

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.

<http://www2.cortland.edu/offices/campus-activities/fraternities-and-sororities.dot>

College Recognition is coordinated through the Campus Activities and Corey Union Office. It is limited to organizations with official ties to a national fraternity or sorority with the exception of Nu Sigma Chi Sorority which has been grandfathered in. Recognition validates the fraternity/sorority and gives it permission to operate at SUNY Cortland with the following benefits:

- Ability to recruit new members with the cooperation and support of the College;
- Ability to use College facilities to hold events and/or meetings;
- Ability to serve on Greek system governing boards to gain leadership experience and be part of an event and/or policy planning process;
- Ability to become involved in a wide array of community service possibilities;
- Ability to gain increased public promotion for all chapter accomplishments; AND
- Ability to have College's Greek Advisor advocate on behalf of all individual members and organizations as appropriate.

Currently Recognized Greek Organizations

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| Social Sororities: | Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Phi Epsilon, Nu Sigma Chi and Sigma Delta Tau |
| Social Fraternities: | Alpha Phi Delta 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 |
| NMGC: | Mu Sigma Upsilon |
| Service: | Alpha Phi Omega |
| Other: | Lambda Theta Alpha |

Unrecognized Organizations

There are groups of students illegally using Greek letters, calling themselves members of a National fraternity and misleading students to "join" under false pretenses. These groups are not actual fraternities and have no College oversight. Their charters (permission to operate documents) were revoked for not following a variety of National policies. Students should not put themselves at risk by "joining" them. These are the groups formally known as:

- Delta Chi (DChi)
- Kappa Sigma (KSig)
- Omega Delta Phi (Omega or O D Phi)
- Pi Kappa Phi (Pi Kapp)
- Tau Kappa Epsilon (Teke or TKE)

These groups are illegally using both the names and the Greek letters of the National fraternity to which they once belonged.

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.

Typical Reasons Students Join a Fraternity/Sorority

- 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: Eligibility verifications are conducted through the College's Campus Activities Office.

- Must be a full-time SUNY Cortland student
- Cannot be on either Academic Warning or Academic Probation
- First semester first year students cannot join any fraternity or sorority
- Returning/continuing 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 does honor 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 earned credit for completing at least 24 post high school credit hours; Proof of this must be submitted to the Campus Activities Office via transcript.
 - ◊ Unofficial transcripts are acceptable as long as they show student name, school name(s), cumulative GPA and number of credit hours completed.

Membership Expectations

- Attendance at all chapter/colony meetings and participation in chapter/colony events
- Compliance with College policies and procedures
- Living up to organizational values; Serving as a positive role model
- Payment of chapter/colony and National dues in a timely fashion each semester (usually)

Community Service

- Greeks completed 2,342 community service hours in 2017-2018.
- Assistance was provided to: Cortland Youth Bureau, Lime Hollow Nature Center, local Soup Kitchen, YMCA and YWCA, etc.

Philanthropy

- Greek Life raised approximately \$50,520 in 2017-2018.
- Funds raised benefitted the philanthropies officially endorsed by each organization as well as the American Red Cross, Crop Hunger Walk, Relay for Life and the SUNY Cortland (Food) Cupboard.

Academic Success

All organizations value scholarship and recognize that members are here first and foremost to be students. While grades can fluctuate for a variety of reasons, it is not true that joining a fraternity or sorority means that a student's grades will go down, often times exactly the opposite is true.

- At the end of 2017-2018, 46 of 522 Greek members had cumulative GPAs in the Summa Cum Laude range, 91 had them in the Magna Cum Laude range, and 158 had them in the Cum Laude range.

Expansion

- Panhellenic (NPC) 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 there are no guarantees that the expansion will be approved. As a reminder, local fraternities and/or sororities are not allowed.

Questions? Concerns? Contact Associate Director for Campus Activities and Greek Life Sandra Wohlleber.

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Fraternity and Sorority Related Dates for Spring 2019

Spring Student Involvement Fair:

Sunday, February 3, Corey Union Function Room from 12 Noon to 3 p.m.

Panhellenic Formal Recruitment:

Monday, February 4 through Thursday, February 7 in the Corey Union Food Court
12 Noon to 2 p.m. AND 6 to 8 p.m. each day

*Note: Nu Sigma Chi will be recruiting separately & holding its own events

Hazing Prevention Education Speaker:

Thursday, March 7, Corey Union Function Room at 7:30 p.m.

Greek Honors Applications Due: Tuesday, March 19

Greek Multicultural Council's Annual Showcase:

Friday, April 5 at 7 p.m. in Old Main's Brown Auditorium

Spring 2019 Initiation/Crossing Cut-off Date: Thursday, April 11

GREEK ALPHABET

A — Alpha

B — Beta

Γ — Gamma

Δ — Delta

E — Epsilon

Z — Zeta

H — Eta

Θ — Theta

I — Iota

K — Kappa

Λ — Lambda

M — Mu

N — Nu

Ξ — Xi

O — Omicron

Π — Pi

P — Rho

Σ — Sigma

T — Tau

Υ — Upsilon

Φ — Phi

X — Chi

Ψ — Psi

Ω — Omega

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