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MEN AND WOMEN

Fraternity & Sorority Life Information Guide



Welcome

Welcome to Fraternity and Sorority Life at Texas Christian University (TCU). Fraternities and sororities have been a part of the student experience at TCU since 1955. We believe the goal of membership should be to complement the students' academic experience by providing personal and professional development. Fraternities and sororities should be building better men and women through the establishment of intergenerational relationships, the adoption of shared values, and the development of the skills needed to become leaders in a global community.

Each year, members within our organizations are given opportunities to develop their leadership skills by attending various educational programs, deepen their connections to the TCU and Fort Worth community through community service projects, and engage in other experiences that promote personal growth. In addition, we believe that the members within the fraternity and sorority community have a place to call home and close friends who will walk alongside them as they navigate their college experience.

TCU truly is a special place, with many opportunities for students to grow and be involved. We believe fraternity and sorority life further enhances the overall undergraduate experience. We invite you to use this book as a starting point to get to know our organizations and our community, and we look forward to assisting you on your journey to get involved at TCU.

Go FROGS!

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Fraternity and Sorority *Community*

49%

Of undergraduate
student population

41

Fraternities and sororities
on the TCU campus

Who We Are

It is an exciting time to “Build Better Men and Women!” By joining a fraternity or sorority at TCU, you’ll be part of an expansive community of people committed to ethical leadership, intellectual advancement, diversity, social responsibility, and involvement. TCU’s fraternity and sorority community represents more than 49 percent of the undergraduate student population, roughly 4,250 students, throughout five diverse councils: the Interfraternity Council (IFC), the Independent Greek Council (IGC), the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and the Panhellenic Council.

TCU’s Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) works closely with each of the councils and is committed to the positive development of students. FSL helps students navigate campus resources, offers ways in which students can have a personally enriching experience and, most importantly, promotes values-based living.

This book is designed to introduce you to fraternity and sorority life at TCU. Each of the organizations are highlighted on their council pages. You will also see an overview of the opportunities and accomplishments of our community.

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Leadership

Joining a fraternity or sorority is one way to enhance your leadership experience at TCU. There is an abundant amount of leadership opportunities in the Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and the Independent Greek Council.

Each chapter depends on the talents of its members to govern the organization at all levels. You can serve in a new member office or become chapter president. Student leaders from each governing council work together to plan and coordinate activities for the TCU campus and surrounding community.

Fraternity and sorority members have served in leadership positions in many aspects of this campus. In the past year, members have served in Student Government and as Orientation Leaders and Frog Camp Facilitators. Our community is comprised of students who have participated on athletic teams, and in professional organizations, clubs, and various sporting activities. Fraternity and sorority membership does not limit you from becoming involved in the rest of campus; in fact, it opens many doors for you.

If you are interested in becoming involved in campus organizations, the fraternity and sorority community provides you the opportunity, resources, encouragement, and assistance to do so.

The knowledge and experience gained from leadership in our organizations can be applied throughout life. Fraternity and sorority alumni have historically gone on to great careers in many fields and positions; they include entrepreneurs, CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, and presidents of the United States.





Advancement

Each TCU organization sets and maintains high academic standards. Providing academic resources, developing relationships with professors, and offering study hours are a few of the strides taken by our organizations to keep academics a top priority.

Maintaining a high level of scholastic success is a tradition within the fraternity and sorority community at TCU. In 2015, the fraternity and sorority life GPA was an impressive 3.340 and 442 of our members earned a 4.0 GPA. Our community prides itself on this accomplishment and strives to maintain this exemplary status.

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life sponsors Order of Omega, an academic honor society. Scholarships are also available for members in our community from individual chapters, their national organizations, and from individual councils. Fraternity and Sorority Life creates an atmosphere in which men and women are encouraged to maintain a high level of academic success, while rewarding chapters and individuals for their academic achievements.

