Gamma



Chapter | Epsilon Sigma
Founded | October 13, 1870
Established at UVA | October 23, 1976
Philanthropy | Reading is Fundamental, Sydney Owens Memorial Scholarship

ΠΒΦ

Pi Beta Phi



Chapter | Virginia Epsilon
Founded | April 28, 1867
Established at UVA | April 30, 1975
Philanthropy | SARA (Sexual Assault Resource Agency), First Book

ΣΔΤ

Sigma Delta Tau



Chapter | Beta Rho
Founded | March 25, 1917
Established at UVA | April 9, 2011
Philanthropy | Prevent Child Abuse America

ΣΚ

Sigma Kappa



Chapter | Theta Zeta
Founded | November 9, 1874
Established at UVA | April 16, 1987
Philanthropy | Alzheimer's Research, Maine Sea Coast mission

ΣΣΣ

Sigma Sigma Sigma



Chapter | Delta Chi
Founded | April 20, 1898
Established at UVA | April 23, 1981
Philanthropy | Robbie Page Memorial Fund

ZTA

Zeta Tau Alpha



Chapter | Gamma Nu
Founded | October 15, 1898
Established at UVA | January 5, 1952
Philanthropy | Breast Cancer Education and Awareness

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL • MGC

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is the governing body for Latino/a, Asian-interest, and multicultural fraternities and sororities. Established in 2000, the MGC is the youngest and fastest growing council at Virginia. Through incorporating cultural values and traditions, the MGC focuses on unifying members and offering diverse and unique experiences. The devotion to service based initiatives, scholarship, leadership, and friendship supports the fundamental mission of the MGC while enhancing the vision and culture of the greater community.



ΛΦΕ

Lambda Phi Epsilon



Chapter | Associate Status
Founded | February 25, 1981
Established at UVA | March 16, 2002
Philanthropy | Bone Marrow Donor Program

ΛΥΛ

Lambda Upsilon Lambda



Chapter | Alpha Epsilon
Founded | February 19, 1982
Established at UVA | December 10, 1999
Philanthropy | P.A.T.H.E. Initiative (Access to Higher Education)

■ MGC Fraternities

αΚΔΦ

alpha Kappa Delta Phi



Chapter | Sigma
Founded | February 7, 1990
Established at UVA | November 13, 1999
Philanthropy | Avon Breast Cancer Crusade

ΛΘΑ

Lambda Theta Alpha



Chapter | Gamma Alpha
Founded | December 1, 1975
Established at UVA | April 29, 2001
Philanthropy | St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

ΣΛΥ

Sigma Lambda Upsilon



Chapter | Alpha Rho
Founded | December 1, 1987
Established at UVA | March 23, 2013
Philanthropy | Literacy Empowerment

ΣΨΖ

Sigma Psi Zeta



Chapter | Lambda
Founded | March 23, 1994
Established at UVA | December 1, 2001
Philanthropy | Combat Violence Against Women

ΘΝΞ

Theta Nu Xi



Chapter | Pi
Founded | April 11, 1997
Established at UVA | December 7, 2002
Philanthropy | Girls for a Change

■ MGC Sororities

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL • NPHC

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the umbrella organization for the historically African American fraternities and sororities on Grounds. The mission of the National Pan-Hellenic Council is to promote the ideals and standards upon which their respective organizations were founded. Member organizations carry out this mission through joint action and events, such as community service projects, forums, and step-shows within the University and Charlottesville community.

ΑΦΑ

Alpha Phi Alpha



Chapter | Iota Beta
Founded | December 4, 1906
Established at UVA | March 10, 1974
Philanthropy | Boys and Girls Club of Charlottesville

ΚΑΨ

Kappa Alpha Psi



Chapter | Eta Sigma
Founded | January 5, 1911
Established at UVA | 1974
Philanthropy | St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

ΩΨΦ

Omega Psi Phi



Chapter | Lambda Zeta
Founded | November 17, 1911
Established at UVA | September 7, 1973
Philanthropy | Charlottesville Public Schools

ΦΒΣ

Phi Beta Sigma



Chapter | Zeta Eta
Founded | January 9, 1914
Established at UVA | April 17, 1974
Philanthropy | Holiday Sharing with Madison House

ΑΚΑ

Alpha Kappa Alpha



Chapter | Theta Kappa
Founded | January 15, 1908
Established at UVA | February 9, 1974
Philanthropy | Salvation Army, Worldwide Book Drive, Shelter for Help in Emergency

ΔΣΘ

Delta Sigma Theta



Chapter | Kappa Rho
Founded | January 13, 1913
Established at UVA | September 29, 1973
Philanthropy | Ronald McDonald House of Charlottesville

