

GUIDE TO

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE



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Fraternities and sororities have contributed to the UConn community for over 135 years. They challenge students to become better people and propel members to achieve more during their time in college and beyond.

FALL 2023 CFSD EVENTS

Greek Expo

Tuesday, August 29, 3:30pm, Fairfield Way (Rain Location: SU Banquet Halls)

IFC First Night

Monday, September 4, 7pm, SU Theatre

CPH Recruitment Orientation

Wednesday, September 6, 7pm, SU Theatre

NPHC Info Panel

Tuesday, September 19, 7pm, SU 104

IGC Info Panel

Tuesday, September 21, 7pm, SU 304

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Why choose a fraternity or sorority?



We're Huge!

The fraternity and sorority community has one of the highest participation rates among all of the organizations at UConn. In recent years, fraternity and sorority membership has doubled and there are more chapters than ever before. Today, we are roughly 12% of the undergraduate student population!



We're Involved!

Fraternity and sorority members are involved in a variety of extracurricular activities and organizations. The more involved individuals were in their fraternity or sorority during college, the more they are involved in their community post-graduation.



We're Diverse!

Despite popular misconception, fraternities and sororities represent the rich diversity of the campus population. Members come from all different backgrounds and walks of life.



We're Smart!

51% of fraternity and sorority members achieve above a 3.5 GPA during the spring 2022 semester. Many more members are inducted each year into honor societies and make Dean's list.



We Network!

Fraternity and sorority members have the opportunity to network through Greek alumni for job assistance and advice, internship exposure and experience, and general direction when entering the workforce. The majority of fraternity and sorority members are employed full-time after graduation.



We Serve Others!

UConn fraternity and sorority members participate in countless hours of community service efforts and contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to charitable causes.



We're Well-Rounded!

Fraternity and sorority members are more likely than all other college graduates to thrive in each of the five elements of well-being (purpose, social, financial, community, and physical).



We're Leaders!

Fraternity and sorority members are involved in a variety of campus activities, are often the most visible campus leaders and are some of the most enthusiastic supporters of University events like Homecoming, HuskyTHON, and intramural sports. Many fraternity and sorority members are ambassadors, mentors, resident assistants, tour guides, and student government officers.



We're Forever!

Fraternity and sorority members typically have greater school spirit and are more satisfied with their college experience. However, the fun does not stop there. Membership in a fraternity or sorority is for a lifetime and there are many opportunities to stay connected beyond graduation.

Interfraternity Council

The purpose of UConn's Interfraternity Council (IFC) is to govern and represent the interests of the general men's fraternities, while also serving as a liaison to the campus community. The council works to provide educational programming, leadership initiatives, and philanthropic and social events for fraternity members IFC fraternities recruit at the beginning of each semester and each fraternity hosts their own events for interested individuals.

For more information and to register for IFC Recruitment, please visit: **greeklife.uconn.edu/ifc**

Interested? Please attend IFC First Night, September 4, 2023

Instagram: @UConnIFC



IFC CHAPTERS

Alpha Delta Phi

Chapter: Connecticut Chapter
Founded: 1832 / Est. at UConn - 2008
Philanthropy: Special Olympics
Symbol: Star and Crescent
Colors: Emerald and Pearl

Alpha Epsilon Pi

Chapter: Upsilon Kappa Founded: 1913 / Est. at UC

Founded: 1913 / Est. at UConn - 1956 Philanthropy: Make a Wish Foundation

Symbol: Lion

Colors: Blue and Gold

Alpha Kappa Lambda

Chapter: Gamma Pi

Founded: 1914 / Est. at UConn 2014 Philanthropy: Domestic Violence Awareness

Symbol: Coat of Arms Colors: Purple and Gold

Alpha Sigma Phi

Chapter: Gamma Gamma

Founded: 1845 / Est. UConn 1943; 2015 Philanthropy: RAINN; Big Brothers Big Sisters

