FRATERNITY & SORORITY Experience Guide

The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA.
Congratulations on your decision to join us at the University of Oklahoma and become a part of the OU Family!

The University of Oklahoma is home to countless student organizations, each bringing a unique aspect to the university community. Our campus fraternities and sororities are no different, each providing a place for growth and development of OU students. Regardless of how far you will travel to Norman, your chosen organization will quickly become your home away from home and the members of your fraternity or sorority will soon become your family.

Greek students have been a part of the longstanding tradition at the University of Oklahoma since the first fraternity was established here in 1905. Academic excellence, civic engagement, volunteerism, and friendship are just a few tenets that make our fraternity and sorority community so special.

Your time spent at the University of Oklahoma will be some of the best years of your life, and we hope this guide will provide you with the information and resources necessary to consider fraternity or sorority membership here on campus.

We wish you the best in your collegiate experience and hope you will join us as a member of the fraternity and sorority community at OU.

Sincerely,

- OU Fraternity and Sorority Programs and Services Staff
SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Thank you for your interest in Fraternity and Programs and Services (FSPS) at the University of Oklahoma! We proudly serve students by providing leadership and personal development opportunities during the year. Our team encourages students to get involved to provide an enhanced collegiate experience. Check out some of our signature programs below:

GREEK SERVICE WEEK
Greek Service Week is a student-led initiative to promote service and give back to the Norman community. Each council hosts a day of service for members of the entire Greek community to participate in. Greek Service Week occurs each fall semester at OU.

SAFE BREAK
Safe Break is an annual pre-Spring Break event held in honor of Lisa Weider, a Panhellenic woman who passed away tragically while on Spring Break in 2004. The event promotes safety during Spring Break activities for all Greek students.

EDUCATION SESSIONS
The fraternity and sorority community values the safety of our members. All new members of fraternities and sororities on campus must attend three educational sessions to prepare, empower, and equip them to take ownership of their new member experience. Students must attend sessions on hazing prevention, sexual assault awareness, and alcohol education.

AFLV CONFERENCE
The Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values Conference (AFLV) is hosted each year in February. At OU, all five of our Greek councils send representatives to this conference to build relationships and gain critical knowledge to bring back to the OU community.

FSPS LEADERSHIP RETREAT
Each spring, the FSPS staff hosts a leadership retreat for all Greek council executive officers and chapter presidents. The retreat is an optimal time for personal and leadership development, as well as a time to build relationships with leaders in other councils.

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE
The Standards of Excellence initiative began in 2010 to renew focus on the integration of our core principles among all Greek chapters. Each year we award chapters in seven core areas of excellence that represent the goals of chapter members and the university and its commitment to providing meaningful experiences outside the classroom.
WHO WE SERVE

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Looking for more information? Learn more about community statistics, programming offerings, and more at greek.ou.edu.

Our Community Vision

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
All Greek organizations understand their members are students first. Our chapters challenge members to exceed academically through mentorship programs, study halls, and academic workshops.

DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION
Our chapters provide leadership development for their members in many ways. We expect students to leave their chapters as better versions of themselves. Student development is a priority for our community.

SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT
Serving the community is a touchstone of Greek Life at the University of Oklahoma. Whether contributing service hours, raising funds or both, our chapters give back to the OU and Norman communities.

SIBLINGHOOD AND FRIENDSHIP
Brother and sisterhood between members and organizations on campus is a part of our community we value. These connections impact students and help make a large campus like OU feel like home.

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WHO WE ARE

6,443
Fraternity & Sorority Members on Campus

55%
Female Members

45%
Male Members

79
1.3%
International Students

3,302
51.2%
Out of State

3,062
47.5%
From Oklahoma

HOW WE SERVE

$750,000+
Philanthropic Funds Raised in 2019

175,000+
Community Service Hours Completed In 2019

2,000+
Executive Leadership Positions Held on Campus in 2019
WHAT WE STUDY

CLASSIFICATION

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MEMBERS

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ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

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HOW WE RANK

984 Students with Two Degrees

3.26 GPA
All-Greek GPA Compared To Campus All-Undergraduate GPA of 3.24

$24M Scholarship Dollars Awarded to Greek Students in 2019–2020
My organization gave me a bigger platform to reach those in many different communities in Oklahoma and the world. Being a part of my organization gave me a sisterhood like no other and I have been pushed in ways that I have never been before. I will forever be grateful for the inspiration and encouragement I have found in my time in my organization. I will always be thankful for the life-changing experiences and support Greek Life has given me.