Texas Christian University Order of Omega Honor Society Members

TCU is home to the prestigious Order of Omega society. Order of Omega is an academic honor society for members of a fraternity and sorority. Order of Omega recognizes the top 390 juniors and seniors who have exemplified high standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and involvement within their respective organization.



Diversity

The great thing about joining a fraternity or sorority at TCU is that you get to interact with brothers and sisters from many different backgrounds and experiences. The ideal of brotherhood and sisterhood is the cornerstone that each fraternity and sorority is built upon.

It is really an amazing experience when you join a community made up of individuals from all walks of life. Diversity in the community gives students the opportunity to learn life lessons from one another as well as learn about different cultures, experiences, and skills.

The unique personalities and backgrounds of fraternity and sorority members create well-rounded community. These interactions will form the basis for strong friendships that will last a lifetime.



Supporting
Philanthropies

\$205,847

Raised this year for
various philanthropies

32,555

Hours of community service

Social Responsibility

At the heart of every fraternity and sorority is unique and worthwhile philanthropy. Each chapter supports local and national nonprofit organizations through fundraising and volunteer work. One of the greatest rewards that fraternity and sorority life can offer is the personal development gained through community service and philanthropic work.

Working to serve others fosters personal growth and greater unity among fraternity and sorority members. Various activities include fundraising, volunteering time to shelters, tutoring children, assisting the homeless, coordinating activities for youth, sponsoring environmental cleanups, and conducting blood drives.

This year, TCU's fraternity and sorority community raised more than \$205,000 for various philanthropies and completed more than 32,500 hours of community service.



Involvement

Fraternities and sororities are social organizations. However, a social life is made of more than the stereotypical college parties. As a member of a fraternity or sorority, your social life will benefit from brotherhood and sisterhood. They are the key ingredients that set our organizations apart from clubs. Forming lifelong bonds and friendships is the greatest aspect of fraternity and sorority life.

As a member of a fraternity or sorority, you will grow academically and professionally from your involvement in fraternity and sorority life. Making connections, networking, and forming lifelong bonds and friendships are some of the greatest aspects of fraternity and sorority life.

At TCU, fraternity and sorority members understand that the most essential reason for attending an academic institution is to learn and excel academically and graduate. While there are many ways in which involvement fosters that, studying abroad and networking are two important opportunities for growth that the TCU Greeks excel at! Going abroad is a great opportunity that many members take advantage of. Students learn more about the world and one another as they travel together and take classes. The leadership experience that is gained while traveling abroad combines the goals and mission of our community, “To educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community.”

After graduation, members can connect with our extensive alumni network of established men and women who started out right here at TCU. Fraternity and sorority members gain invaluable knowledge from these members that have remained connected to their organizations as alumni members.

As a student in a Greek organization, you will mature and pick up lifelong skills and experiences that span beyond the years at TCU. TCU Greek life fosters growth and promotes involvement, personal and professional development, and networking opportunities, which only enhances the student experience







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Alpha
(al-fha)

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Beta
(bay-tah)

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Gamma
(gam-ah)

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Delta
(del-tah)

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Epsilon
(ep-si-lon)

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Zeta
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Theta
(thay-tah)

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Iota
(eye-o-tah)

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Kappa
(cap-pah)

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Lambda
(lamb-dah)

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(mew)





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(new)

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Xi
(zie)

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Omicron
(om-e-cron)

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Pi
(pie)

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Rho
(roe)

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Sigma
(sig-mah)

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Tau
(taw)

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Upsilon
(up-si-lon)

Φ
Phi
(fie)

Χ
Chi
(kai)

Ψ
Psi
(sigh)

Ω
Omega
(o-may-gah)



Movemeber
campaign

\$17,233

Raised by TCU's IFC men
in the first year

Interfraternity Council

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) at Texas Christian University is the governing body for 12 of the men's fraternities on campus. The Interfraternity Council is dedicated to the academic and social development of its respective fraternities and their members. The IFC fosters cooperation and actively promotes success among the member chapters. Members in IFC organizations are active in every aspect of campus. With a diverse array of fraternities, each with its own unique qualities, there is a perfect fit for each individual looking to join a fraternity in the council.