Symbol: Phoenix

Colors: Cardinal and Stone

Beta Theta Pi

Chapter: Zeta Chi

Founded: 1839 / Est. at UConn - 1999 Philanthropy: Holy Family Homeless Shelter

Symbol: Dragon

Colors: Delicate Shades of Pink and Blue

Delta Tau Delta

Chapter: Kappa Theta

Founded: 1858 / Est. At UConn 2017 Philanthropy: Juvenile Diabetes Research Colors: Royal Purple, White, & Yellow Gold

Phi Delta Theta

Chapter: Connecticut Gamma

Founded: 1848 / Est. at UConn - 2016

Philanthropy: ALS Association

(Lou Gehrig Disease) Symbol: Sword and Shield Colors: Azure and Argent

Pi Kappa Phi

Chapter: Kappa Omicron

Founded: 1904 / Est. at UConn - 2016

Philanthropy: The Ability Experience

Symbol: Starshield

Color: White, Gold and Royal Blue

Sigma Alpha Mu

Chapter: Epsilon Nu

Founded: 1909 / Est. at UConn - 2014 Philanthropy: Alzheimer's Association

Symbol: Octagon

Colors: Purple and White

Sigma Chi

Chapter: Gamma Omega

Founded: 1855/ Est. at UConn - 1943; 2019 Philanthropy: Huntsman Cancer Institute

Symbol: White Cross Colors: Blue and Old Gold

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Chapter: Connecticut Alpha

Founded: 1901 / Est. at UConn- 1956; 2014 Philanthropy: Big Brothers Big Sisters Symbol: Skull and Crossbones

Colors: Purple and Red

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Chapter: Delta Gamma

Founded: 1899 / Est. at UConn - 1952; 2020 Philanthropy: Alzheimer's Association's; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Symbol: Equilateral Triangle

Colors: Battleship Grey and Cherry Red

Zeta Psi

Chapter: Current Expansion

Founded: 1847

Est. at UConn - 1960; Fall 2023 Philanthropy: Zeta Kids USA Symbol: White Carnation Colors: BGold, White and Black

Intercultural Greek Council

The Intercultural Greek Council (IGC) governs the culturally-based and multicultural fraternities and sororities at UConn. The council works to unify these organizations through educational and social programming. It also provides a variety of leadership opportunities for its members. Some of the events the council sponsors throughout the year include: the IGC banquet, Neo Night and Senior Night. IGC groups engage in membership intake at various times throughout the academic year.

For more information about how your can join an IGC organization, contact each group directly. For more information about all IGC groups, please visit: greeklife. uconn.edu/igc

Instagram: @UConnIGC

Interested? Please attend the IGC Info Panel, September 21, 2023.

Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Chapter: Rho

Founded: 1998 / Est. at UConn - 2016 Philanthropy: Osteoporosis Awareness &

Prevention
Symbol: Butterfly

Colors: Navy Blue and Silver Scope: Asian Interest

IGC CHAPTERS

Delta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.

Chapter: UConn Charter

Founded: 1998 / Est. At Uconn: 2017 Philanthropy: Literacy Through Unity

Symbol: Bengal Tiger

Colors: Red, Black, and Silver Scope: South Asian Interest

Kappa Phi Gamma Sorority, Inc.

Chapter: Upsilon Charter

Founded: 1998/ Est. At UConn - 2018 Philanthropy: Cancer Awareness & Research

Symbol: Royal Bengal Tiger Colors: Greek, Black, and White Scope: South Asian Interest

Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Chapter: Sigma

Founded: 1995 / Est. at UConn - 2004 Philanthropy: CARE; Feeding Children

Everywhere Symbol: Phoenix

Colors: Scarlet Red, White & Heather Grey

Scope: Asian Interest

Lambda Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Inc.

Founded: 1981 / Est. at UConn 2017 Philanthropy: National Marrow Donor Program

Symbol: Dragon

Colors: Royal Blue and White

Scope: Asian

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.