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The most impactful part of being Greek for me is the ability to uphold my personal values, such as my faith. My Greek organization has similar founding values. My advice for anyone looking to join the Greek community at OU would be to be open to different options! There are so many different Greek chapters on our campus. No matter what council you are looking to join, just be yourself during the recruitment or intake processes.

My favorite part about being involved in Greek life is getting opportunities to perform in front of people. I love to dance and I get a lot of satisfaction from stepping and strolling with my brothers whom I love and share the same mission with. I also love being around like-minded men who share some of the same qualities as me. Some advice I would give to anyone looking to join NPHC would be to prioritize academics. Grades lay the foundation for all we do.

My advice to anyone looking to join Greek life is to come in with an open mind and take it one step at a time. Also, be willing to ask questions of the organizations to make sure you fully understand their mission, community and values.

I admire the Greek system’s way of encouraging excellence, or in other words, encouraging you to be the best version of you. That kind of empowerment is unique and genuinely refreshing.
As the Interfraternity Council (IFC) President for 2020, I am excited to be a leader and make an impact within not only the Greek community but the entire OU community, as well. IFC is made up of sixteen amazing chapters that allow for over 2,000 members to have an amazing Greek and college experience. The IFC community and every chapter here at the University of Oklahoma is founded on the pillars of academics, leadership, service, and brotherhood. Throughout the history of the University of Oklahoma, members of fraternities and sororities have become campus leaders and continued to show their leadership abilities beyond graduation. IFC members are consistently leaders with the Student Government Association, Campus Activities Council, Leadership & Volunteerism, and many other communities across campus.

IFC here at the University of Oklahoma has contributed thousands of hours of community service and has raised tens of thousands of dollars for different charities. Each chapter here at the University of Oklahoma has their own charitable organization which every year they raise thousands of dollars for. Whether members are raising money for the Children’s Hospital Foundation, serving the Norman community during Big Event, or collecting diapers and winter coat for those in need with The Center for Children and Families of Norman, the Interfraternity Council is dedicated to making an impact on the community around us.

During my time here at OU, the IFC community has had nothing but a positive impact on me and those close to me. I hope that you, too, consider making this amazing, life-changing decision.

James Thompson, Interfraternity Council President
### IFC ORGANIZATIONS

**For more information, visit ifc.ou.edu**

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Hello!

As the President of the Independent Greek Council, I would like to introduce you to our family.

We, as of this year, host nine interest-based chapters in our council. These chapters were founded. The chapters have different basis in STEM, music, religion, and cultural heritage. All the chapters may be different but are active in our community. On behalf of IGC, we are so happy that you chose OU, and we hope that you find your second family here.

Best regards,
Joseph Parackal, Independent Greek Council President
**IGC ORGANIZATIONS**
For more information, visit link.ou.edu/igc

**ΑΣΚ  ALPHASIGMA KAPPA**
*Women in Technical Studies*
- **Nickname:** A S K
- **Founding:** University of Minnesota, 1989
- **OU:** 1997
- **Web:** www.ask-wits.com
- **Philanthropy:** STEM Education

**ΒΥΧ  BETA UPSILON CHI**
*Brothers Under Christ*
- **Nickname:** BYX
- **Founding:** University of Texas, 1985
- **OU:** 2000
- **Web:** www.betaupsilonchi.org
- **Philanthropy:** Down's Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma

**ΓΔΠ  GAMMA DELTA PI**
*American Indian Sorority*
- **Nickname:** G D P
- **Founding:** University of Oklahoma 2001
- **OU:**
- **Web:** www.ou.edu/gammadeltapi
- **Philanthropy:** Native Alliance Against Violence

**ΚΦ  KAPPA PHI**
*Sisters in Christ, Sisters for Life*
- **Nickname:** K Phi
- **Founding:** University of Kansas 1916
- **OU:** 1921
- **Web:** www.kappaphi.com
- **Philanthropy:** United Methodist Church

**ΦΙΑ  PHI IOTA ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.**
*Semper Parati, Semper Juncti*
- **Nickname:** Phiota
- **Founding:** Rensselaer Polytechnic, 1931
- **OU:** 2019
- **Web:** www.phiota.org
- **Philanthropy:** UNICEF

**ΦΜΑ  PHI MU ALPHA**
*Among Men Harmony*
- **Nickname:** Sinfonia
- **Founding:** NE Music Conservatory, 1898
- **OU:** 1912
- **Web:** www.sinfonia.org
- **Philanthropy:** Ossian Everett Music Mission

**ΣΦΛ  SIGMA PHI LAMBDA**
*Sisters For The Lord*
- **Nickname:** Phi Lamb
- **Founding:** University of Texas, 1988
- **OU:** 2003
- **Web:** www.sigmaphilambda.org
- **Philanthropy:** World Vision

**ΣΑΙ  SIGMA ALPHA IOTA**
*International Music Fraternity*
- **Nickname:** S A I
- **Founding:** Univ. School of Music, 1903
- **OU:** 1929
- **Web:** www.sai-national.org
- **Philanthropy:** Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies, Inc.