Who is Eligible for Recruitment?

Incoming freshman who are enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours at Texas Christian University are eligible to join an Interfraternity Council fraternity. Students who are classified as a sophomore or higher must have a minimum of 12 TCU credit hours and a minimum 2.5 GPA.

How to Join!

IFC hosts a formal recruitment process every year during the first week of the school year. Students who are interested in joining an IFC organization must register for recruitment at greeks.tcu.edu starting **June 1st**. During the week of formal recruitment the IFC will host a number of events including service, guest speakers, and meet and greets.

IFC Events!

In our first annual Movember campaign our men grew mustaches and raised money for prostate cancer and other men's health initiatives. In our first year participating in this event, our IFC men challenged Baylor University to see which IFC could raise the most money; TCU's IFC out raised Baylor and this event raised over \$17,000 and hopes to raise more funds and educate more men about health issues next year.



BΘΠ Beta Theta Pi

To Develop Men of Principle for a Principled Life

Nickname: Beta

Founded: 1839 at University of Miami

Texas Christian University: 2010

Philanthropy: Cook Children's Hospital

ΔΤΔ Delta Tau Delta

Committed to Lives of Excellence

Nickname: Delt

Founded: 1858 at Bethany College

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: JDRF- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

ΚΣ Kappa Sigma

Bononia Docet

Nickname: Kappa Sig

Founded: 1869 at University of Virginia

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: Wounded Warrior Project

ΛΧΑ Lambda Chi Alpha

Every Man a Man

Nickname: Lambda Chi

Founded: 1909 at Boston University

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: Nationally- Feed America, Locally- Habitat for Hummanity and Toys for Tots

ΦΔΘ Phi Delta Theta

One Man is No Man

Nickname: Phi Delt

Founded: 1848 at Miami University (Ohio)

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: ALS

ΦΙΓΙ Phi Gamma Delta

Not for College Days Alone

Nickname: FIJI

Founded: 1848 at Jefferson College

Texas Christian University: 1980

Philanthropy: USO

ΦΚΣ Phi Kappa Sigma

Men of Honor

Nickname: Phi Kap

Founded: 1850 at University of Pennsylvania

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

ΠΚΦ Pi Kappa Phi

Nothing Shall Ever Tear Us Asunder

Nickname: Pi Kapp

Founded: 1904 at College of Charleston

Texas Christian University: 1997

Philanthropy: The Ability Experience

ΣΑΕ Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Experience What it Means to be a True Gentleman

Nickname: SAE

Founded: 1856 at University of Alabama

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

ΣΧ Sigma Chi

In this Sign You Will Conquer

Nickname: Sigma Chi

Founded: 1855 at Miami University Ohio

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: Huntsman Cancer Foundation

ΣΝ Sigma Nu

Excelling with Honor

Nickname: Sigma Nu

Founded: 1869 at Virginia Military Institute

Texas Christian University: 2015

Philanthropy: The Paul "Bear" Bryant Awards benefitting the American Heart Association, Habitat for Humanity, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

ΣΦΕ Sigma Phi Epsilon

This Fraternity Will Be Different

Nickname: SigEp

Founded: 1901 at Richmond College

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: Movember

Independent Greek Council

The Independent Greek Council includes faith-based, band, and music-affiliated member organizations. IGC has a goal to increase multiculturalism, friendship and unity. IGC promotes and fosters academics, social interaction, service, chapter development and brotherhood/sisterhood.

How do I join?

Membership Intake for the faith-based and music organizations is at their discretion. You must be a member of one of the band ensembles to express interest in any of the two band organizations. Each IGC member organization usually hosts an information table at the Activities and Organizations Fair each semester; this will be your first opportunity to express interest in these organizations.

What are the member requirements?

Each IGC member organization has specific eligibility terms to join. Potential members must maintain at the least the student organization minimum GPA of 2.0 although the majority of the IGC organization's minimum GPA standard is at a 2.75 or higher.



