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Welcome to UVA



Involvement in the fraternity and sorority community has dramatically enhanced my time at UVA. The men and women I have met are consistently among the most passionate and engaged students that I know, so it is no wonder that our members are deeply invested in leadership and activities.

—KATHLEEN LAVELLE,
FORMER INTER-SORORITY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

For more than 160 years, fraternities and sororities at the University of Virginia have offered enriching values-based experiences that focus on scholarship, leadership, service, and brother/sisterhood. Since the establishment of our first chapter in 1852, the fraternal community has grown to support 61 chapters, which are governed by four distinct councils. Membership in our fraternity and sorority chapters encompasses approximately 31% of UVA's undergraduate population, representing approximately 4,800 students.

Beyond the brotherhood and sisterhood inherent in membership, fraternities and sororities offer increased opportunities for leadership development, personal growth,

scholastic achievement, and philanthropic service. In the 2017–2018 academic year, fraternities and sororities at the University reported raising over \$397,000 for charitable causes and logging over 76,000 hours of community service. This commitment to excellence in leadership and service has resulted in a significant impact for both the fraternal organizations and the local community.

The following pages provide introductory information on the various councils and chapters that comprise the fraternity and sorority community at Virginia. We invite you to explore this information and our web based resources as you consider joining the fraternity and sorority community at Virginia.



NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL • NPHC

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the umbrella organization for the historically African American fraternities and sororities on Grounds. The mission of the National Pan-Hellenic Council is to promote the ideals and standards upon which their respective organizations were founded. Member organizations carry out this mission through joint action and events, such as community service projects, forums, and step-shows within the University and Charlottesville community.

<p>ΑΦΑ</p> 	<p>Alpha Phi Alpha</p> <p><i>Chapter</i> Iota Beta <i>Founded</i> December 4, 1906 <i>Established at UVA</i> March 10, 1974 <i>Philanthropy</i> Charlottesville Public Schools and March of Dimes</p>
<p>ΚΑΨ</p> 	<p>Kappa Alpha Psi</p> <p><i>Chapter</i> Eta Sigma <i>Founded</i> January 5, 1911 <i>Established at UVA</i> December 7, 1974 <i>Philanthropy</i> St. Jude Children's Research Hospital</p>
<p>ΩΨΦ</p> 	<p>Omega Psi Phi</p> <p><i>Chapter</i> Lambda Zeta <i>Founded</i> November 17, 1911 <i>Established at UVA</i> September 7, 1973 <i>Philanthropy</i> Charlottesville Public Schools</p>
<p>ΦΒΣ</p> 	<p>Phi Beta Sigma</p> <p><i>Chapter</i> Zeta Eta <i>Founded</i> January 9, 1914 <i>Established at UVA</i> April 17, 1974 <i>Philanthropy</i> Holiday Sharing with Madison House</p>



<p>ΔΣΘ</p> 	<p>Delta Sigma Theta</p> <p><i>Chapter</i> Kappa Rho <i>Founded</i> January 13, 1913 <i>Established at UVA</i> September 29, 1973 <i>Philanthropy</i> I Have a Dream Foundation</p>
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<p>ΣΓΡ</p> 	<p>Sigma Gamma Rho</p> <p><i>Chapter</i> Theta Lambda <i>Founded</i> November 12, 1922 <i>Established at UVA</i> December 5, 1980 <i>Philanthropy</i> Operation Big Book Bag</p>
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<p>ΖΦΒ</p> 	<p>Zeta Phi Beta</p> <p><i>Chapter</i> Tau Theta <i>Founded</i> January 16, 1920 <i>Established at UVA</i> April 2, 1978 <i>Philanthropy</i> March of Dimes, National Education Foundation</p>
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MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL • MGC

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is the governing body for Latino/a, Asian-interest, LGBT, and multicultural fraternities and sororities. Established in 2000, the MGC is the youngest and fastest growing council at Virginia. Through incorporating cultural values and traditions, the MGC focuses on unifying members and offering diverse and unique experiences. The devotion to service based initiatives, scholarship, leadership, and friendship supports the fundamental mission of the MGC while enhancing the vision and culture of the greater community.

