

BUILDING BETTER MEN AND WOMEN



Fraternity & Sorority Life Information Guide



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YEARS OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE AT TCU

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

48.4%
of undergraduate
TCU students



43
organizations

4,747
undergraduate
members



Worth Hills Village
opened in 2018 and
includes 25 chapter
facilities and 2
commemorative
monuments



5
governing
councils



3.471
all-fraternity and
sorority GPA

3.23 campus-wide
average GPA



2020
college panhellenic
of excellence



\$358, 864
raised for Movember



\$215,000
raised for Circle of Sisterhood



\$600,000+
raised for Strike Down Cancer



2020
4 National awards
won by our TCU chapters



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 student's 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brooke S. Scogin".

Brooke S. Scogin
Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life

Fraternity and Sorority *Community*

48.4%
Of the undergraduate
student population is affiliated

43
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 48% percent of the undergraduate student population, over 4,700 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 five governing 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.

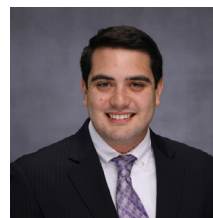
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A	B	Γ	Δ	E	Z	H	Θ	I	K	Λ	M
Alpha (al-fha)	Beta (bay-tah)	Gamma (gam-ah)	Delta (del-tah)	Epsilon (ep-si-lon)	Zeta (zay-tah)	Eta (ay-tah)	Theta (thay-tah)	Iota (eye-o-tah)	Kappa (cap-pah)	Lambda (lamb-dah)	Mu (mew)





N	Ξ	O	Π	Ρ	Σ	Τ	Υ	Φ	Χ	Ψ	Ω
Nu (new)	Xi (zie)	Omicron (om-e-cron)	Pi (pie)	Rho (roe)	Sigma (sig-mah)	Tau (taw)	Upsilon (up-si-lon)	Phi (fie)	Chi (kai)	Psi (sigh)	Omega (o-may-gah)





Involvement

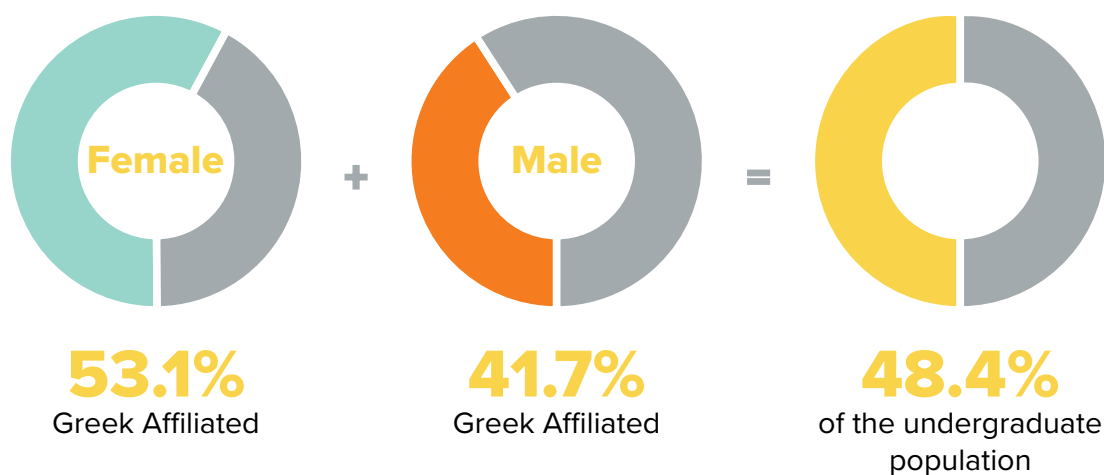
Fraternities and sororities are social organizations. However, a social life is made of more than the stereotypical college parties. As a member of a fraternity or sorority, a student's social life will benefit from brotherhood and sisterhood. They are the key ingredients that set our organizations apart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

As a member of a fraternity or sorority, they will grow academically and professionally. Making connections, networking, and forming lifelong bonds and intergenerational friendships are some of the greatest aspects of fraternity and sorority life. Our fraternities and sororities foster growth and involvement, personal and professional development, and networking opportunities, which only enhances the student experience.