BYX Beta Upsilon Chi Fraternity

How good and pleasing it is when brothers dwell together in unity! - Psalm 133:1

Nickname: BYX

Founded: 1985 at University of Texas at Austin

Texas Christian University: 1989

Philanthropy: Fortress Youth Development Center

HIS Eta Iota Sigma Sorority

Establishing a sisterhood among Christian women who shine their lights daily on campus.

Nickname: HIS

Founded: 1992 at TCU

Texas Christian University: 1992

Philanthropy: American Cancer Society

KKΨ Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity

Empower and influences the vibrant and diverse college band movement through purposeful programming, unified messaging, and excellence in service and operations.

Nickname: K Psi or K K Psi

Founded: 1919 at Oklahoma A&M College

Texas Christian University: 1957

ΦMA Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Nickname: Phi Mu Alpha

Founded: 1898 at Boston University

Texas Christian University: 1948

Philanthropy: Mills Music Mission

TBS Tau Beta Sigma Sorority

For Greater Bands

Nickname: TBS

Founded: 1939 at Texas Tech University

Texas Christian University: 1957

Philanthropy: University School of Music





Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council is a recognized collaboration between Latin/Hispanic and Asian-American founded Greek-lettered organizations. MGC was established in order to unite multicultural Greek-lettered organizations on campus, promote academics, community service, as well as strive to unite and express the different views of their organizations in the TCU community.

How do I join?

Membership Intake into the organizations of MGC is at the discretion of the member organization. Each MGC organization usually hosts an information table at the Activities and Organizations Fair each semester; this will be your first opportunity to express interest in these organizations. Meet the Greeks usually occurs within the first two weeks of the semester and will showcase all member organizations.

What are the member requirements?

Each MGC member organization has specific eligibility terms to join. Potential members must maintain at the least the student organization minimum of 2.0 GPA although the majority of the MGC organization's minimum GPA standard is at a 2.75 or higher.



ΧΥΣ Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority Inc.

Wisdom Through Education

Nickname: CUS

Founded: 1980 at Rutgers University

Texas Christian University: 2005

Philanthropy: I Have a Dream Foundation

ΚΛΔ Kappa Lambda Delta Sorority, Inc.

Confident, Inclusive, and Beautiful

Nickname: KLD

Founded: 2005 TCU

Texas Christian University: 2005

Philanthropy: Union Gospel Mission Center

ΔΘΑ Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Fraternity Inc.

Latin By Tradition Not By Definition

Nickname: Lovely Ladies (LTA)

Founded: 1975 at Kean University

Texas Christian University: 2011

Philanthropy: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

ΔΘΦ Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity Inc.

Chivalry Above Self

Nickname: Lambda

Founded: 1975 at Kean University

Texas Christian University: 2001

Philanthropy: Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI)

ΩΔΦ Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Crescit Eundo (It Grows, As It Goes)

Nickname: O. D. Phi

Founded: 1987 at Texas Tech University

Texas Christian University: 2011

Philanthropy: United Way and Court Appointed Special Advocates Association (CASA)

ΣΛΑ Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Latinas Helping Others

Nickname: Senoritas (SLA)

Founded: 1992 at Texas Woman's University

Texas Christian University: 1993

Philanthropy: Boys and Girls Club of America Locally: Panther Club





National Pan-Hellenic Council

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) at Texas Christian University is the governing body for 5 historical African American fraternities and sororities. These organizations were founded during a time when African American's were denied the right of equal opportunity. Today, these organizations serve both the campus and community through platforms and initiatives that include Education, Service, Programing, and Cultural Awareness. Through fellowship and acts of community service, everlasting bonds and friendships are built both within each individual organization as well as throughout the council. The opportunity to experience such rich tradition and history, while adding to a great legacy, makes NPHC organizations ideal for perspective members.

How Do I Join?

NPHC organizations have expectations for those exploring membership. Each organization holds events and activities that encourage participation in the community. If interested, you should attend appropriate events and communicate with a member of the organization directly.