ΖΦΒ

Zeta Phi Beta



Chapter | Tau Theta
Founded | January 16, 1920
Established at UVA | April 2, 1978
Philanthropy | March of Dimes, National Education Foundation

ΣΓΡ

Sigma Gamma Rho



Chapter | Theta Lambda
Founded | November 12, 1922
Established at UVA | December 5, 1980
Philanthropy | March of Dimes

POLICIES AND DATES

ISC Recruitment



Recruitment

Perhaps one of the most recognized functions of the ISC is overseeing the recruitment process that takes place each year. Potential new members are invited to consider sorority membership through two different processes: Informal and Formal Recruitment. Informal Recruitment occurs at the beginning of the fall semester and is open only to transfer, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students. Formal Recruitment takes place immediately following winter break. This formal process is considerably more structured and is the ISC's primary method of attaining new members.

ISC Contact Policy

The Inter-Sorority Council values that deferred recruitment enables upperclassmen to develop

relationships with first year students who are not members of the sorority community. In order to ensure that all first year women are afforded the same opportunities during the recruitment process, the ISC has established a Contact Policy to explain what types of communication and interaction are permitted between sorority women and non-affiliated women. This policy further ensures that non-affiliated women can develop authentic and meaningful relationships with sorority women without feeling that they are either at a disadvantage or an advantage for being offered a membership bid. For detailed information and guidelines on the Contact Policy, please visit the Virginia ISC website (www.virginiaisc.com) and reference Contact Policy under Recruitment Regulations.

Letters of Recommendation

While not required, a recommendation letter serves as an introduction of a potential new member to a sorority. Such letters are not in any way mandatory, but simply help chapters become acquainted with a potential new member before the Formal Recruitment process begins. Some sororities appreciate these letters and use them to help in the recruitment process.

Should an alumna offer to write a recommendation, the recommendation should be sent directly to the individual sorority. Please visit www.virginiaisc.com/recruitment for the contact information and addresses to which letters of recommendation should be sent.

ISC Recruitment Dates

Fall 2014 Recruitment

(Second, Third, Fourth Year and Transfer Students Only)

- Sept. 7 Information Session and Meet and Greet
- Sept. 7–21 Informal Recruitment Period
- Sept. 21 Informal Recruitment Bid Day

**Bids cannot be distributed prior to September 21st*

Spring 2015 Recruitment

- Jan. 9 PNM Meeting and Move in to Dorms
- Jan. 10–11 Round Robbins
- Jan. 12–14 *No Contact Days*
- Jan. 15–16 Philanthropy Rounds
- Jan. 17 House Tours
- Jan. 18 Preferentials
- Jan. 19 Bid Day

MGC Intake Information

Although the member organizations of the Multicultural Greek Council recruit new members at different times throughout the year and through different processes, many can be found at the activities fairs that occur once per semester and at other events hosted by the council. Contact the fraternity or sorority for more information on the recruitment process for a specific MGC organization.

IFC Recruitment Dates

Fall 2014 Recruitment

(Second, Third, Fourth, and Transfer Students Only)

- Sept. 19–20 Open House • 7 – 10pm, All Houses
- Sept. 27 Bid Day

Spring 2015 Recruitment

- Jan. 15 Open House • 7 – 10pm
South of Beta Bridge
- Jan. 16 Open House • 7 – 10pm
North of Beta Bridge
- Jan. 17 Open House • 7 – 10pm, All Houses
- Jan. 18 *No Contact Day*
- Jan. 19–21 First Invites
- Jan. 22 *No Contact Day*
- Jan. 23–25 Second Invites
- Jan. 26 *No Contact Day*
- Jan. 27 Third Invites
- Jan. 28 *No Contact Day*
- Jan. 29 Third Invites
- Jan. 30 Final Hours
- Jan. 31 Bid Day

NPHC Intake Information

Chapters in the National Pan-Hellenic Council recruit at different times throughout the academic year. Each fraternity and sorority facilitates a specific intake process for new members. To find out more information about membership, please contact the specific fraternity or sorority.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQs

How many students are involved in fraternity/sorority life at UVA?

Approximately 29 percent of the undergraduate population. The community is slightly smaller in the fall semester since formal recruitment occurs in the spring.

Which chapters are represented at UVA?

UVA is currently home to 60 chapters, governed by four distinct councils: the Inter-Sorority Council (ISC), the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC). Specific chapter information can be accessed on their websites.

What are the benefits of membership?