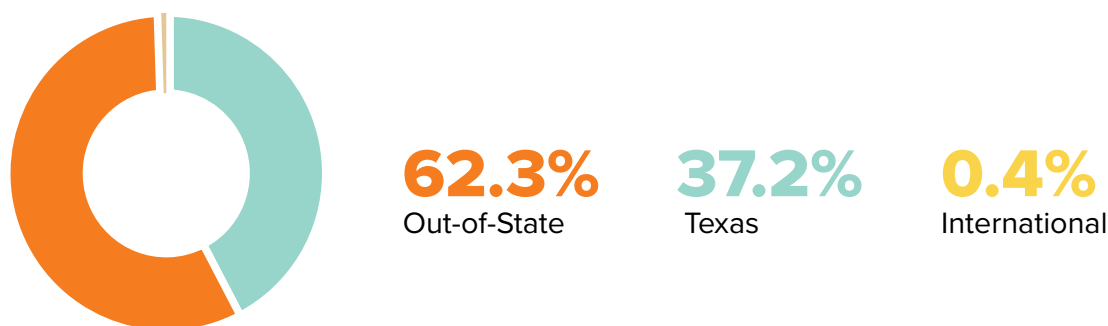
After graduation, members can connect with our extensive alumni network of established men and women who started out at TCU. Fraternity and sorority members gain invaluable knowledge from these members that have remained connected to their organizations as alumni.



FRATERNITY & SORORITY MEMBERSHIP



WHERE WE ARE FROM



ACADEMIC YEAR



COLLEGE MAJOR

1,623

Neeley School of Business

712

College of Science & Engineering

632

Bob Schieffer College of Communication

624

Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences

575

AddRan College of Liberal Arts

354

College of Fine Arts

159

College of Education

5

School of Interdisciplinary Studies

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Extended Education





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 the fall of 2020 the fraternity and sorority community GPA was an impressive 3.471 and 597 of our members earned a 4.0 GPA. Our community prides itself on this accomplishment and strives to maintain this exemplary status.

Scholarships are 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 a chapter of the prestigious Order of Omega society. Order of Omega is an academic honor society for fraternity and sorority members. Order of Omega recognizes the top juniors and seniors who have exemplified high standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and involvement within their respective organizations.





Diversity

The great thing about joining a fraternity or sorority at TCU is that students get to interact with brothers and sisters from many different backgrounds and experiences.

It is an amazing experience when men and women 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 a well-rounded community. These interactions will form the basis for strong friendships that will last a lifetime.





Leadership

Joining a fraternity or sorority is one way to enhance a student's 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. Men or women can serve in a variety of leadership positions to share their talents and gain new skills. Student leaders from each governing council work together to plan and coordinate activities for the TCU campus, fraternity and sorority community, and surrounding community.

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

If students are interested in becoming involved in campus organizations, the fraternity and sorority community provides them 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 government leaders.



Supporting
Philanthropies

\$463,645

Raised for various
philanthropies in the 2020-2021
academic year

18,562

Hours in the 2020-2021 academic year

Social Responsibility

At the heart of every fraternity and sorority is a unique and worthwhile philanthropy. Each chapter supports local and national organizations through fundraising, volunteer work, and increasing awareness. Fraternities and sororities are committed to building up the communities around them.

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 those experiencing homelessness, coordinating activities for youth, sponsoring environmental cleanups, conducting blood drives, and many more.

In 2020-2021 academic year, TCU's fraternity and sorority community raised more than \$463,645 for various philanthropies and completed more than 18,000 hours of community service.





TCU_IFC



TCU_IFC



Interfraternity Council

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) at Texas Christian University is the governing body for 13 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 an array of fraternities, each with its own unique qualities, there are many wonderful options for individuals looking to join a fraternity in the council.

Who is Eligible for Recruitment?

Any student who is enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours at TCU is eligible to join a fraternity in the Interfraternity Council. For those with a college GPA, please be aware that fraternities have a minimum expectation of a 2.0 GPA or higher. Some chapters may have a higher expectation for receiving a bid/invitation to join.

How to Join

IFC hosts a recruitment process each semester. Students who are interested in joining an IFC organization must register for recruitment at grieks.tcu.edu. During formal recruitment, IFC will host a number of events including a philanthropic/service event a guest speaker, and meet-and-greet opportunities.

IFC Events

During the 2019-2020 Movember campaign, our men grew mustaches as conversation starters and raised \$150,646 for prostate cancer, mental health and other men's health initiatives.