What are the member requirements?

All NPHC organizations have set requirements of those wanting to pursue membership intake. For example, many of the organizations require 12 or more TCU credits and a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, involvement on-campus, recommendation letter(s), and community service. Specific international requirements are available from the chapter or in some cases via their national website.



ΑΦΑ Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All

Nickname: The Alphas

Founded: 1906 at Cornell University

Texas Christian University: 1971

Philanthropy: March of Dimes

ΚΑΨ Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor

Nickname: Kappas

Founded: 1911 at Indiana University

Texas Christian University: 1980

Philanthropy: St. Jude Children's Hospital

ΔΣΘ Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom

Nickname: Deltas

Founded: 1913 at Howard University

Texas Christian University: 1972

Philanthropy: Five-Point Programmatic Thrust

ΑΚΑ Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

By Culture and By Merit

Nickname: AKA

Founded: 1908 at Howard University

Texas Christian University: 1976

Philanthropy: Educational Advancement Foundation

ΩΨΦ Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Friendship is Essential to the Soul

Nickname: Ques

Founded: 1911 at Howard University

Texas Christian University: 1980

Philanthropy: Health Initiatives and Social Action



52%

Of undergraduate TCU
women in Panhellenic

\$50,000

Raised by Panhellenic Council
for Circle of Sisterhood

3.424

Average cumulative GPA
for Panhellenic women

Panhellenic Council

About Us!

The Panhellenic Council represents, supports and governs the 13 NPC (National Panhellenic Conference) sororities and women's fraternities on the TCU campus. Panhellenic is the largest organization of students on TCU's campus, with their women making up just over 52% of undergraduate women population at TCU. Panhellenic women have consistently demonstrated just how powerful sorority membership can be through their commitment to service, sisterhood, and high academic standards. This can be seen when looking at the average Panhellenic cumulative GPA of 3.424 as well as their fundraising efforts, which exceed \$50,000 for *Circle of Sisterhood*. *Circle of Sisterhood* is an organization that seeks to leverage collective influence of sorority women to raise financial resources for entities around the world that are removing educational barriers for girls and women facing poverty and oppression.

How to Join!

Panhellenic hosts Formal Recruitment each fall through a very structured, week-long, mutual selection process. Women who are full-time, undergraduate, matriculated students at TCU and carrying at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA are eligible to participate in Formal Recruitment, however each individual chapter has specific eligibility standards that may exceed the minimum requirements. Though letters of recommendation are an option for women seeking membership into a Panhellenic sorority, they are certainly not a requirement. Information regarding Formal Recruitment can be found on the Panhellenic website and registration is scheduled to open on **May 1st**. A majority of women obtain membership through the Formal Recruitment process, however a smaller number of eligible chapters may offer opportunities to join throughout the year.



AXΩ Alpha Chi Omega

Together Let us Seek the Heights

Nickname: A Chi O

Founded: 1885 at DePauw University

Texas Christian University: 1991

Philanthropy: National- Domestic Violence Awareness. Local- Women's Center of Tarrant County

ΔΔΔ Delta Delta Delta

Let Us Steadfastly Love One Another

Nickname: Tri Delta

Founded: 1888 at Boston University

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: Local- St. Jude, locally we support Cook Children's Hospital

KKΓ Kappa Kappa Gamma

Aspire To Be

Nickname: Kappa

Founded: 1870 at Monmouth College

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: Reading is Fundamental (RIF)

ΣK Sigma Kappa

One Heart, One Way

Nickname: SK

Founded: 1874 at Colby College

Texas Christian University: 1998

Philanthropy: Gerontology/Alzheimer's disease research/Alzheimer's Association

ΑΔΠ Alpha Delta Pi

We Live for Each Other

Nickname: ADPi

Founded: 1851 at Wesleyan College

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: Ronald McDonald House Charities