Chapter: Kappa

Founded: 1975 / Est. at UConn - 1992 Philanthropy: St. Jude Children's Research

Hospital, Hole in Wall Gang Camp Symbol: Seashell, Lady on the Moon

Colors: Burgundy and Grey

Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.

Chapter: Lambda

Founded: 1975 / Est. at UConn - 1991; 2021 Philanthropy: American Heart Association

Symbol: Conquistador Colors: Brown and White

La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.

Chapter: Beta lota

Founded: 1982 / Est. at UConn - 2009 Philanthropy: P.A.T.H.E. Initiative (Providing

Access to Higher Education) Symbol: Fraternal Shield Colors: Brown and Gold

Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc.

Chapter: Concordia

Founded: 1981 / Est. At UConn: 1999; 2019 Philanthropy: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

Symbol: Amazon Woman Colors: Baby Blue and White

Scope: Multicultural

Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Chapter: Current Expansion

Founded: 1989 / Est. at UConn - Fall 2023 Philanthropy: Raising Awareness of Violence Against Women (RAVAQ)

Symbol: Hummingbird

Colors: Black, Forest Green and Gold

Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Chapter: Omega

Founded: 1994 / Est. at UConn - 2008 Philanthropy: Big Brothers, Big Sisters of

America Symbol: Dragon

Colors: Red, White and Black

Scope: Asian Interest

Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latina Unidas Sorority, Inc.

Chapter: Alpha Omicron

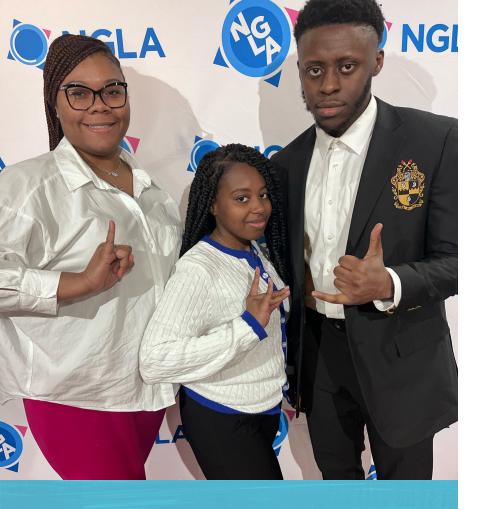
Founded: 1987 / Est. at UConn - 2011; 2019

Philanthropy: Literacy

Symbol: Black Persian Cat with Gold Eyes

Colors: Red, Black, Silver, Gold





National Pan-Hellenic Council

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is an umbrella organization for nine historically black international fraternities and sororities of which UConn has five active organizations. NPHC and its member organizations have a strong commitment to providing community service at UConn and in the local community. UConn's NPHC hosts a number of educational, leadership and service opportunities and events.

NPHC organizations conduct a membership intake process by which organizations bring in new members at various times throughout the academic year. These organizations host informational sessions and NPHC hosts events for interested individuals to learn more about these groups.

For more information on these organizations, please visit: **greeklife.uconn.edu/nphc**

Instagram: @UConnNPHC

Interested? Please attend the NPHC Info Panel on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7pm.

NPHC CHAPTERS

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Chapter: Kappa Delta

Founded: 1906 / Est. at UConn - 1975; 2016

Philanthropy: Project Alpha Symbol: Great Sphinx of Giza Colors: Black and Old Gold

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Chapter: Upsilon Mu

Founded: 1908 / Est. at UConn - 1977;2022 Philanthropy: Women's Healthcare and Wellness

Symbol: Ivy Leaf

Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

Chapter: Upcoming Expansion

Founded: 1963 / Est. at UConn - 2008;