In this year's campaign our IFC men hosted hot shaves, professional speaker Casey Cornelius presented *Be The Man: A Movement for Healthy Masculinity*, and a reflection wall with coffee exploring mental health to educate students and the community about the Movember Foundation.





\$358,864

Raised by TCU's IFC men
in the last six years

ΒΘΠ Beta Theta Pi

To Develop Men of Principle for a Principled Life

Nickname: Beta
Founded: 1839 at Miami University of Ohio
Texas Christian University: 2010
Philanthropy: Cook Children's Medical Center

ΒΥΧ Beta Upsilon Chi Fraternity

The purpose of developing brotherhood and unity among college aged men under the common bond of Jesus Christ

Nickname: ΒΥΧ
Founded: 1985 at University of Texas at Austin
Texas Christian University: 1989
Philanthropy: Fortress Youth Development Center

ΔΤΑ 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

A Lifetime of True Brotherhood

Nickname: Lambda Chi
Founded: 1909 at Boston University
Texas Christian University: 1955
Philanthropy: Feeding America

ΦΔΘ Phi Delta Theta

One Man is No Man

Nickname: Phi Delt
Founded: 1848 at Miami University of Ohio
Texas Christian University: 1955
Philanthropy: ALS - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

ΦΙΓΙ Phi Gamma Delta

Not for College Days Alone

Nickname: FIJI
Founded: 1848 at Jefferson College
Texas Christian University: 1980
Philanthropy: United Services Organization (USO)

ΦΚΣ Phi Kappa Sigma

Equal to the Stars in Endurance

Nickname: Phi Kap
Founded: 1805 at University of Pennsylvania
Texas Christian University: 2018
Philanthropy: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

ΠΚΦ Pi Kappa Phi

Exceptional Leaders. Uncommon Opportunities

Nickname: Pi Kapp
Founded: 1904 at College of Charleston
Texas Christian University: 1997
Philanthropy: The Ability Experience

ΣΑΕ Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Brighter from Obscurity

Nickname: SAE
Founded: 1856 at University of Alabama
Texas Christian University: 1955
Philanthropy: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

ΣΝ Sigma Nu

Excelling with Honor

Nickname: Sigma Nu
Founded: 1869 at Virginia Military Institute
Texas Christian University: 2015
Philanthropy: The American Heart Association

ΣΦΕ Sigma Phi Epsilon

This Fraternity Will Be Different

Nickname: SigEp
Founded: 1901 at Richmond College
Texas Christian University: 1955
Philanthropy: Movember

ΣΧ Sigma Chi

In this Sign You Will Conquer

Nickname: Sigma Chi
Founded: 1855 at Miami University of Ohio
Texas Christian University: 1955
Philanthropy: Huntsman Cancer Foundation



Independent Greek Council

The Independent Greek Council (IGC) includes faith-based, music, and band organizations. One of the goals of IGC is to increase multiculturalism, friendship, and unity. IGC promotes and fosters academics, social interaction, service, chapter development, and brotherhood/sisterhood.

IGC organizations have their Greek letters prominently displayed on the obelisk in Worth Hills Village.

How to join

Membership Intake for the faith-based and music organizations is at the organization's discretion. Students must be a member of one of the band ensembles to express interest in any of the two band organizations. IGC member organizations usually host an information table at the Activities and Organizations Fair each semester; this will be the 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 least the TCU Student Organization minimum GPA of 2.0 although the majority of the IGC organizations' minimum GPA standard is at a 2.75 or higher. Any student who is enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours at TCU is eligible.





ΚΚΨ 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 K Psi

Founded: 1919 at Oklahoma A&M College

Texas Christian University: 1957

TΒΣ Tau Beta Sigma Sorority

For Greater Bands

Nickname: TBS

Founded: 1939 at Texas Tech University

Texas Christian University: 1957

ΜΦΕ Mu Phi Epsilon Fraternity

The recognition of scholarship and musicianship, and the development of a bond of friendship between its members

Nickname: Mu Phi

Founded: 1903 at Metropolitan College of Music

Texas Christian University: 1948

Philanthropy: Ronald McDonald House

ΣΦΛ Sigma Phi Lambda Sorority

Sigma Phi Lambda exists for the sole purpose of glorifying our Lord Jesus Christ and making His name great.