ΔΓ Delta Gamma

Do Good

Nickname: DG

Founded: 1873 at Lewis School for Girls

Texas Christian University: 1956

Philanthropy: Service for Sight

ΦΜ Phi Mu

Les Soeurs Fideles

Nickname: Phi Mu

Founded: 1852 at Wesleyan College

Texas Christian University: 2016

Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

ZTA Zeta Tau Alpha

Seek the Noblest

Nickname: Zeta

Founded: 1898 at Longwood University

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: Think Pink

ΑΟΠ Alpha Omicron Pi

Exceed the Exception

Nickname: AOII

Founded: 1897 at Barnard College

Texas Christian University: 2012

Philanthropy: The Arthritis Foundation

ΓΦΒ Gamma Phi Beta

Founded on a Rock

Nickname: Gamma Phi

Founded: 1874 at Syracuse University

Texas Christian University: 2007

Philanthropy: Girls on the Run

ΠΒΦ Pi Beta Phi

Pi Beta Phi

Nickname: Pi Phi

Founded: 1867 at Monmouth College

Texas Christian University: 1956

Philanthropy: Read>Lead>Achieve

XΩ Chi Omega

Hellenic Culture & Christian Ideals

Nickname: Chi O

Founded: 1895 at University of Arkansas

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: Make-A-Wish Foundation

ΚΑΘ Kappa Alpha Theta

Leading Women

Nickname: Theta

Founded: 1870 at Depauw University

Texas Christian University: 1955

Philanthropy: CASA





YEARS OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE AT TCU



2015

SEIFC Excellence in
Community Service



\$50,000

raised for Circle of Sisterhood

48.49%

of undergraduate
TCU students



41
organizations

4,313
undergraduate
members



22
chapter facilities



\$17,233

raised for Movemeber



5
governing
councils



3.34
all-fraternity and
sorority GPA
3.13 campuswide
average GPA



2015
college panhellenic
of excellence



\$7,500

raised by Up 'til Dawn



campus
based UIFI

1st private institution

OUR MISSION

TCU Fraternities and Sororities complement student's academic experiences by providing personal and professional development. Members create meaningful intergenerational relationships, adopt shared values, & develop skills needed to become leaders in a global community.

Family Guide

Not only is this guide an important resource for students exploring sororities and fraternities, it's also a great tool for parents, guardians, and family members. We hope the following pages will answer your questions and provide information.

The fraternity and sorority experience promotes individual, organizational, and community development. It also has a lot of tradition. Many sororities and fraternities designate their organization by using letters from the Greek alphabet, which actually have special meaning to members. Every fraternity and sorority has unique mottos, rituals, and creeds that unite the members in sisterhood or brotherhood, growth, achievement, service to the community, responsibility, and leadership. At the end of the day, these organizations are based on values, ethics, and standards. Below, we've provided some answers to frequently asked questions.

What is Recruitment? Rush? Intake?

Recruitment/rush/intake is defined as any sorority or fraternity activity that seeks to add new members to a chapter. Some Greek-letter organizations host recruitment throughout the year, while others recruit during a specified time period each semester or year. Regardless of when it occurs, any chapter activity that serves the purpose of adding new members to the chapter constitutes recruitment and must be in compliance with organizational policies, institutional rules and state laws.

What are the benefits of joining?

The benefits include building leadership skills, support with academics, and endless opportunities to engage in service. The fraternity and sorority experience is an excellent training ground for aspiring leaders. Many chapters organize tutoring programs, host study hours, and offer a variety of other educational resources. Some offer scholarships and awards to celebrate members' and non-members' academic success.

When do students typically join?

The majority of the students that join a fraternity or sorority do so during their first semester in college. TCU requires that students be enrolled in or have obtained 12 TCU credits and a minimum 2.0 GPA before joining. Students, including transfers, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, also have the opportunity to join the fraternity and sorority community.

Which fraternity or sorority is the best one to join?

Each organization provides unique experiences, emphasizes values, service, philanthropy, and leadership within the community. Who is the "best" is a personal choice and should be based on where a student feels most comfortable.

Doesn't membership in a fraternity or sorority take up a lot of time?

