

MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY POLICY ON GREEK AFFAIRS

Recognition

All Greek organizations voted in by Greek Council, approved by the Assistant Director of Student Engagement, and in good conduct standing with the University will be recognized under the following stipulations:

- a. Greek organizations must have liability insurance coverage on file with the University.
 - b. Greek organizations must have a minimum of five members to begin the expansion process and must maintain a membership of at least ten members throughout the duration of the organization.
 - i. If an organization's membership drops below ten members, the organization will be placed on probation for a period of one year.
 - ii. If an organization's membership does not meet the minimum standard of ten members after the one-year probationary period, the organization will be placed under a University reorganization plan.
 - iii. If an organization's membership does not meet the minimum standard of ten members for three consecutive years, the organization may be subject to the indefinite suspension of its charter.
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Housing

Greek organizations are not guaranteed housing at Muskingum University. If an organization requests housing, the following criteria will be taken into consideration:

- Greek organizations must maintain a membership of at least 12 members for three consecutive years before applying for housing.
- Greek organizations must complete the housing application process in order to be considered for housing.
- Greek housing is granted by the Director Residence Life and/or their designee(s).
- Greek organizations must be able to fill the occupancy requirements of the housing provided to them (i.e., residence hall floor, duplex, house, etc.) throughout the academic year.

- Greek organizations are issued a housing offer letter each academic year. Members are expected to abide by the expectations and guidelines outlined in the housing offer letter.
 - Failure to fill the occupancy requirements of the housing provided may result in the removal of the organization from that housing.
 - Failure to follow University policies may result in removal from housing.
 - Failure to abide by the organization's specific housing offer letter may result in removal from housing.
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Fraternity and Sorority Recruitment Procedures

To be eligible to become a new member and/or receive an invitation to membership from an organization, an incoming first-year student must have attained the established high school minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.5.

To be eligible for membership, Muskingum students must have attained the established Muskingum University minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.35 and have completed one semester as a full-time student at Muskingum University.

First-semester transfer students must transfer to Muskingum University with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.35 to be eligible for membership.

Individual organizations reserve the right to require a higher cumulative grade-point average.

Additional information is provided below:

a. General Recruitment and Initiation Notes

- i. A new member education program may be conducted for all new members during an established period under the direction of the Student Engagement Office. All new member programs must conclude by the Tuesday before Thanksgiving Break in the fall semester and by the Friday before Spring Break in the spring semester and may not exceed six weeks in length.
- ii. Guidelines for new member education programs are established each fall semester by the Assistant Director of Student Engagement or their designee.
- iii. The Assistant Director of Student Engagement or their designee, chapter advisor, and National Headquarters (if applicable) must approve all new member education programs

and/or calendars by the date provided to the organizations by the Assistant Director of Student Engagement prior to the start of new member education.

iv. Initiation ceremonies are at the discretion of each individual organization but are subject to approval by the Student Engagement Office.

v. An organization's faculty advisor has the right to be present and is encouraged to attend all activities and events of the organization, including initiation ceremonies. Student Life professionals and University Police personnel will be granted access to all activities and spaces on campus.

vi. Hazing in any form is strictly prohibited.

b. CPC (College Panhellenic Council) Organizations Recruitment and Initiation Notes

i. The preferential system of bidding will be used.

ii. Potential new members are not permitted in organization houses or lounges except during open houses and scheduled recruitment functions.

iii. Violations of Greek Executive Board rules will be referred to the Assistant Director of Student Engagement or their designee for appropriate action.

iv. All procedures, timelines, and deadlines for the recruitment process will be communicated through Greek Executive Board each fall.

v. All sorority organizations have a maximum total membership and/or quota as determined by Assistant Director of Student Engagement.

c. Interfraternity Council (IFC) Organizations Recruitment and Initiation Notes

i. Potential new members are not permitted in organization houses or lounges except during open houses and scheduled recruitment functions.

ii. Restrictions are placed on potential new members and current members during the recruitment period. These restrictions are published in the Greek Executive Board Constitution.

iii. All procedures, timelines, and deadlines for the recruitment process will be communicated through Greek Executive Board each fall.

iv. Violations of Greek Council rules will be referred to the Assistant Director of Student Engagement or their designee for appropriate action.