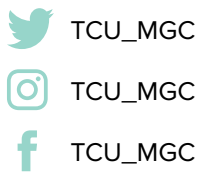
Nickname: Phi Lamb

Founded: 1988 at University of Texas

Texas Christian University: 2017

Philanthropy: World Vision





Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is a recognized collaboration between Music, Latin, Hispanic and Asian-American Greek-lettered organizations. MGC was established in order to unite multicultural Greek-lettered organizations on campus, foster academic achievement, promote community service, and bring students together to express the different views of their organizations in the TCU community.

MGC organizations have their Greek letters prominently displayed on the obelisk in Worth Hills Village.

How to join

Membership Intake into the organizations of MGC is at the discretion of the member organization. MGC organizations usually host an information table at the Activities and Organizations Fair each semester; this will be the 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 be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours at TCU and maintain at least the student organization minimum GPA of 2.0. Please note that majority of the MGC organizations' minimum GPA standard is at a 2.75 or higher.





ΧΥΣ Chi Upsilon Sigma Latin Sorority Inc.

Wisdom Through Education

Nickname: CUS

Founded: 1980 at Rutgers University

Texas Christian University: 2005

Philanthropy: I Have a Dream Foundation

ΚΔΧ Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.

Leading with Integrity, United Through Service.

Nickname: KDChi

Founded: 1987 at Texas Tech University Texas

Christian University: 2021 Philanthropy:

American Cancer Society

ΚΛΔ Kappa Lambda Delta Sorority, Inc.

Confident, Inclusive, and Beautiful

Nickname: KLD

Founded: 2005 Texas Christian University

Texas Christian University: 2005

Philanthropy: Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County

ΛΘΑ Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Inc.

Unity, Love, Respect

Nickname: Lovely Lambda Ladies (LTA)

Founded: 1975 at Kean University

Texas Christian University: 2011

Philanthropy: St. Jude Children's Research

Hospital

ΛΘΦ 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: Court Appointed

Special Advocates (CASA)

ΣΛΑ Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Latinas Helping Others

Nickname: Senioritas (SLA)

Founded: 1992 at Texas Woman's University

Texas Christian University: 1993

Philanthropy: Boys and Girls Club of America

ΦΜΑ 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





National Pan-Hellenic Council

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) at Texas Christian University is the governing body for six historically African-American fraternities and sororities. NPHC organizations were founded during a time when African-Americans were denied the right of equal opportunity. These organizations serve both the campus and community through initiatives that include education, service, programming, 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.

NPHC organizations have their Greek letters and crests prominently displayed on the NPHC Pillars in Worth Hills Village.

How to Join

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

What are the member requirements?

All NPHC organizations have set requirements for those wanting to pursue membership intake. For example, many of the organizations require completion of 12 or more TCU credits and a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, involvement on campus, recommendation letter(s), and community service. Specific 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

ΑΚΑ Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

By Culture and By Merit

Nickname: ΑΚΑ
Founded: 1908 at Howard University
Texas Christian University: 1976
Philanthropy: Educational Advancement Foundation

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's Children's Research Hospital

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

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

ΣΓΡ Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Greater Service, Greater Progress

Nickname: SGRho
Founded: 1922 at Butler University
Texas Christian University: 2017
Philanthropy: Operation Big Book Bag





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Panhellenic Council

About Us

The Panhellenic Council represents, supports, and governs the 12 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 52.75% 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 3.536. In addition, Panhellenic's fundraising efforts exceeded \$215,000 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 fully structured, week-long, mutual selection process. Women who are full-time, undergraduate, matriculated students at TCU and who carry at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA are eligible to participate in Formal Recruitment; however, each individual chapter has specific eligibility standards that exceeds the

minimum requirements. Some organizations may accept letters of recommendation, but they are not required. Information regarding Formal Recruitment can be found on the Panhellenic website (www.tcupanhellenic.com). The majority of women obtain membership through the Formal Recruitment process, however a small number of eligible chapters may offer opportunities to join throughout the year.