**ΔΤΡ  TRIANGLE FRATERNITY**
*Developing Balanced Men in Engineering, Architecture, and Science*
- **Nickname:** Triangle
- **Founding:** University of Illinois, 1907
- **OU:** 1979
- **Web:** www.triangle.org
- **Philanthropy:** Habitat for Humanity
Welcome!

As the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) President for 2020, I would like to welcome you into our community! A community that strives and grows as a collective group of outstanding students. You’re about to start a new and exciting chapter of your life and I believe that OU MGC is a great place to find a diverse support system. The Multicultural Greek Council is empowered by the cultural heritage of our 12 organizations with multicultural membership and we welcome individuals from all cultural backgrounds!

We pride ourselves in being one of the largest and healthiest multicultural council in the Nation! Find your second family, your home away from home, and your long-life brotherhood/sisterhood in MGC!

Sincerely,
Miriam Gutierrez, Multicultural Greek Council President
MGC ORGANIZATIONS
For more information, visit mgc.ou.edu

ALPHA KAPPA DELTA PHI INTERNATIONAL SORORITY, INC.

Timeless Friendship
Through Sisterhood
Nickname: A K D Phi
Founding: UC Berkeley, 1989
OU: 2003
Web: www.akdphi.org
Philanthropy: Breast Cancer Research

GAMMA BETA NATIONAL FRATERNITY

Making Good
Men Better
Nickname: G B
Founding: University of Texas, 2000
OU: 2000
Web: www.gammabeta.com
Philanthropy: Jade Ribbon Campaign

KAPPA DELTA CHI SORORITY, INC.

Leading With Integrity,
United Through Service
Nickname: K D Chi
Founding: Texas Tech, 1987
OU: 1999
Web: www.kappadeltachi.org
Philanthropy: American Cancer Society

LAMBDA DELTA PSI SORORITY, INC.

Through Love and Devotion,
Sisterhood
Nickname: L D Psi
Founding: University of Oklahoma
OU: 2009
Web: www.lambdadeltapsi.org
Philanthropy: Ovarian Cancer Awareness

LAMBDA PHI EPSILON INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY, INC.

Creating Leaders
Among Men
Nickname: Lambdas
Founding: UCLA, 1981
OU: 2007
Web: lambdaphiepsilon.com
Philanthropy: Asian Donor Program

OMEGA DELTA PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

One Culture,
Any Race
Nickname: O D Phi
Founding: Texas Tech, 1987
OU: 1996
Web: www.omegadeltaphi.com
Philanthropy: Court Appointed Special Advocates

PHI DELTA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

To Be, Rather
Than to Seem
Nickname: Phi Dee
Founding: University of Oklahoma
OU: 2002
Web: phideltaalpha.wixsite.com/oklahoma
Philanthropy: Lupus Awareness

SIGMA LAMBDA BETA INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY, INC.

Opportunity for Wisdom,
Wisdom for Culture
Nickname: Betas
Founding: University of Iowa, 1968
OU: 2015
Web: www.sigmalambdabeta.com
Philanthropy: Sigma Lambda Beta Educational Foundation

SIGMA LAMBDA GAMMA NATIONAL SORORITY, INC.

Culture Is Pride,
Pride is Success
Nickname: Gammas
Founding: University of Iowa, 1990
OU: 2002
Web: sigmalambdagamma.com
Philanthropy: Breast Cancer Awareness

SIGMA NU ALPHA GAMMA

We Set
The Standard
Nickname: Society of Native Gentlemen
Founding: University of Oklahoma
OU: 2004
Web: fb.me/alphaphoenixes
Philanthropy: Native Alliance Against Violence

TAU KAPPA OMEGA FRATERNITY, INC.

One Brotherhood,
One Sound
Nickname: Taikos
Founding: University of Oklahoma
OU: 2002
Web: www.taukappaomega.com
Philanthropy: Sunflower Mission

THETA NU XI MULTICULTURAL SORORITY, INC.