ΓΣΤ Delphic of Gamma Sigma Tau



Chapter | Kappa
Founded | October 13, 1871
Established at UVA | March 29, 2009
Philanthropy | American Foundation of Suicide Prevention

ΛΦΕ Lambda Phi Epsilon



Chapter | Alpha Tau
Founded | February 25, 1981
Established at UVA | March 16, 2002
Philanthropy | Be the March

αΚΔΦ alpha Kappa Delta Phi



Chapter | Sigma
Founded | February 7, 1990
Established at UVA | November 13, 1999
Philanthropy | Breast Cancer Awareness

ΛΘΑ Lambda Theta Alpha



Chapter | Gamma Alpha
Founded | December 1, 1975
Established at UVA | April 29, 2001
Philanthropy | St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

ΣΛΥ Sigma Lambda Upsilon



Chapter | Alpha Rho
Founded | December 1, 1987
Established at UVA | March 23, 2013
Philanthropy | Literacy Empowerment

ΣΨΖ Sigma Psi Zeta



Chapter | Lambda
Founded | March 23, 1994
Established at UVA | December 1, 2001
Philanthropy | Combat Violence Against Women

ΣΟΡ Sigma Omicron Rho



Chapter | Alpha
Founded | 2009
Established at UVA | 2009
Philanthropy | Size By Side



INTER-SORORITY COUNCIL • ISC

The **Inter-Sorority Council (ISC)** is the governing body of 15 social sororities on Grounds. With approximately 2,600 members, the ISC represents the largest group of women on Grounds and strives to enhance the Greek experience by providing opportunities that support leadership, service, scholastic growth, social development, and sisterhood. The ISC strives to uphold the values of integrity, loyalty, compassion, and humility, upon which these organizations were founded, while supporting the University and local communities and developing an atmosphere conducive to friendship and sisterhood.

ΑΧΩ

Alpha Chi Omega



Chapter | Zeta Lambda
Founded | October 15, 1885
Established at UVA | April 19, 1980
Philanthropy | Domestic Violence Awareness, Shelter for Help in Emergency

ΑΔΠ

Alpha Delta Pi



Chapter | Zeta Xi
Founded | May 15, 1851
Established at UVA | April 16, 1977
Philanthropy | Ronald McDonald House Charities

ΑΦ

Alpha Phi



Chapter | Zeta Iota
Founded | September 18, 1872
Established at UVA | December 2, 1978
Philanthropy | Alpha Phi Foundation, Women's Cardiac Care

ΧΩ

Chi Omega



Chapter | Lambda Gamma
Founded | April 5, 1895
Established at UVA | June 4, 1927
Philanthropy | Make a Wish Foundation

ΔΔΔ

Delta Delta Delta



Chapter | Beta Sigma
Founded | November 27, 1888
Established at UVA | September 27, 1975
Philanthropy | St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

ΔΓ

Delta Gamma



Chapter | Epsilon Gamma
Founded | December 25, 1873
Established at UVA | November 18, 1978
Philanthropy | Service for Sight

ΔΖ

Delta Zeta



Chapter | Lambda Delta
Founded | October 24, 1902
Established at UVA | November 12, 1977
Philanthropy | Starkey Hearing Foundation, Painted Turtle Camp

ΓΦΒ

Gamma Phi Beta



Chapter | Zeta Beta
Founded | November 11, 1874
Established at UVA | April 9, 1994
Philanthropy | Girls on the Run



ΚΑΘ

Kappa Alpha Theta



Chapter | Delta Chi
Founded | January 27, 1870
Established at UVA | April 3, 1976
Philanthropy | CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), One Love Foundation

ΚΔ

Kappa Delta



Chapter | Beta Alpha
Founded | October 23, 1897
Established at UVA | June 10, 1932
Philanthropy | Prevent Child Abuse America, Children's Hospital In Richmond, Girl Scouts