Membership requires anywhere from 2 to 8 hours a week. Whether it's planning a community service project, social event, or a regular weekly meeting, members have learned to manage their time wisely with other commitments like homework, family, jobs, and relationships. The more you put into your fraternity or sorority membership, the more you will gain, but academics should be a top priority!

Where can I go to find more information on fraternity and sorority life at TCU?

The most up-to-date information can be found on our TCU website, www.Greeks.tcu.edu. The site contains more information on recruitment, the chapters, the office staff, Worth Hills project video, and our policies, forms, and procedures—and much more. If you have more questions, please contact us at greeklife@tcu.edu.

If I join a fraternity or sorority, can I participate in other campus organizations and have friends outside my organization?

Definitely! Our organizations value campus involvement and want you to be involved on and off campus. Most organizations require you to be involved in at least one campus activity or club in addition to your own organization.

OUR POLICY ON HAZING

Texas Christian University is in agreement with all aspects of the State of Texas Hazing Law and is set forth in Section 3.2.2. of the TCU Code of Student Conduct. TCU recognizes that membership in co-curricular student organizations can significantly enhance the learning and growth experiences of university students. All new member orientation and initiation activities are expected to be unquestionable in their purpose and intention. Further, these activities should support the purposes stated in the respective student organization constitutions.

Why Join

Fraternities and sororities at TCU promote academic achievement through such activities as study hours, scholarship banquets, awards, honor societies, academic mentors, speakers, and networking.

- Fraternity and sorority life also boasts a high retention rate for its members. Studies indicate that more students in sororities and fraternities stay in school through graduation than do unaffiliated students. The strong retention rate may be related to the friendships, community ties, and each chapter's support structure, which help students through difficult times.
- Fraternity and sorority life builds character and strengthens leadership capabilities.

- Fraternities and sororities offer a wealth of leadership opportunities. Each member is encouraged to participate actively in his or her chapter, as well as other campus-wide leadership activities. Many of the top student leaders on campus are affiliated with the fraternity and sorority community.

- Fraternity and sorority organizations give to the community locally and nationally.

- One of the most rewarding aspects of fraternity and sorority life at TCU is the sense of fulfillment that comes with taking part in community service. Fundraising events of many kinds are organized each year by fraternities and sororities in order to benefit worthwhile charities.

- Your new friendships will last a lifetime.

- Finding the right peer group at a large institution is imperative. Fraternities and sororities offer instant peer networks and a structured environment involving academics, social events, service activities, and alumni networking.

- A national study finds fraternity/sorority membership may encourage students to stay in college and that affiliation in college contributes positively to community involvement after graduation. Also reported, fraternity and sorority alumni are more satisfied with their social development during college than unaffiliated students.



Finance Guide

Fraternity and sorority members pay semester dues to the chapter. These dues are used to pay for philanthropic projects, community service, social events, national fees, and parent and alumni events. If you are interested in joining a fraternity or sorority, ask questions about finances, as the requirements vary from group to group.

Traditionally, the new member period is the most expensive time of membership due to the one-time fees for initiation. Each organization should be able to provide you with specific financial information.

Our culturally-based fraternities and sororities disclose financial information once the aspirant has submitted an application for membership. For more information concerning finances for these organizations, please contact those organizations directly.

IFC (Per Semester)

Fee Type	Range	Average
New Member Fee (One-time fee)	\$850-\$1,820	\$1,140
Active Member Dues	\$650-\$1,350	\$945

Panhellenic (Per Semester)

Fee Type	Range	Average
New Member Fee (One-time fee)	\$745-\$1,115	\$894
Active Member Dues	\$500-\$735	\$582

Independent Greek Council (IGC)

Beta Upsilon - betaupsilonchi.org
Eta Iota Sigma - tcuetaiotasigma.org
Kappa Kappa Psi - kkpsi.org
Phi Mu Alpha - sinfonia.org
Tau Beta Sigma - tbsigma.org

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

Chi Upsilon Sigma Sorority, Inc. - tcucus.wordpress.com
Kappa Lambda Delta Sorority, Inc. - kappalambdadelta.com
Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority, Inc. - lta.orgsync.com
Lambda Theta Phi Fraternity, Inc. - betapi.tcu.edu
Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc. - omegadeltaphi.com
Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc. - sigmalambdaalpha.org

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - aka1908.com
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - apa1906.net
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - deltasigmatheta.org
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. - kappaalphapsi1911.com
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. - oppf.org

Glossary



Active

A fully initiated member of a chapter who is in good standing.

