

Joining a fraternity/sorority is just one choice that SUNY Cortland provides to its undergraduate students. We invite everyone to learn more about Greek life on our campus by reviewing this information as well as that found on the College's Fraternities and Sororities website.

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College Recognition

(Coordinated through the Campus Activities and Corey Union Office)

- Validates the fraternity/sorority and gives it permission to operate at SUNY Cortland with the following benefits:
 - 9 Recruit new members with the cooperation and support of the College
 - 9 Use College facilities to hold events and/or meetings
 - 9 Campus-wide promotion of all chapter activities
 - 9 Ability to serve on Greek system governing boards to gain leadership experience and be part of an event and/or policy planning process
 - 9 Become involved in a wide array of community service possibilities
 - 9 Increased publicity for all chapter accomplishments
 - 9 Advocating on behalf of individuals and organizations by Greek Advisor as appropriate
- Recognition is limited to organizations with official ties to a national fraternity or sorority with the exception of Nu Sigma Chi Sorority

Recognized Greek Organizations

Social Sororities:	Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Phi Epsilon, Nu Sigma Chi and Sigma Delta Tau
Social Fraternities:	Kappa Sigma and Theta Chi
NALFO:	Lambda Upsilon Lambda, Omega Phi Beta, Phi Iota Alpha, Sigma Lambda Upsilon, Lambda Sigma Upsilon and Sigma Iota Alpha
NPHC:	Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Gamma Rho
Service:	Alpha Phi Omega
Other:	Lambda Theta Alpha

Unrecognized Greek Organizations

- Are groups of students illegally using Greek letters calling themselves members of a National group when they are not and thus misleading students to "join" under false pretenses and with no College oversight; These groups are not actual fraternities.
- Unrecognized organizations at Cortland are the groups calling themselves *Delta Chi*, *Omega Delta Phi* (Omega or ODPhi), *Pi Kappa Phi* (Pi Kapp) and *Tau Kappa Epsilon* (Teke or TKE); They are illegally using these names and Greek letters.

Banned Greek Organizations

- Two local fraternities have been permanently banned by the College for repeated actions that endangered the physical and psychological well-being of our students; These banned groups are *Beta Phi Epsilon* (Beta) and *Delta Kappa Beta* (Kappa).

The College's Code of Student Conduct states: *Students found to pledge, be a member of, or live in any residence of a permanently banned group will likely face a lengthy suspension or permanent dismissal from the College.*

Reasons Students Join a Greek Organization

- Belief in the values of the organization
- Leadership, community service, networking and social opportunities
- Place to belong and be accepted for who you are

Membership Eligibility Requirements When First Joining

- Must be full-time SUNY Cortland students; Cannot be on either Academic Warning or Academic Probation
- First semester first year students **cannot** join any fraternity or sorority
- Returning students must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA **and** have earned credit for completing at least 12 credit hours at SUNY Cortland (College honors higher organizational GPA requirements; Typically this will be a 2.50)
- Incoming transfer students must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA **and** have completed at least 24 post high school credit hours; Proof of this must be submitted to the Campus Activities Office
 - 9 Unofficial copies of transcripts are acceptable as long as they show student name, school name, cumulative GPA and number of credit hours completed
- Eligibility verifications are conducted through the College's Campus Activities Office

Membership Expectations

- Attendance at chapter meetings and participation in chapter events
- Compliance with college policies and procedures
- Living up to organizational values; Serving as positive role model

- Payment of chapter dues in a timely fashion each semester

Community Service

- Greeks completed 4,123 community service hours in 2016-2017
- Assistance was provided to Cortland Youth Bureau, Lime Hollow Nature Center, local Soup Kitchen, YMCA and YWCA, etc.

Philanthropy

- Greek Life raised approximately \$36,500 in 2016-2017
- Funds raised benefited the philanthropies officially endorsed by each organization as well as Cortland Youth Bureau, Crop Hunger Walk, Relay for Life and the YWCA of Cortland.

Academic Success

- All organizations value scholarship and recognize that members are here first and foremost to be students
- While grades can fluctuate, it is not true that joining a fraternity or sorority means your grades will falter, often times exactly the opposite is true
- At the end of 2016-2017, 47 of 657 Greek members had GPAs in the Summa Cum Laude range, 80 were in the Magna Cum Laude range, and 140 fell in the Cum Laude range

Expansion

- Panhellenic expansion is currently closed on this campus
- Any student or group of students interested in bringing a new National organization to campus must discuss this option with the College's Associate Director of Campus Activities and Greek Affairs. This process takes time and work and there are no guarantees that the expansion will be approved.

SUNY Cortland's Recognized Organizations

Social Sororities



ALPHA PHI

Chartered April 30, 1989

Minimum GPA to join is 2.50

Motto: *Union Hand in Hand*

Philanthropy: Alpha Phi Foundation/Cardiac Care Rents chapter house at 39 Tompkins Street

This sorority focuses on sisterhood, service, scholarship, leadership, loyalty and character development.



ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA (Alpha Sig or ASA)

Re-colonized November 8, 2008; Re-chartered March 21, 2009

Minimum GPA to join is 2.40

Motto: *Aspire, Seek, Attain*

Primary Philanthropies: Special Olympics, S. June Smith Center, Girls On The Run and the ASA Foundation

This sorority emphasizes balance among its four aims of intellectual, physical, social and spiritual development.