ΚΚΓ

Kappa Kappa Gamma



Chapter | Epsilon Sigma
Founded | October 13, 1870
Established at UVA | October 23, 1976
Philanthropy | Reading is Fundamental, Sydney Owens Memorial Scholarship

ΠΒΦ

Pi Beta Phi



Chapter | Virginia Epsilon
Founded | April 28, 1867
Established at UVA | April 30, 1975
Philanthropy | Read > Lead > Achieve

ΣΚ

Sigma Kappa



Chapter | Theta Zeta
Founded | November 9, 1874
Established at UVA | April 16, 1987
Philanthropy | Alzheimer's Research, Maine Sea Coast mission

ΣΣΣ

Sigma Sigma Sigma



Chapter | Delta Chi
Founded | April 20, 1898
Established at UVA | April 23, 1981
Philanthropy | Robbie Page Memorial Fund, March of Dimes

ZTA

Zeta Tau Alpha



Chapter | Gamma Nu
Founded | October 15, 1898
Established at UVA | January 5, 1952
Philanthropy | Breast Cancer Education and Awareness



INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL • IFC



The Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) is the governing board for 32 social fraternities and approximately 1,900 men at the University. The IFC is comprised of three functional branches which are charged with developing and enforcing policies related to fraternity life, facilitating the membership recruitment process, implementing service based initiatives, and delivering educational programs and resources for the IFC community.

AEΠ

Alpha Epsilon Pi



Chapter | Mu
Founded | November 29, 1924
Established at UVA | 1924
Philanthropy | Blue Ridge Area Food Bank

ΑΣΦ

Alpha Sigma Phi



Chapter | Zeta Upsilon
Founded | December 6, 1845
Established at UVA | November 2, 2013
Philanthropy | R.A.I.N.N.

ΑΤΩ

Alpha Tau Omega



Chapter | Delta
Founded | September 11, 1865
Established at UVA | November 25, 1868
Philanthropy | Charlottesville SPCA

ΒΘΠ

Beta Theta Pi



Chapter | Omicron
Founded | August 8, 1839
Established at UVA | April 24, 1855
Philanthropy | Charlottesville Free Clinic

XΦ

Chi Phi



Chapter | Alpha
Founded | December 24, 1824
Established at UVA | May 1, 1859
Philanthropy | Ashley Cowie Foundation

ΔΚΕ

Delta Kappa Epsilon



Chapter | Eta
Founded | June 22, 1844
Established at UVA | November 26, 1852
Philanthropy | Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation

ΔΥ

Delta Upsilon



Chapter | Virginia
Founded | November 4, 1834
Established at UVA | April 22, 1922
Philanthropy | Charlottesville SPCA

ΚΣ

Kappa Sigma



Chapter | Zeta
Founded | December 10, 1869
Established at UVA | December 10, 1869
Philanthropy | CKG Foundation

ΦΚΨ

Phi Kappa Psi



Chapter | Virginia Alpha
Founded | February 19, 1852
Established at UVA | December 8, 1853
Philanthropy | Boys and Girls Club

XΨ

Chi Psi



Chapter | Omicron
Founded | May 20, 1841
Established at UVA | April 10, 1860
Philanthropy | The Gordie Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

ΔΣΦ

Delta Sigma Phi



Chapter | Alpha Mu
Founded | December 10, 1899
Established at UVA | May 1921
Philanthropy | Hope Community Center

ΚΑ

Kappa Alpha Order



Chapter | Lambda
Founded | December 21, 1865
Established at UVA | November 19, 1873
Philanthropy | Mallette-Love Memorial Foundation

ΦΔΘ

Phi Delta Theta



Chapter | Virginia Beta
Founded | December 26, 1848
Established at UVA | February 19, 2001
Philanthropy | ALS Association



INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL • IFC

ΦΓΔ

Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji)



Chapter | Omicron
Founded | May 1, 1848
Established at UVA | December 31, 1858
Philanthropy | Jimmy V Foundation