Alumna or Alumnus

Any initiated member of a sorority or fraternity who has graduated from college.

Badge

The active pin, worn on the chest, designates an initiated member of a certain sorority or fraternity.

Bid

A formal invitation to join a sorority or fraternity.

Big Sister/Brother

A new member typically receives or selects an initiated member to be his/her big brother or sister. This older member serves as a role model and resource to the new member.

Brothers/Sisters

Members of the same fraternity or sorority.

Chapter

The local group of a national sorority or fraternity.

Culturally-Based Greek-Letter Organization

A sorority or fraternity that focuses on a specific culture(s) in its ritual, purpose, activities and ceremonies. Member organizations of National Pan-Hellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council are all culturally-based.

Formal Recruitment

A designated membership period during which each Panhellenic sorority holds a series of organized events. Formal Recruitment is implemented and organized by the Panhellenic Council.

Fraternity

Often, a men's organization characterized by high ideals and leadership, scholastic achievement, fellowship, oaths of fidelity and a ritual. However, the term "fraternity" may apply to a female sorority.

Informal or Open Recruitment

Recruitment period conducted at various times during the year including the summer.

Initiation

A ritual or ceremony during which a new member receives lifelong membership in the organization.

Legacy

A woman whose mother, sister or, in some cases, grandmother is an initiated member of a sorority. A man whose father, brother or, in some cases, grandfather is an initiated member of a fraternity. Legacy stipulations differ for each sorority and fraternity.

Line Sisters (LS) or Line Brothers (LB)

Individuals who are members of the same intake class and organization.

Membership Intake

The process in which new members are required to participate in order to become a member of a sorority or fraternity. Typically used to reference culturally-based Greek-letter organization practices of acquiring membership.

Neophyte (Neo)

A new member of a culturally-based Greek organization.

New Member

A member of a fraternity or sorority organization who has not yet been initiated.

New Member Class/Line

A group of individuals who are selected to become inducted/initiated into a particular sorority or fraternity.

New Member Educator

The chapter officer who coordinates the education of the organization's new members.

New Member Meetings

Special meetings that may be held each week for the new members. In addition to learning the history of the organization, new members may hear presentations on study skills, leadership development, risk management, and other important issues.

Pin

A new member or associate pin is simpler in design and identifies a new or associate member of a particular fraternity or sorority.

Potential New Member (PNM)

A term used to describe an individual seeking membership and/or participating in a recruitment process.

Probate/Presentations

A show often organized by culturally-based organizations to introduce their new members to the campus community.

Prophyte

Referring to an older brother/sister in a culturally based organization.

Quota

The specific number of potential new members each Panhellenic Council sorority chapter can accept during fall formal recruitment.

Rho Gammas

Sorority women who are carefully selected and trained to guide potential new members through the formal recruitment process for the Panhellenic Council.

Silence

Period of time when conversation and contact between potential new members and sorority active members, new members, and alumna is strictly limited by the Panhellenic Council Recruitment Rules.

Sorority

An individual women's organization characterized by high ideals and leadership, scholastic achievement, fellowship, oaths of fidelity, ritual, and typically designated by Greek letters.

Stepping

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

Strolling

Performed by culturally-based fraternities or sororities, a stroll is usually performed in unison to a song with precise and synchronized movements, possibly in a line.

Yard

Refers to the particular campus or university a chapter is present. On yard might refer to organizations that have active status on campus. This is associated with culturally based Greek organizations.





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