Sisters of Diversity,
Together as One
Nickname: Butterflies
Founding: UNC Chapel Hill, 1997
OU: 2017
Web: www.thetanuxi.org
Philanthropy: Girl Up

For more information, visit mgc.ou.edu
Welcome,

I am deeply honored to have been entrusted as the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) president for the 2019 school year. I appreciate your interest in the historically Black Greek-Letter Organizations here at the University of Oklahoma. Though our history and legacy resides in the Black community, each of our organizations has members of all races and ethnicities. Within NPHC there are nine organizations also known as the “Divine 9”. We are proud to boast we have all nine organizations chartered here at OU. As each organization has its own uniqueness and characteristics that make it stand out from the others, there are three tenets that are collectively shared, these being scholarship, service, and brotherhood/sisterhood. Each organization's mottos, creeds, and mission statements reflect this in some way, shape, or form.

Becoming an active member is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will without a doubt change your life for the better. Membership is more than what is portrayed on social media or through entertainment. Our organizations were created to be a light in a dark world, to help those who couldn't help themselves, and to pave the way for African-Americans everywhere. To be around like-minded, yet uniquely different individuals that assist with your personal growth, respectfully challenge you to do more and to support you in your endeavors, is something rare that cannot be found just anywhere. Members of NPHC are business-oriented in the fact the work of our organizations is never finished. Should you join any of the organizations within NPHC, the commitment will be one that lasts, and is cherished, for a lifetime.

Ushyra Raymond, National Pan-Hellenic Council President
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*Chapter is chartered, but not currently active on campus.*
Welcome, welcome, welcome!

I am so beyond excited to introduce you to the Panhellenic Association at the University of Oklahoma. We are proud to be home to 11 wonderful chapters, full of wonderful women. Here at OU, the Panhellenic woman is a part of something greater than herself. She is kind, she is generous, she is compassionate, and she is strong. She values wisdom and hard-work. We are proud to boast over 3,100 of these Panhellenic women in our community (over 10% of all undergraduate students!), who are involved in anything and everything on campus you can imagine, such as scholarship groups, philanthropic or service groups, leadership groups, faith or ideal based groups, or even just fun groups like the Lettuce club. The point is, the word “Sisterhood” is more than just a buzz-word here. As a Panhellenic woman, you’ll be welcomed into families and relationships that last far beyond your college career. You’ll be challenged to be more than just a student and to really make the most of your time at the University of Oklahoma. Finally, no matter where you’re from, you’ll feel that you were sooner born, sooner bred.

Maren Schultz, Panhellenic President
**PANHELLENIC ORGANIZATIONS**
For more information, visit pan.ou.edu

### ΑΧΩ  ALPHA CHI OMEGA
Real. Strong. Women.
- **Nickname**: Alpha Chi, A Chi O
- **Founding**: DePauw University, 1885
- **O U**: 1916
- **Web**: www.alphachiomega.org
- **Philanthropy**: Domestic Violence Awareness

### ΑΓΔ  ALPHA GAMMA DELTA
Loving. Leading. Lasting.
- **Nickname**: Alpha Gam, A G D
- **Founding**: Syracuse University, 1904
- **O U**: 1919
- **Web**: alphagammadelta.org
- **Philanthropy**: Fighting Hunger

### ΑΟΠ  ALPHA OMICRON PI
Inspire Ambition
- **Nickname**: A O Pi
- **Founding**: Barnard College, 1897
- **O U**: 1924
- **Web**: www.alphaomicronpi.org
- **Philanthropy**: National Arthritis Foundation

### ΑΦ  ALPHA PHI
Union Hand in Hand
- **Nickname**: A Phi
- **Founding**: Syracuse University, 1872
- **O U**: 1917
- **Web**: www.alphaphi.org
- **Philanthropy**: The Alpha Phi Foundation

### ΧΩ  CHI OMEGA
Sisters on Purpose
- **Nickname**: Chi O
- **Founding**: University of Arkansas, 1895
- **O U**: 1919
- **Web**: www.chiomega.com
- **Philanthropy**: Make-A-Wish Foundation

### ΔΔΔ  DELTA DELTA DELTA
A Perpetual Bond of Friendship
- **Nickname**: Tri Delta
- **Founding**: Boston University, 1888
- **O U**: 1910
- **Web**: www.tridelta.org
- **Philanthropy**: St. Jude Children's Hospital

### ΔΓ  DELTA GAMMA
Do Good
- **Nickname**: D G
- **Founding**: Lewis School for Girls, 1873
- **O U**: 1918
- **Web**: www.deltagamma.org
- **Philanthropy**: Service for Sight