Spring 2024

Philanthropy: I-S.H.I.E.L.D. and

American Red Cross Symbol: Centaur

Colors: Charcoal Brown, Gilded Gold

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Chapter: Zeta Lambda

Founded: 1914 / Est. at UConn - 1974; 2014

Philanthropy: March of Dimes

Symbol: Dove

Colors: Royal Blue and Pure White

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Chapter: Nu Mu Founded: 1922 / Est. at UConn -

1993: 2018

Philanthropy: Project Reassurance

Symbol: Poodle

Colors: Royal Blue and Gold

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Chapter: Nu Theta

Founded: 1920 / Est. at UConn - 1976; 2009 Philanthropy: Z-H.O.P.E., Storks Nest National

Education Foundation

Symbol: Dove

Colors: Royal Blue and White

Panhellenic Council

Ultimately, Panhellenic works to unite chapters, enhance the sorority experience, strengthen values and establish common goals among members. The council is charged with developing leadership opportunities, educational events, social interactions, community services and philanthropic events and advocacy for Panhellenic sororities.

For more information, please visit: greeklife.uconn.edu/ucpc

Instagram: @UCPanhellenic

Panhellenic Recruitment

Panhellenic sororities participate in a primary recruitment process held at the start of each fall semester. The process consists of four rounds of events that allow potentials new members the opportunity to learn more about each of the council's chapters at UConn.

During the process, potential new members will have the opportunity to ask key questions about each group and gain a deeper understanding about what membership in a sorority means. Disassociated and unbiased recruitment counselors will be there to support and guide potential new members through the process.

To register for Panhellenic Recruitment, please visit: greeklife.uconn.edu/panhellenic-recruitment

Interested? Please attend Panhellenic Recruitment Orientation, Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

UCPC CHAPTERS

Alpha Chi Omega

Chapter: Kappa Tau

Founded: 1885 / Est. at UConn - 2014 Philanthropy: Domestic Violence Awareness

Symbol: Lyre

Colors: Scarlet Red and Olive Green

Alpha Epsilon Phi

Chapter: Alpha Xi

Founded: 1909 / Est. at UConn - 1944; 2008 Philanthropy: The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS

Foundation and Sharsheret

Symbol: Columns Colors: Green and White

Alpha Omicron Pi

Chapter: Lambda Lambda

Founded: 1909 / Est. at UConn 2017 Philanthropy: Arthritis Research and

Education

Symbol: Jacqueminot Rose

Color: Cardinal

Alpha Phi

Chapter: Iota Lambda

Founded: 1872 / Est. at UConn - 2008 Philanthropy: Cardiac Care and Research

Symbol: Ivy Leaf

Colors: Silver and Bordeaux

Delta Zeta

Chapter: Gamma Beta Founded: 1902 /

Est. at UConn - 1943; 2017 Philanthropy: Speech & Hearing

Symbol: Roman Lamp Colors: Rose and Green

Gamma Phi Beta

Chapter: Eta Theta

Founded: 1874 / Est. at UConn - 2012 Philanthropy: Building Strong Girls

Symbol: Crescent Moon Colors: Blush and Ala Mode

Kappa Alpha Theta

Chapter: Gamma Zeta

Founded: 1870 / Est. at UConn – 1942 Philanthropy: Court Appointed Special Advocates

Symbol: Kite

Colors: Black and Gold

Phi Sigma Rho

Chapter: Theta

Founded: 1984/Est. At UConn-2001 Philanthropy: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; Girl Scouts of America

Symbol: Pyramid and the Star Colors: Wine Red and Silver

Pi Beta Phi

Chapter: Connecticut Alpha

Founded: 1867 / Est. at UConn - 1943 Philanthropy: Literacy (Read. Lead. Achieve.)

Symbol: Arrow

Colors: Wine and Silver Blue



Involvement Opportunities

GREEKS AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

GASA is a program, in collaboration with the Women's Center, for selected fraternity and sorority members to come together to discuss issues of gender, sexuality, violence, and privilege in a safe space. The mission of GASA is to analyze and understand how rape culture manifests and to work toward creating a safer campus environment for all.