DELTA PHI EPSILON (DPHiE)

Colonized March 1986; Chartered April 5, 1987

Minimum GPA to join is 2.50

Motto: *To Be Rather Than To Seem to Be*

Primary Philanthropies: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Delta Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation and the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders Rents chapter house at 64 Tompkins Street

This sorority develops a social consciousness in women and a commitment to think and act for the greater good.



NU SIGMA CHI (NEX or Nu Sig)

Founded at SUNY Cortland, November 11, 1928

Minimum GPA to join is 2.50

Motto: *Victory Through Loveliness*

Primary Philanthropy: American Cancer Society

This sorority strives to promote academic achievement, leadership, social responsibility, and loyalty while also giving back to our college and community.



SIGMA DELTA TAU (SDT)

Chartered March 24, 1988

Minimum GPA to join is 2.50

Motto: *One Hope of Many People*

Primary Philanthropy: Prevent Child Abuse America and Jewish Women International Rents chapter house at 55 Tompkins Street

This sorority promotes academic achievement, builds leadership skills,

Social Fraternities

ΚΣ **KAPPA SIGMA** (Kappa Sig)
 Colonized January 25, 2008; Chartered May 1, 2010
 Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
 Motto: *The ideals we pursue determine who we are and what we will become.*
 Primary Philanthropy: Military Heroes Campaign
 Rents chapter house at 15 Prospect Terrace

This values-based fraternity focuses on fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service.

ΘΧ **THETA CHI**
 Colonized September 7, 2013; Chartered May 2, 2015
 Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
 Motto: *An Assisting Hand*
 Primary Philanthropy: United Service Organizations

This fraternity is founded on the principle of friendship through the mutual assistance of every member.

NPHC

ΚΑΨ **KAPPA ALPHA PSI** (the Kappas)
 Colonized Spring 2014
 Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
 Motto: *Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor*
 Primary Philanthropy: Mississippi's Piney Wood School

Brothers are to move steadily toward a tomorrow of promise, productivity and influence.

ΣΓΡ **SIGMA GAMMA RHO** (SGRho or the Poodles)
 Colonized Spring 2016
 Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
 Motto: *Greater Service, Greater Progress*

The sorority's goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. Their core values are sisterhood, service and scholarship.

Service

ΑΦΩ **ALPHA PHI OMEGA** (APO)
 Chartered December 2006
 Minimum GPA to join is 2.30
 Motto: *Be a Friend, Be a Leader, Be of Service*
 Primary Philanthropy: None rates above any other

This co-educational service fraternity develops leadership, promotes friendship and provides service to humanity.

Other

ΛΘΑ **LAMBDA THETA ALPHA** (LTA)
 Recognized Fall 2017
 Minimum GPA to join is 2.75
 Motto: *Latin by Tradition, Not by Definition*
 Primary Philanthropy: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

The sorority is committed to three areas - education, personal and professional development, and community activism.

NALFO

ΛΥΛ **LA UNIDAD LATINA LAMBDA UPSILON LAMBDA** (LUL)
 Colonized April 10, 2007; Chartered July 21, 2013
 Minimum GPA to join is 3.0 for second semester first year students and 2.8 for all others
 Motto: *La Unidad Para Siempre*

Primary Philanthropy: None rates above any other
 Brothers believe in a diverse membership, a commitment to academic excellence and a proactive vision towards raising awareness about Latino culture and history.

ΩΦΒ **OMEGA PHI BETA** (OPB or the Betas)
 Colonized April 6, 2009; Chartered September 24, 2011
 Minimum GPA to join is 2.70
 Motto: *Sirviendo y Educando a Través de Nuestra Diversidad*
 Primary Issues of Concern: Poverty and Domestic Violence

Sisters are dedicated not only to their own personal development and accomplishments but also to the success and betterment of all women in today's world.

ΦΙΑ **PHI IOTA ALPHA** (Phiota or PhiA)
 Colonized Fall 2010; Chapter is currently dormant
 Minimum GPA to join is 2.70 for second semester first year students and 2.50 for all others
 Motto: *Semper Parati Semper Juncti*
 Primary Philanthropy: UNICEF

Brothers are dedicated to the appreciation, promotion and preservation of Latin American culture.

ΣΛΥ **SIGMA LAMBDA UPSILON/SEÑORITAS LATINAS UNIDAS** (SLU)
 Chartered April 21, 1991; Re-activated January 1, 2012
 Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
 Motto: *Hasta La Muerte*
 Primary Issue of Concern: Literacy

Sisters promote sisterhood, leadership, community service, academic excellence and cultural enrichment.

ΛΣΥ **LAMBDA SIGMA UPSILON** (LSU)
 Colonized Fall 2014; Chartered November 3, 2014
 Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
 Motto: *Latinos Siempre Unidos*
 Primary Philanthropy: HIV and AIDS Research
 Brothers uphold a strong commitment to individuality and creativity. Academic success is their number one goal.

ΣΙΑ **HERMANDAD de SIGMA IOTA ALPHA** (SIA)
 Recognized January 15, 2018
 Minimum GPA to join is 2.50
 Motto: *Always One and Inseparable*
 Primary Philanthropies: Children International and One Heartland

Striving for the expansion and awareness of the Latino and diverse cultures, the sorority serves as a model of excellence in education and achievement among women.