### ΓΦΒ  GAMMA PHI BETA
True and Constant.
- **Nickname**: Gamma Phi, G Phi
- **Founding**: Syracuse University, 1874
- **O U**: 1918
- **Web**: www.gammaphibeta.org
- **Philanthropy**: Girls on the Run

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Leading Women
- **Nickname**: Theta
- **Founding**: DePauw University, 1870
- **O U**: 1909
- **Web**: www.kappaalphatheta.org
- **Philanthropy**: Court Appointed Special Advocates

### ΚΚΓ  KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA
Aspire to Be
- **Nickname**: Kappa
- **Founding**: Monmouth College, 1870
- **O U**: 1914
- **Web**: kappakappagamma.org
- **Philanthropy**: Center for Children and Families, Inc.

### ΠΒΦ  PI BETA PHI
Friends and Leaders for Life
- **Nickname**: Pi Phi
- **Founding**: Monmouth College, 1867
- **O U**: 1910
- **Web**: www.pibetaphi.org
- **Philanthropy**: First Book
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- LMD: Leadership & Member Development
- RE: Recruitment & Education of New Members
- SV: Community Service & Volunteerism
- SR: Key Stakeholder Relations
- RM: Risk Management & Social Responsibility

*Fraternity and Sorority Programs and Services chapter excellence and recognition program

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Organizations new to FSPS in Fall 2020: Phi Iota Alpha (IGC) and Sigma Alpha Mu (IFC).
MEMBERSHIP INTAKE & RECRUITMENT

The membership intake and recruitment processes look very different for each Greek council on campus. Each council and sometimes the individual chapters within each council have differing processes for bringing in new members to their organizations. For more specific information regarding membership intake and recruitment, please visit www.greek.ou.edu.

IGC
Independent Greek Council
Many IGC chapters hold recruitment during the first few weeks of school and some during both the fall and spring semesters. Look out for emails and social media announcements from individual chapters for specific recruitment dates and more information.

Visit the IGC social media accounts (@ou_igc) for information about recruitment events to attend.

MGC
Multicultural Greek Council
Most MGC chapters require students to attend two recruitment events and an informational session at the beginning of each semester during the MGC Recruitment period. You must turn in an application and interview before a bid (membership offer) can be extended.

Event to attend: MGC Showcase held early in the fall semester.

NPHC
National Pan-Hellenic Council
Each organization has its own specific requirements for aspirants to become candidates for membership. All students are required to attend educational workshops and informationals as well as at least a second-semester freshman to be considered for membership.

Event to attend: Greekdom 101 held in late August / early September.

IFC
Interfraternity Council
IFC chapters participate in recruitment during the year. Formal Recruitment takes place during the first week of school in the spring and fall semesters. Registration for fall recruitment begins in May and registration for spring recruitment begins in December. Any male student is eligible to participate in IFC Recruitment at the University of Oklahoma.

For more information and to register for recruitment, visit ifc.ou.edu.

Event to attend: IFC Formal Recruitment taking place in August 2020.

PAN
Panhellenic Association
Panhellenic chapters participate in formal recruitment each fall, about a week before classes begin. This is a mutual selection process conducted through a week of formal recruitment. At OU, a majority of women obtain membership through this process. Some Panhellenic chapters participate in Continuous Open Bidding throughout each semester.

For more information and to register for recruitment, visit pan.ou.edu.


We recommend following FSPS and our governing councils on social media for upcoming dates and events.
Affiliate
A member who switches schools may also affiliate with the chapter at their new school.

Badge
Also known as a pin, the badge is an item of jewelry given to members upon initiation. Badges are often worn to chapter events and functions.

Bid
An invitation to join an IFC fraternity or PAN sorority, bids are given during formal or informal recruitment.

Big Brother / Sister
Nickname for big brother or sister, a mentor assigned to a new member. Many organizations have special names and ceremonies for these pairings.

Call / Chant
A yell used mostly by NPHC organizations (although some IFC, IGC, MGC and PAN organizations have calls as well) used to identify and greet brothers and sisters. Emulating a call/chant of an organization of which you are not a member is a sign of disrespect.

Chapter
A branch of a national fraternity or sorority, established at a campus. Each will have their own name, usually designated by Greek letters.

COB / Informal Recruitment
Continuous Open Bidding and Informal Recruitment are the non-primary recruitment processes that occur during the academic year.