GREEK INTERVARSITY

Greek InterVarsity is an interdenominational campus ministry that fosters a supportive community for fraternity and sorority members to connect through faith. Students can participate in religious study, conferences, retreats, social gatherings, and an annual spring break trip (ServUp).

HUSKYTHON

HuskyTHON Dance Marathon is UConn's largest annual philanthropic event. Each Spring, hundreds of UConn students and dozens of student organizations form teams and pledge to remain standing for 18 hours to raise money for Connecticut Children's Medical Center, part of the Children's Miracle Network (CMN). In 2019, HuskyTHON raised over 1.3 million dollars for the kids of Connecticut Children's. It is the largest student led philanthropy in the state and in the top 10 most successful dance marathons in the nation.

JEWS IN GREEK LIFE

Jews in Greek Life (JIGL) is a committee sponsored by Hillel that organizes social, religious, and community service programs for all fraternity and sorority members. JIGL brings Jewish culture and connection directly to Greek students and works with Greek alumni to speak to current students on leadership, activism, career development, and issues impacting the Jewish community.



Recognition

GAMMA SIGMA ALPHA

Gamma Sigma Alpha is the national Greek academic honor society. Senior Fraternity and sorority members are eligible for membership if they have excelled in academics and have earned at least a 3.5 GPA during their junior or senior year.

ORDER OF OMEGA

Order of Omega is a national Greek honor society founded at the University of Miami in 1959. Junior or senior fraternity and sorority members are eligible for membership if they have excelled in academics and have exhibited service and leadership to UConn and the Greek community. At UConn, Order of Omega is responsible for programming a variety of community-wide leadership initiatives and new member programs.

RHO LAMBDA

Rho Lambda, the National Sorority Leadership Society. recognizes outstanding leadership contributions made by Panhellenic sorority leaders. Rho Lambda honors the great work and outstanding character of those women who have served the Greek community and their own organization. UConn's Rho Lambda chapter annually taps sorority members to join this honor society.

ARÊTE AWARDS

Each year, the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Development recognizes chapters and individual members of the community for their outstanding performance and positive contributions.

Fraternity and Sorority Housing

HUSKY VILLAGE

Consistent with providing world-class residential living options for students, the University of Connecticut built and manages housing for fraternities and sororities. Located near the north entrance of campus, Husky Village is home to 12 chapters and 300 fraternity and sorority members. Each house has a kitchen, chapter office, common living room, central air, and a spiraling front staircase that leads up to two more floors of bedrooms and baths. Each chapter has decorated their housing unit to provide a unique and personalized décor. The lit outdoor volleyball and basketball courts provide for numerous hours of community recreational enjoyment.



2023 Arête Award Winners

CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Chapter of the Year

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Excellence in Academic Achievement

Phi Sigma Rho

Excellence in Chapter Operations

Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Excellence in Community Impact

Alpha Omicron Pi

Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion

Alpha Omicron Pi

Excellence in Member Development

Alpha Chi Omega

Excellence in Recruitment & Retention

Gamma Phi Beta

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Outstanding Chapter President

Ethan Lovallo, Sigma Phi Epsilon

Outstanding Scholar

Tyler Martin, Alpha Delta Phi

Emerging Leader of the Year

Jasmine Johnson, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Living the Ritual

Will Servino, Sigma Phi Epsilon

Outstanding Chapter Advisor

Barbara Buzzelli, Alpha Phi

Outstanding Senio

Thanks Louzingou, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Outstanding Council Officer

Clara Prulletti, Alpha Omicron Pi

Frequently Asked Questions

WILL JOINING A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY ADVERSELY AFFECT MY GRADES?

Membership in a fraternity or sorority chapter at UConn offers students access to a variety of resources that can assist them in their academic endeavors. Many chapters have academic programs that may include study partners, mandatory study hours, and time management workshops. A member can also access the network of chapter members who already know how to use campus resources like the library, the Writing Center, the Quantitative Learning Center and academic advisors. Nothing, however, can take the place of a disciplined and academically-focused student to ensure success in college.