50.6%

Of undergraduate TCU women in Panhellenic sororities

\$215,000+

Raised by the Panhellenic Council for Circle of Sisterhood, including efforts for the TCU Sponsored School Builds

3.536

Average cumulative GPA for Panhellenic women

AXΩ Alpha Chi Omega

Real Strong Women

Nickname: A-Chi-O, Alpha Chi
Founded: 1885 at DePauw University
Texas Christian University: 1991
Philanthropy: Domestic Violence Awareness

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

ΣΚ Sigma Kappa

One Heart, One Way

Nickname: SK
Founded: 1874 at Colby College
Texas Christian University: 1998
Philanthropy: 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

ΚΑΘ Kappa Alpha Theta

Leading Women

Nickname: Theta
Founded: 1870 at DePauw University
Texas Christian University: 1955
Philanthropy: (CASA) Court Appointed Special Advocates

ZTA Zeta Tau Alpha

Seek the Noblest

Nickname: Zeta
Founded: 1898 at Longwood University
Texas Christian University: 1955
Philanthropy: Breast Cancer Education and Awareness

ΧΩ Chi Omega

Hellenic Culture & Christian Ideals

Nickname: Chi O
Founded: 1895 at University of Arkansas
Texas Christian University: 1955
Philanthropy: Make-A-Wish Foundation

ΚΚΓ Kappa Kappa Gamma

Aspire To Be

Nickname: Kappa
Founded: 1870 at Monmouth College
Texas Christian University: 1955
Philanthropy: Reading is Fundamental (RIF)

ΔΔΔ Delta Delta Delta

Let Us Steadfastly Love One Another

Nickname: Tri Delta
Founded: 1888 at Boston University
Texas Christian University: 1955
Philanthropy: St Jude Children's Research Hospital

ΦΜ Phi Mu

Les Soeurs Fideles

Nickname: Phi Mu
Founded: 1852 at Wesleyan College
Texas Christian University: 2016
Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

ΔΓ Delta Gamma

Do Good

Nickname: DG
Founded: 1873 at Lewis School for Girls
Texas Christian University: 1956
Philanthropy: Service for Sight

ΠΒΦ Pi Beta Phi

Pi Beta Phi

Nickname: Pi Phi
Founded: 1867 at Monmouth College
Texas Christian University: 1956
Philanthropy: Read>Lead>Achieve



Frequently Asked Questions

We hope the following will answer your questions and provide additional information.

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

What is Recruitment? Intake?

Recruitment/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, academic support, and 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 who choose to join a fraternity or sorority do so during their first semester in college. There are others who may want to pursue membership in an organization that requires students to have at least a semester of college under their belt before joining. In any case, TCU requires that students be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours at TCU and have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA before joining. All eligible students, including transfers, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, 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, 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 and with an organization that aligns with your personal values and interests.

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 to learn to manage their time wisely in order to find balance with other priorities such as homework, family, jobs, and personal well-being, 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 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 information on recruitment and intake, the chapters, the office staff, 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 fraternity or sorority.

Can a freshman live in the chapter house?

No, first year students are not allowed to live in fraternity and sorority housing. Our facilities are home to upperclassmen in our fraternity and sorority community.

University 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 boasts a high retention rate for its members. Studies indicate that more students in fraternities and sororities stay in school through graduation than unaffiliated students.
- 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 are organized

each year by fraternities and sororities in order to benefit worthwhile charities.

- Finding the right peer group at a large institution is imperative. Fraternities and sororities offer i peer networks and a structured environment focused on 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 directly to the chapter. These dues are used to provide various opportunities for members and support organization infrastructure. 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 costly time of membership due to the one-time fees for initiation. Each organization should be able to provide you with specific financial information.

Our IGC, MGC, and NPHC 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.

Independent Greek Council (IGC)

IFC (Per Semester)

Fee Type	Range	Average
New Member Fee (One-time fee)	\$675-\$1,500	\$1,088
Active Member Dues	\$450-\$1,000	\$725

Panhellenic (Per Semester)

Fee Type	Range	Average
New Member Fee (One-time fee)	\$550-\$1,255	\$1,120
Active Member Dues		\$902

Sigma Phi Lambda -sigmaphilambda.org
Kappa Kappa Psi - kkpsi.org
Mu Phi Epsilon Fraternity- MuPhiEpsilon.org
Tau Beta Sigma - tbsigma.org

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

Chi Upsilon Sigma Sorority, Inc. - tcucus.wordpress.com
Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. (*council membership pending*) - kappadeltachi.org
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
Phi Mu Alpha - sinfonia.org
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
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.- sgrho1922.org

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

Beta Upsilon Chi - betaupsilonchi.org

Worth Hills Monuments



There are nine historically Black Greek Letter Organizations (BGLOs) that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Collectively, these organizations are referred to as “The Divine Nine.” The NPHC pillars at TCU make space for each of the Divine Nine. Currently, TCU has six active groups representing National Pan-Hellenic Council.