ΦΣΚ

Phi Sigma Kappa



Chapter | Psi
Founded | March 15, 1873
Established at UVA | January 19, 1907
Philanthropy | Habitat for Humanity

Φ

Phi Society



Chapter | Virginia Beta
Founded | December 26, 1848
Established at UVA | November 18, 1873
Philanthropy | Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

ΠΚΑ

Pi Kappa Alpha



Chapter | Alpha
Founded | March 1, 1868
Established at UVA | March 1, 1868
Philanthropy | Coladas for a Cure

ΠΚΦ

Pi Kappa Phi



Chapter | Beta Upsilon
Founded | December 10, 1904
Established at UVA | March 6, 1961
Philanthropy | Ability Experience

ΠΛΦ

Pi Lambda Phi



Chapter | Omega Alpha
Founded | March 21, 1895
Established at UVA | 1932
Philanthropy | Sexual Assault Resource Agency

ΣΑΕ

Sigma Alpha Epsilon



Chapter | Virginia Omicron
Founded | March 9, 1856
Established at UVA | December 19, 1857
Philanthropy | Camp Kesem

ΣΑΜ

Sigma Alpha Mu



Chapter | Beta Psi
Founded | November 26, 1909
Established at UVA | December 8, 1968
Philanthropy | Alzheimer's Association

ΣΧ

Sigma Chi



Chapter | Psi
Founded | June 28, 1855
Established at UVA | December 10, 1860
Philanthropy | Children's Miracle Network,
UVA Children's Hospital

ΣΠ

Sigma Nu



Chapter | Beta
Founded | January 1, 1869
Established at UVA | 1871
Philanthropy | St. Jude Children's
Research Hospital

ΣΦ

Sigma Phi Society



Chapter | Alpha of Virginia
Founded | March 4, 1827
Established at UVA | February 27, 1954
Philanthropy | Fisher House Foundation

ΣΠ

Sigma Pi



Chapter | Beta Pi
Founded | February 26, 1897
Established at UVA | April 4, 1959
Philanthropy | Alzheimer's Association

ΔΦ

St. Elmo Hall (Delta Phi)



Chapter | Rho
Founded | November 17, 1827
Established at UVA | January 1908
Philanthropy | One Love Foundation

ΘΧ

Theta Chi



Chapter | Xi
Founded | April 10, 1856
Established at UVA | January 26, 1914
Philanthropy | On Our Own

ZΨ

Zeta Psi



Chapter | Beta
Founded | June 1, 1847
Established at UVA | June 28, 1868
Philanthropy | Jimmy V Foundation



ΔΨ

St. Anthony Hall (Delta Psi)



Chapter | Upsilon
Founded | January 17, 1847
Established at UVA | April 20, 1860
Philanthropy | American Heart Association

TKE

Tau Kappa Epsilon



Chapter | Gamma Omicron
Founded | January 10, 1899
Established at UVA | December 1, 2012
Philanthropy | St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

ΘΔΧ

Theta Delta Chi



Chapter | Nu Charge
Founded | October 31, 1847
Established at UVA | 1857
Philanthropy | Autism Allies

ZBT

Zeta Beta Tau (Provisional Chapter)



Chapter | Phi Epsilon
Founded | December 29, 1898
Established at UVA | 1915
Philanthropy | Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

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POLICIES AND DATES

ISC Recruitment



Recruitment

Perhaps one of the most recognized functions of the ISC is overseeing the recruitment process that takes place each year. Potential new members are invited to consider a sorority membership through two different processes: Formal Recruitment and Continuous Open Bidding (COB). Continuous Open Bidding is a way for sororities to extend bids to women outside of the formal recruitment period in order to fill open roster spots (if applicable). Continuous Open Bidding takes place in a limited capacity in the fall semester and after the conclusion of formal recruitment in the spring. Continuous Open Bidding is only available to transfers, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students in the fall semester and then to all students in the spring semester after the conclusion of formal recruitment. Formal recruitment

takes place shortly before the start of the spring semester. This process is considerably more structured and is the ISC's primary method of attaining new members. All chapters are required to participate in this process.