Crossed
The date on which an associate member crossed into a fraternity or sorority to become an active member. Usually a term used in culturally based Greek organizations.

FSPS
Fraternity and Sorority Programs and Services. The FSPS team is composed of campus-based professionals who advise the fraternity and sorority community. The FSPS office at OU is located in Oklahoma Memorial Union.

Informational
Recruitment event for culturally based groups.

Initiation
A ceremony where a pledge/prospective new member becomes a full member of the organization.

Legacy
The son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchild (and in some cases niece or nephew) of an organization's member. National organizations often determine legacy status.

Line Sister/Brother or Pledge Sister/Brother
Members who are a part of the same line, intake, pledge, or member class. Terminology differs by chapter and council.

Little Brother / Sister
Nickname for a Big's new member that they mentor.

Neophyte
New member of Greek Letter organization; also called a 'Neo'. This term is generally used by IGC, MGC, and NPHC organizations.

New Member
After receiving and accepting a bid, a person becomes a new member (sometimes called associate member).

On the Yard
An NPHC phrase meaning a chapter is currently chartered on campus.

Potential New Member or Recruit or Aspirant
A person who is interested in joining a Greek letter organization and will participate in intake or recruitment.

Probate or Emergence or New Member Presentation or New Member Showcase
A performance by newly inducted or soon-to-be inducted members. A way for organizations to showcase the newest members of the organization. These shows are generally done by IGC, MGC, and NPHC organizations. Terminology can differ by chapter.

Prophyte
A term used to describe an older member of an IGC, MGC, or NPHC organization that has inducted new members.

Recruitment Guides or Rho Gammas
A sorority or fraternity member who leads a recruitment group during the formal recruitment process.

Sands
An NPHC term for members of a new member class or Greeks who became members the same semester. Comes from the phrase "cross the burning sands," which means to cross over (become initiated) into full membership.

Sign
A unique display expressed by hand symbols or gestures. Emulating an organization of which you are not a member is a sign of disrespect.

Stepping
A series of complex, synchronous and precise rhythmic movements performed to songs, stomps, or chants that are typically created and performed by culturally based Greek-letter organization members.

Strolling
Culturally based Greek-letter organizations members move together in a line expressing pride for their organization. In this line, members express their pride through use of their organization's call, sign or historical information, ritual/custom dances, etc. All of this is done through movements that are unique to a particular organization. Emulating or cutting in/through the line is considered a sign of disrespect.

Student Life
The University of Oklahoma department within the Division of Student Affairs in which the FSPS office is housed. Student Life houses programs such as cultural programs and services, orientation and transfer programs, and campus activities. Student Life's motto is: “You Belong Here.”
Fraternity and sorority membership is a great way to engage on campus. Greek membership does come with a financial commitment we believe is important to understand prior to joining. Members pay dues that are used for various philanthropic projects, national fees, social and alumni events, and more.

Some of our Greek-letter organizations have chapter facilities for members to live in as well. These costs are factored in to upperclassman financial information. These dues and fees help pay for the upkeep of these facilities; a full-time, live-in house director; meal plans; parking; and more.

Traditionally, the new-member period, or first year of membership, is often the most expensive time of membership due to one-time fees for initiation and national fees. We encourage you to ask about financial information during the recruitment or intake process.

Find out more information regarding finances during each year of membership below:

### Membership Ranges

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Fraternity and sorority members are students first. Many are at the University of Oklahoma on scholarship, and in the 2019-2020 academic year, over $24 million were awarded to Greek students on campus.

Our community is diverse in many ways, including financial background. Of our over 6,000 students, over 3,500 received financial aid for the 2019-2020 academic year. 84% received aid at some point while at OU.

Our chapters understand that Greek membership can be expensive and many chapters have payment plans or local scholarships to help students cover the cost of membership to join a Greek-letter organization. In addition to local support, many national organizations offer grants and/or scholarships to help members cover membership dues and fees. These opportunities are often limited to organization members.

Membership dues and fees are often paid through third-party billing systems or are managed by the local chapter or organization. FSPS does not manage membership dues or fees for campus Greek-letter organizations.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
The Interfraternity Council includes many chapters with chapter facilities. These dues and membership fees are often more expensive, but the cost to live in a chapter facility may include: rent, parking, laundry, a meal plan and member dues.

Within IFC, members typically live in the chapter facility the second and third years of membership.

INDEPENDENT GREEK COUNCIL
The Independent Greek Council is composed of eight organizations, with one organization having a designated chapter facility. IGC costs and fees include local and national member dues as well as other local expenses and chapter operating costs.