Fraternities and sororities are values-based organizations that focus on scholarship, leadership, service, and brother/sisterhood. By joining a fraternal organization, students are afforded sisterhood or brotherhood opportunities that often become life-long friendships, as well as expansive contact networks during and after their college career. Fraternities and sororities also spend vast amounts of time and effort contributing to the

greater Charlottesville community and to charitable causes. Membership also affords students unique leadership opportunities as each of the chapters and governing councils is led by students.

What are the expenses associated with membership? Is financial assistance available?

Like any opportunity for involvement in college, there is a financial commitment. The costs go toward council and national fees, chapter operating expenses and social functions. Students and alumni set the fees for membership in any given chapter, and those fees can be put toward national organization fees, operational expenses, philanthropic endeavors, insurance, retreat costs, social expenditures, scholarship funding, and parent and alumni functions. All prospective new members are encouraged to inquire about membership costs during the recruitment process. Be aware that additional costs may be incurred throughout the semester for gifts, pictures, social events, t-shirts, etc.

The *Greek Endowed Scholarship* was created to offset some of the


costs associated with membership. A scholarship of up to \$3,000 is awarded annually to students who demonstrate financial need, scholastic merit, and contribution to the Greek and UVA communities. Additionally, many individual chapters offer scholarship funds for members. Contact them directly to inquire what types of financial assistance is offered.

Will I have time to be involved in fraternity/sorority life?

Being a member can be a substantial time commitment. In any given week, it is likely for a member to have one chapter meeting, one new member meeting during the first semester of membership, one committee meeting and one to two social or community service activities. Recruitment events or intramural sports may be of interest to you as well. Members often balance multiple commitments and are able to determine what level of involvement they wish to have in their fraternal organization.

How much time does membership take? How will it affect members' academics?

Each chapter has a minimum requirement for attendance at chapter meetings,



philanthropic and service events, and social events. However, members can choose their level of involvement. All students are encouraged to put their academics first, as scholarship is a top priority. To enter and remain a part, members of most organizations are required to maintain a minimum GPA. Many chapters offer tutoring and study hall services.

If I go through recruitment/rush, do I have to join?

No. Recruitment is a time to see what fraternities and sororities offer. Going through recruitment or rush does not commit you to joining.

When does recruitment start at UVA?

Informal recruitment for transfer, second, and third year students begins in the fall semester of each academic year for the ISC and the IFC. The NPHC begins recruitment with a “Meet the Greeks” session in the first weeks of the fall semester. The organizations of the MGC recruit at different times throughout the year. Students interested in MGC or NPHC membership should contact the Council directly to find out about their specific recruitment timelines.

The ISC Formal Recruitment

Process will occur from January 10-19, 2015. The IFC Formal Recruitment process will occur from January 15-31, 2015.

Why does UVA have a deferred recruitment system?

The University encourages “the first-year experience” and believes first-year students need time to adjust to college life without the time commitment of joining in their first semester. It is important for first-year students to focus on academic achievement, making friends, getting settled into college life, and to begin to make decisions about what types of student organizations they will want to become involved in.

What role does alcohol play in these organizations?

All fraternities and sororities are expected to comply with the policies and regulations concerning alcohol that are outlined by the University, the respective Governing Council, and the Inter/National organization of the fraternity/sorority. Additionally, all fraternities and sororities are required to attend an educational program on alcohol and substance abuse during each academic year.

What types of activities or philanthropic events do fraternity and sorority members at UVA participate in?

Service is a cornerstone of the Greek community, and each of our 60 sororities and fraternities is dedicated to one or more philanthropic causes or organizations. Additionally, students within the Greek community are involved in a number of activities around Grounds.

What about hazing? UVA does not condone hazing in any form. If you would like to learn more about our stance against hazing, please visit www.virginia.edu/hazing for more information.

If you feel that you or someone you know is participating in inappropriate activities as a result of membership in a fraternity or sorority, contact Fraternity and Sorority Life. Calls will be handled in a discreet manner. Additionally, the Hazing Hotline, 434.243-HAZE (4293), is available to report incidents of hazing. All calls will be handled discreetly and efficiently. Our aim is to address all concerns about hazing and to ensure the well-being of our students.

By the numbers

29%

Percentage of the undergraduates population that is a member of a fraternal organization.

1,312

Number of students joining a fraternity or sorority in 2013-2014.

4,452

Total undergraduates affiliated with fraternity and sorority life at the University.

3.31

Average GPA of a fraternity/sorority member.

162

Number of years fraternal life has existed at the University.

60

Number of active Greek chapters.

56,882

Number community service hours completed by fraternity/sorority members in the 2013-2014 academic year.

\$413,369

Amount of funds raised in charitable donations by the Greek community for 2013-2014.



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