ISC Contact Policy

The Inter-Sorority Council values that deferred recruitment enables upperclassmen to develop relationships with first year students who are not members of the sorority community. In order to ensure that all first year women are afforded the same opportunities during the recruitment process, the ISC has established a Contact Policy to explain what types of communication and interaction are permitted between sorority women and non-affiliated women. This policy further ensures that non-affiliated women can develop authentic and

meaningful relationships with sorority women without feeling that they are either at a disadvantage or an advantage for being offered a membership bid. For detailed information and guidelines on the Contact Policy, please visit the Virginia ISC website (www.virginiaisc.com) and reference Contact Policy under Recruitment Regulations.

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of Recommendation are accepted by chapters, but not required.

Should an alumna offer to write a recommendation, the recommendation should be sent directly to the individual sorority. Please visit www.virginiaisc.com/recruitment for the contact information and addresses to which letters of recommendation should be sent.

Please note that first semester, first year students are ineligible to join Greek organizations at the University of Virginia.

ISC Recruitment Dates

Fall 2018 Recruitment

(Second, Third, Fourth Year and Transfer Students Only)

Aug. 28 - Ongoing

Informal Recruitment Period

Sept. 5 First Day of Bid Extension

**Bids cannot be distributed prior to September 5th.*

Spring 2019 Recruitment

Jan. 7 PNM Move-In & Orientation

Jan. 8-9 Round Robbins

Jan. 10 Philanthropy

Jan. 11 House Tours

Jan. 12 Preference

Jan. 13 Bid Day

MGC Intake Information

Although the member organizations of the Multicultural Greek Council recruit new members at different times throughout the year and through different processes, many can be found at the activities fairs that occur once per semester and at other events hosted by the council. Contact the fraternity or sorority for more information on the intake process for a specific MGC organization.

IFC Recruitment Dates

Fall 2018 Recruitment

(Second, Third, Fourth Year and Transfer Students Only)

Sept. 14-22 Informal Recruitment Period

Sept. 22 Bid Day

**Bids cannot be distributed prior to September 22nd.*

Spring 2019 Recruitment

Jan. 17 Recruitment Orientation

Jan. 18-20 Open House 7 - 10pm

Jan. 21 No Contact Day

Jan. 22-24 First Invites

Jan. 25 No Contact Day

Jan. 26-28 Second Invites

Jan. 29 No Contact Day

Jan. 30-31 Third Invites

Feb. 1 No Contact Day

Feb. 2 Final Hours

Feb. 3 Bid Day

NPHC Intake Information

Chapters in the National Pan-Hellenic Council recruit at different times throughout the academic year. Each fraternity and sorority facilitates a specific intake process for new members. To find out more information about membership, please contact the specific fraternity or sorority.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQs

How many students are involved in fraternity/sorority life at UVA? Approximately 31 percent of the undergraduate population. The community is slightly smaller in the fall semester since formal recruitment occurs in the spring.

Which chapters are represented at UVA? UVA is currently home to 61 chapters, governed by four distinct councils: the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), the Inter-Sorority Council (ISC), and the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC). Specific chapter information can be accessed on their websites.

What are the benefits of membership? Fraternities and sororities are values-based organizations that focus on scholarship, leadership, service, and brother/sisterhood. By joining a fraternal organization, students are afforded sisterhood or brotherhood opportunities that often become life-long friendships, as well as expansive contact networks during and after their college career. Fraternities and sororities also spend vast amounts of time and effort contributing to the

greater Charlottesville community and to charitable causes. Membership also affords students unique leadership opportunities as each of the chapters and governing councils is led by students.

What are the expenses associated with membership? Is financial assistance available?

