

Fraternity and Sorority Life
@University of Massachusetts
Amherst

2010 New Student Orientation
Program

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- FRATERNITIES HAVE BEEN AT THE UNIVERSITY SINCE 1869
- THE SYSTEM IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR COUNCILS:
 - INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
 - MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL
 - NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL
 - PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

Basic Facts

- There are 37+ chapters
- Membership size ranges from 3-70
- Approx. 1000 students participate in the system
- All but 3 chapters have a national affiliation
- 12 of the chapters have housing

Benefits of Membership

- Opportunity to connect with other students and agencies within the university
- Opportunity to connect with fraternity and sorority members at other campuses
- Opportunity to network with alumni/ae of the chapter, national organization, and other schools
- Opportunity to connect with others through community service and other activities

Academics

- Fraternities and Sororities value academic success
- University and national organizations monitor academic standings of chapters
- Chapters have scholarship programs
- Older chapter members can assist younger members
- Fraternity and Sorority GPA is competitive with University GPA
- Order of Omega Honor Society

Leadership

- Each chapter has an internal structure of officers and committee chairs
- Leadership development programs are offered through campus agencies and by national organizations
- Chapter leadership works with leaders from other agencies
- Governing councils have leadership positions with greater responsibilities and access

Community Service

- Many chapters sponsor service-oriented events to raise funds, awareness, or perform service
- Service promotes interaction with the greater Amherst community
- Service projects provides opportunities to apply knowledge-base acquired through academic work and develop skill application

Examples of Community Service Agencies and Programs

- Shelter Sunday
- Five College Relay for Life/ACS
- Big Brother/Big Sister
- American Heart Association
- Amherst Middle School
- Springfield Boys Club
- Soup Kitchens
- Habitat for Humanity
- Special Olympics
- Disability Ramps
- Autism Speaks
- Baystate Children's Hospital
- Domestic violence
- Western Mass Food Bank
- A Better Chance House

UDance!

- Year long effort to raise funds and awareness for the Children's Miracle Network and Bay State Children's Hospital
- Culminates in UDance event in November – 12 hour event
- UDance is sponsored by the Fraternity and Sorority System
- UDance is managed by a committee comprised of students

Campus Involvement

- Members participate in and lead student organizations
- Members work on campus
- Members work in academic programs
- Members are a part of the Student Government Association (SGA)
- Chapters field teams in Intra-Mural Sports Program

Activities

- Leadership Retreats
- Conferences and Conventions
- Parents Weekend
- Homecoming
- Workshops
- First Week
- Career Development and Networking
- Greek Week
- Date Parties
- Formals
- Step Shows and Stroll Competition
- DJ Dance Parties
- Regional Events
- Recruitment/Intake Events

Housing

- 6 Fraternity Houses and 6 Sorority Houses
- House capacities range from 20-45 occupants
- 5 sorority houses offer meal plans; 1 fraternity offers a meal plan
- Facilities are inspected twice a year by Town of Amherst
- Code of Student Conduct applies
- Must be a second year student to move into a fraternity/sorority facility

Brotherhood/Sisterhood

- More than just friends – making a commitment that lasts long after college
- Create an extended family
- Do activities which help develop the relationships
- Makes the university smaller and more intimate
- Maintain connections with members through alumni events & programs

How and When to Join

- First Week – various activities & Activities Expo
- Information sessions and Meet the Greeks
- Information tables on Campus Center Concourse
- Check web sites – www.umass.edu/greek/
- www.umass.edu/campuspulse
- Panhellenic Sororities – Formal Recruitment Process
- Interfraternity Council Fraternities – recruitment events
- National Pan-Hellenic and Multicultural Chapters – intake process, information sessions, CC Concourse
- Opportunities to join in the fall and the spring

How and When to Join

- Most chapters accept first year students; exception – some NPHC and MGC chapters have requirements that must be met prior to intake process – must complete one academic semester prior to intake, for example
- Some chapters have grade point requirements
- Some chapters conduct year-round recruitment
- Most IFC and Panhellenic & some MGC chapters recruit at the beginning of each semester

How and When to Join

- Attend recruitment events, information sessions, events
- Meet as many people as possible
- Ask questions
- Research – especially for NPHC and MGC chapters
- Are financial obligations – be sure to ask!

Who Are We: Interfraternity Council

- Alpha Delta Phi -ΑΔΦ
- Alpha Epsilon Pi –ΑΕΠ
- Alpha Tau Gamma-ΑΤΓ
- Delta Upsilon – ΔΥ
- Lambda Phi Epsilon-ΛΦΕ
- Phi Sigma Kappa-ΦΣΚ
- Pi Kappa Alpha – ΠΚΑ
- Pi Kappa Phi – ΠΚΦ
- Sigma Phi Epsilon – ΣΦΕ
- Theta Chi – ΘΧ
- Zeta Beta Tau – ΖΒΤ
- New Colonies:
- Delta Chi – ΔΧ
- Phi Gamma Delta-ΦΓΔ (FIJI)

Who Are We: Multicultural Greek Council

- Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority – ΔΞΦ
- Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority – ΚΦΛ
- Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity-ΣΛΒ
- Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity – ΦΙΑ
- Pi Delta Psi Fraternity – ΠΔΨ
- Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority – ΣΛΓ
- Sigma Lambda Upsilon Sorority-ΣΛΥ
- Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority – ΣΨΖ
- Omega Psi Delta Sorority - ΩΨΔ

Who Are We: National Pan-Hellenic Council

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. – ΑΦΑ
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc – ΑΚΑ
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. – ΚΑΨ
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – ΩΨΦ
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – ΔΣΘ
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. – ΦΒΣ
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. – ΖΦΒ
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. – ΣΓΡ
- Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. – ΙΦΘ

Who Are We: Panhellenic Council Sororities

- Alpha Chi Omega – ΑΧΩ
- Alpha Epsilon Phi – ΑΕΦ
- Chi Omega – ΧΩ
- Iota Gamma Upsilon – ΙΓΥ
- Kappa Kappa Gamma – ΚΚΓ
- Sigma Delta Tau – ΣΔΤ
- Sigma Kappa - ΣΚ

Fraternity and Sorority Options

- Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity
- Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia/Sigma Alpha Iota (Music)
- Kappa Kappa Psi/Tau Beta Sigma (Marching Band)
- Honor societies and academic organizations which use Greek letters

For More Information:

- www.umass.edu/greek/
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