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL
Of the Multicultural Greek Council chapters on campus, none currently have chapter facilities. MGC costs and fees include local and national member dues as well as other local expenses and chapter operating costs.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL
The National Pan-Hellenic Council often requires aspirants to have completed at least 12 credit hours. Dues and fees for NPHC organizations differ from year to year and member to member.

New members pay national dues for their entire collegiate experience up front. Subsequent years are local chapter dues only.

PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION
The Panhellenic Association’s dues and membership fees are often the most expensive during the first year of membership. These costs include local and national dues, programming fees, chapter operating expenses, and initiation fees.

All 11 of our Panhellenic organizations on campus have chapter facilities. Most Panhellenic members live in during their second year of membership. These costs may include: laundry, parking, a meal plan, and local/national dues. Members who do not live in the chapter house are always welcome in the facility and often eat two meals a week at the facility.

ON-CAMPUS CHAPTER FACILITIES
The University of Oklahoma currently has 27 chapter facilities that are privately owned and managed. Each has a live-in, full-time house director trained to run the facility.

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- Membership Dues & Fees
- Meals
- Parking
- Laundry

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The fraternity and sorority experience can provide growth, academic support, peer mentorship, and close contact with university administrators. Our Greek-letter organizations were founded on a set of values, ethics, and standards their members strive to uphold. We understand parents and families play a role in a student’s decision to join a Greek organization. Whether or not your family has a history of fraternity or sorority involvement, the Fraternity and Sorority Programs and Services team is here to help you along the way.

We know that students, parents, and family members alike often have questions about the fraternity or sorority experience. We’ve provided some campus resources and answers frequently asked questions. Visit greek.ou.edu to view a full list of resources for families considering Greek membership.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Recruitment? Intake?
Recruitment and intake are the names for the process by which fraternities and sororities recruit new members. These processes differ from council to council, but all must be in compliance with organizational, institutional, and state policies, procedures, and laws.

When do students join Greek letter organizations on campus?
We are proud to be an institution that offers a fraternity and sorority experience to students regardless of their credit-hour standing. A large majority of our students join chapters their first semester at the University of Oklahoma, but some organizations do require a collegiate GPA prior to an extension of membership.

What does it mean to be a new member?
A new member period is a special time for students to bond with other new members and older members, as well. In this time, they learn about the organizations’ history and goals, and this time ends in initiation into the organization.

What does the financial commitment for membership look like?
Much like anything else in college, Greek membership is a financial commitment. While finances for each chapter and each council differ, we encourage students to ask about the financial commitment during their recruitment process. You can also find more information in the financial section on page 22 of this experience guide.

Which organization is the best to join?
Our community is composed of 56 Greek-letter organizations, each with their own unique experiences, values, philanthropic focus, and leadership opportunities. Who is the “best” is a personal choice and should be based on where a student feels most comfortable.

What are the benefits of membership?
Joining a fraternity or sorority can have many benefits. Students in our community are more likely to have higher grades due to academic support and peer mentorship. Students also gain personal and professional development opportunities, a group of friends with which to share their college experience, and a variety of leadership and educational resources.

How will joining an organization affect my student academically?
Students in the fraternity and sorority community often have higher grade-point averages than their non-Greek counterparts. The all-Greek GPA in the fall of 2019 was a 3.26 compared to the all-undergraduate GPA of a 3.24.

HELPFUL HINTS

Be supportive of your student’s choice to join a fraternity or sorority – a student does not have to be a legacy to join an organization.

Take time to learn about the organization your student is interested in. Check out their local and national website.

Encourage your student to get involved with their chapter and on campus.

Know the financial commitment. Determine who will pay and what limitations these expenses might impose.

Ask questions. The Student Life staff is always happy to help or answer any questions you or your student might have. You can find our contact information at greek.ou.edu.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Whether it’s stress, illness, or academic needs, college students often need assistance from someone on campus during their time at the University of Oklahoma. The staff in the Office of Student Life and is always available to help. We encourage you to reach out and contact us. We can help provide students assistance and connect them to the appropriate campus resources.

Reach out at (405) 325-3163, email us at fsps@ou.edu, or visit us on the third floor of the Oklahoma Memorial Union in Suite 370.
Visit greek.ou.edu for individual chapter house addresses.
Sororities and fraternities are held to high standards by their national organizations, their advisers, and the University of Oklahoma. There are online modules, mandatory workshops, and national training sessions that prepare members for a safe and impactful membership experience.