Like any opportunity for involvement in college, there is a financial commitment. The costs go toward council and national fees, chapter operating expenses and social functions. Students and alumni set the fees for membership in any given chapter, and those fees can be put toward national organization fees, operational expenses, philanthropic endeavors, insurance, retreat costs, social expenditures, scholarship funding, and parent and alumni functions. All prospective new members are encouraged to inquire about membership costs during the recruitment process. Be aware that additional costs may be incurred throughout the semester for gifts, pictures, social events, t-shirts, etc.

The *Greek Endowed Scholarship* was created to offset some of the

costs associated with membership. A scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded annually to students who demonstrate financial need, scholastic merit, and contribution to the Greek and UVA communities. Additionally, many individual chapters offer scholarship funds for members. Contact them directly to inquire what types of financial assistance is offered.

Will I have time to be involved in fraternity/sorority life? Being a member can be a substantial time commitment. In any given week, it is likely for a member to have one chapter meeting, one new member meeting during the first semester of membership, one committee meeting and one to two social or community service activities. Recruitment events or intramural sports may be of interest to you as well. Members often balance multiple commitments and are able to determine what level of involvement they wish to have in their fraternal organization.

How much time does membership take? How will it affect members' academics? Each chapter has a minimum requirement for attendance at chapter meetings,



philanthropic and service events, and social events. However, members can choose their level of involvement. All students are encouraged to put their academics first, as scholarship is a top priority. To enter and remain a part, members of most organizations are required to maintain a minimum GPA. Many chapters offer tutoring and study hall services.

If I go through recruitment, do I have to join? No. Recruitment is a time to see what fraternities and sororities offer. Going through recruitment does not commit you to joining.

When does recruitment start at UVA? Informal recruitment for transfer, second, and third year students begins in the fall semester of each academic year for the ISC and the IFC. The NPHC begins recruitment with a “Meet the Greeks” session in the first weeks of the fall semester. The organizations of the MGC recruit at different times throughout the year. Students interested in MGC or NPHC membership should contact the Council directly to find out about their specific recruitment timelines.

The ISC Formal Recruitment

Process will occur from January 7-13, 2019. The IFC Formal Recruitment process will occur from January 17-February 3, 2019.

Why does UVA have a deferred recruitment system?

The University encourages “the first-year experience” and believes first-year students need time to adjust to college life without the time commitment of joining in their first semester. It is important for first-year students to focus on academic achievement, making friends, getting settled into college life, and to begin to make decisions about what types of student organizations they will want to become involved in.

What role does alcohol play in these organizations?

All fraternities and sororities are expected to comply with the policies and regulations concerning alcohol that are outlined by the University, the respective Governing Council, and the Inter/National organization of the fraternity/sorority. Additionally, all fraternities and sororities are required to attend an educational program on alcohol and substance abuse during each academic year.

What types of activities or philanthropic events do fraternity and sorority members at UVA participate in?

Service is a cornerstone of the Greek community, and each of our 61 sororities and fraternities is dedicated to one or more philanthropic causes or organizations. Additionally, students within the Greek community are involved in a number of activities around Grounds.

What about hazing? UVA does not condone hazing in any form. If you would like to learn more about our stance against hazing, please visit www.virginia.edu/hazing for more information.

If you feel that you or someone you know is participating in inappropriate activities as a result of membership in a fraternity or sorority, contact Fraternity & Sorority Life. Calls will be handled in a discreet manner. Additionally, the Hazing Hotline, 434.243.HAZE (4293), is available to report incidents of hazing. All calls will be handled discreetly and efficiently. In addition to the Hazing Hotline, reports can be filed online through the “Just Report It” website:

www.virginia.edu/justreportit



By the numbers

31%

Percentage of the undergraduate population that is a member of a fraternal organization.

1,483

Number of students joining a fraternity or sorority in 2017–2018.

4,803

Total undergraduates affiliated with fraternity or sorority life at the University.

3.350

Average GPA of a fraternity/sorority member.

166

Number of years fraternal life has existed at the University.

61

Number of active Greek chapters.

76,481

Number of community service hours completed by fraternity/sorority members in the 2017–2018 academic year.

\$397,601

Amount of funds raised in charitable donations by the Greek community for 2017–2018.



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