Beta Upsilon Chi, the Independent Council, and the Multicultural Greek Council are represented in the obelisk. These groups are defined by their shared interests and desire to develop their leadership skills in multicultural, faith-based and music-based organizations.

The NPHC pillars and obelisk represent our culturally-based, faith-based, and music affiliated organizations. They serve as a gathering space for students in those organizations and provide a prominent display of each organization’s letters in the heart of the Worth Hills Village. These areas truly complete our village by ensuring representation of all of our organizations and providing spaces for community-wide programming and collaboration.

Worth Hills Legacy

The Worth Hills Building Memorial represents seven former residence halls that served as home to Texas Christian University students for more than 40 years, each named for individuals and families shaped the history of TCU through their leadership and generosity.

Beckham-Shelburne Hall

Brachman Hall

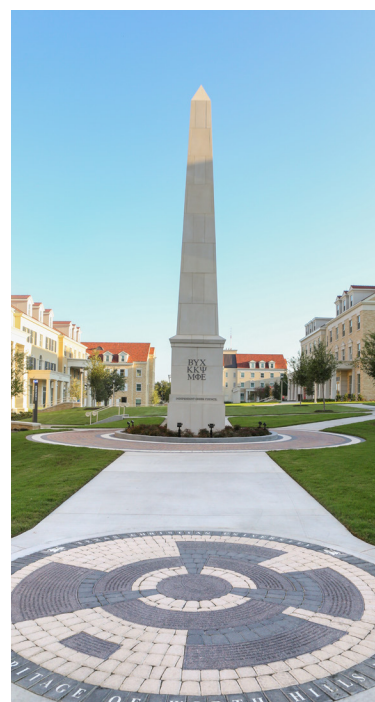
Martin Moore Hall

Moody Hall

Frances Sadler Hall

Tomlinson Hall

Wiggins Hall



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 fraternity or sorority.

Bid

A formal invitation to join an IFC fraternity or Panhellenic sorority.

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

A term used to describe the collegiate, graduate, or city wide group of a fraternity or sorority.

Culturally-Based Greek-Letter Organization

A fraternity or sorority that was founded with connection to a specific culture(s) and may still focus on that culture(s) in its purpose, activities, community outreach, and ceremonies. All member organizations of National Pan-Hellenic Council and most organizations within the Multicultural Greek Council are culturally-based.

Formal Recruitment

A designated membership period during which each IFC and Panhellenic organization holds a series of organized events. Formal Recruitment is implemented and organized by the IFC and 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 women's sorority.

Graduate Chapter

A term used to describe the active alumni group or alumni chapter of a fraternity or sorority. Some members join through the alumni group or graduate chapter instead of an undergraduate chapter.

Informal or Open Recruitment

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

Informational

An event held by cultural organizations where individuals interested in seeking more information about a specific organization attend.

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)

Members of the organization that went through the same membership intake process and crosses at the same time.

Membership Intake

The educational process aspiring members go through in order to become a member of an organization, is typically in NPHC or MGC. This process varies across organizations and aspirants learn things such as inter/national and chapter specific history.

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 topics.

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. Quota is determined in large part by the number of Potential New Members who sign up and stay in the recruitment process.

Rho Gammas

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

Saluting

A means of coordinated movement by which members can honor the organization's past and current accomplishments and/or praise a particular member or event. Salutes can include personalized writings consisting of meaningful messages or lyrics from songs. This act is not typically set to music or rhythm.

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

Coordinated movements that demonstrate precision and togetherness. This historically Black tradition of synchronized hand and foot movements, along with chanting, singing and dancing can be specific to individual chapters and organizations. Stepping is done without the accompaniment of music.

Strolling

Coordinated movements done in a line by NPHC and MGC organizations to show unity. Often demonstrated at social gatherings, new member presentations, or during step shows and are accompanied music. Each organization has their own strolls and songs that are special or unique to them. It would be offensive to break the line when a group is strolling.

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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