HOW MUCH TIMES IS REQUIRED TO BE A MEMBER OF A CHAPTER?

The time commitment varies from chapter to chapter, but the first semester is time intensive as students participate in their chapter's new member education program. These programs provide an opportunity to learn about the history of the organization and develop friendships among the new member class as well as the rest of the chapter. Generally, each chapter has a weekly chapter meeting and hosts other events (philanthropic, service, social, and initiation) that are generally planned well in advance.

AREN'T FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES EXPENSIVE?

Joining a fraternity or sorority involves a financial commitment. The most expensive year of membership is the first year, during which a one-time initiation fee is paid to the inter/national organization and a membership badge is often purchased. Some organizations offer payment plans in order to help spread the cost over several smaller payments. More specific financial information can be determined through talking with each chapter individually.

DO I HAVE TO BE OF A SPECIFIC ETHNICITY TO JOIN A CULTURALLY-BASED (IGC/NPHC) ORGANIZATION?

Though the organizations within the IGC and NPHC may have a cultural emphasis or interest, membership is open to all students regardless of ethnicity. Students who value cultural awareness and community service are encouraged to consider IGC and NPHC member organizations.

WHAT ARE THE RITUALS THAT I KEEP HEARING ABOUT?

A fraternity or sorority ritual is a sacred ceremony that reminds members of their founders' vision and mission. A ritual emphasizes the inter/national organization's values and the commitment that the member made when becoming a brother/sister. These rituals may be public or private, depending on the organization. Each fraternity or sorority has a ritual at different times throughout membership. These sacred ceremonies do not embarrass or hurt members.

WHAT ABOUT HAZING?

The University of Connecticut has a zero-tolerance policy regarding hazing for all student organizations. Hazing, or any activity that subjects members to harassment, ridicule, intimidation, physical abuse or sleep deprivation is entirely contrary to the values and purposes of Greek life. Fraternity and sorority members are educated on the dangers of hazing, how to report incidents and how to seek assistance by both University staff and officers of the inter/national organizations. "Hazing [is] defined as an act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or which destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of initiation, ad-mission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in a group or organization. The express or implied consent of the victim will not be a defense. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing are not neutral acts; they are violations of this rule." - Responsibilities of Community Life: The Student Code (Part III.B.6.)

Fraternity & Sorority Glossary

ACTIVE MEMBER

A fully initiated, lifelong fraternity or sorority member who is active at the collegiate level.

ALUMNI

Initiated members of a sorority or fraternity who are no longer in college but are lifelong members of the organization.

RID

A formal invitation to join a particular fraternity or sorority.

CHAPTER

A local group at an individual campus of the larger inter/national organization, designated by a special name.

COLONY

A newly-formed group of members who have the intent of being chartered as a chapter by meeting inter/national headquarters standards.

LEGACY

The brother or sister, son or daughter, or grandson or granddaughter of a fraternity or sorority members. Each chapter has its own policies regarding legacies. Being a legacy does not mean automatic membership into that chapter.

MEMBERSHIP INTAKE

The process for some culturally-based fraternities and sororities to bring in new members.

NEOPHYTE

The most recently initiated member of an IGC or NPHC organization.

NEW MEMBER

A person who has accepted a bid to join an IFC fraternity or a Panhellenic sorority but is not yet initiated.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER (PNM)

A college student participating in the recruitment process who has not yet accepted a bid to membership.

RECRUITMENT COUNSELOR

A neutral member of a Panhellenic sorority who temporarily disassociates from her chapter to serve as an unbiased guide during Panhellenic recruitment.

STEPPING/STROLLING

Creative and unique forms of artistic dance unique to some culturally-based fraternities and sororities.

Greek Alphabet







DEVELOPMENT

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