**MANDATORY EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS & TRAININGS**

New members of fraternities and sororities are required to attend university-mandated sessions on alcohol safety, active bystander intervention, and hazing education. The FSPS team coordinates these trainings for the Greek community and offers a variety of sessions each semester.

The safety and wellness of our students is our top priority, and these sessions equip and empower students to participate in responsible decision-making while in college and beyond.

**NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT & INTAKE MEETINGS**

Two weeks prior to any intake/new member activities or meetings, the chapter president, and the intake coordinator / new member educator will meet with the respective council FSPS adviser and FSPS chapter adviser to discuss the recruitment / intake and new member education plans.

These meetings allow student leaders and FSPS staff to work together to build a safe and meaningful experience for the newest members of our Greek-letter organizations. Plans and educational programs are built with the organization’s values and goals, as well as university policies and procedures in mind.

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT CONDUCT**

At the University of Oklahoma, conduct of students and organizations in conflict with university policy is handled by the Office of Student Conduct. This office administers the university’s discipline system and emphasizes positive behavior changes, improved decision-making and focuses on assisting students to overcome problems to successfully complete their educational goals.

A “strike” is the University’s official recognition of an organization’s violation of the University’s Student Alcohol and/or Hazing Policy.

Greek-letter organizations with active strikes are listed below. Visit ou.edu/studentconduct for more information on the university conduct process, active strikes and conduct violations, and information on student responsibilities pertaining to the student code.

**STUDENT CONDUCT VIOLATIONS AS OF APRIL 2020**

At the time of publication, no campus organizations have more than one strike.

For the most updated information, please visit the OU Student Conduct website.

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**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA CAMPUS RESOURCES**

Below are campus resources that may assist you during your time at OU. For emergency situations, call 911 or OUPD at (405) 325-1717. For all other inquiries or issues about Greek Life, contact Student Life at (405) 325-3163.

**VP FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS**
(405) 325-3161
studentaffairs@ou.edu

**STUDENT CONDUCT**
(405) 325-1540
studentconduct@ou.edu

**GENDER + EQUALITY CENTER**
(405) 325-4929
ou.edu/gec

**STUDENT LIFE**
(405) 325-3163
fspd@ou.edu

**OU ADVOCATES**
(405) 615-0013
ou.edu/gec/advocates

**COUNSELING SERVICES**
(405) 325-2911
ou.edu/ucc

**OU ALCOHOL EDUCATION**
(405) 325-1961
alcohol@ou.edu

**BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION TEAM**
(405) 325-8017
ou.edu/normanbit

**HAZING REPORTING**
888-NOT-HAZE
hazingprevention.org
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Welcome to The University of Oklahoma, a university with 130 years of Academic Leadership. Your student has embarked on an amazing adventure and will blaze new trails into their future. OU will provide your student with a rich sense of community that includes students, faculty, and staff.

The Sooner Parents organization offers you a unique opportunity, as OU’s official parent’s association, and is here to assist and partner with you on your family’s extraordinary journey. We offer many helpful resources for our members and their students including, among other things, the following:

- Monthly Member-only e-newsletters highlighting current information
- Early Notification of Fall and Spring Parent’s weekends
- Access to purchase identified home football tickets (when an allotment is available)
- Scholarships available to students of Sooner Parents members, $20,000 allocated annually!
- Discounts at area businesses and 10% discount on clothing items at OU Bookstore.
- Opportunities to volunteer.

Having been born and raised a Sooner and as an alumnus of The University of Oklahoma, I am honored that all 3 of my children are currently attending or have graduated from OU. The education and unique opportunities provided by OU has given each of them a solid foundation from which to grow and succeed.

As you begin your journey as part of our Sooner family I encourage you to become a part of the Sooner Parents organization. Please contact me if I can be of any help to your family.

Patti Smith
Sooner Parents President
Dallas, Texas

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Parent and Family Programs

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

Welcome to the OU Family!

Parent and Family Programs partners with students’ families to help them thrive at OU, on campus and in life. As part of your student’s support system, you play a critical role in helping your student succeed from orientation through graduation. We are eager to join you in that effort.

The Parent and Family Programs Office is conveniently located in the Oklahoma Memorial Union and open during business hours. If you have any questions or concerns, we hope you will reach out to us during this season of transition.

Tracy Carlson
Coordinator of Parent and Family Programs
parents.ou.edu

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CHECK OUT OUR PARENT STORE AT: PARENTS.OU.EDU
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THIS YEAR: FAMILY WEEKENDS OCTOBER 2-4 APRIL 9-11