

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 SUNY Cortland's Fraternities and Sororities website. As of June 2022, 10.4% of our undergraduates belong to a recognized fraternity or sorority. This translates to 571 fraternity/sorority members.

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

University 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 university;
- Ability to use SUNY Cortland 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 Cortland's Greek Advisor advocate on behalf of all individual members and organizations as appropriate.

#### Currently Recognized Greek Organizations

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 (Their future is TBD after being inactive all last year.)
NPHC:	Sigma Gamma Rho
NMGC:	Mu Sigma Upsilon
Service:	Alpha Phi Omega (Their future is TBD after being inactive in Spring 2022.)
Other:	Lambda Theta Alpha

#### Underground Groups

These are groups of students that call themselves a fraternity (or a sorority) when in reality they are neither. None of these groups are recognized by the university. Two of them have been permanently banned.

These groups are simply using Greek letters to try and legitimize their presence, to make their groups attractive to potential members. Some of them are illegally using the names of national fraternities that were once recognized on our campus. The real chapters were closed for repeated violations of SUNY Cortland and National policies. These underground groups are not actual fraternities (or sororities) and have no university oversight. Students should not put themselves at risk by "joining" or "associating" with these groups. Doing so would put a student in violation of SUNY Cortland's Student Code of Conduct.

Underground groups are listed below with their nicknames. All are male with one exception.

- Beta Phi Epsilon or Beta
- Delta Chi or DChi
- Delta Kappa Beta or Kappa
- Kappa Sigma or Kappa Sig or KSig
- Kappa Sigma Gamma (females)  
This group also calls themselves Sigma Kappa Phi.
- Omega Delta Phi or Omega or ODPi
- Pi Kappa Phi or Pi Kapp
- Tau Kappa Epsilon or Teke or TKE

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is no longer recognized at SUNY Cortland. The earliest the fraternity could return to campus would be 2023-2024 and only if there has been no indication of an underground presence in the interim.

#### 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 SUNY Cortland's Campus Activities Office.

- Must be a full-time SUNY Cortland student and 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 earned credit for completing at least 12 credit hours at SUNY Cortland and have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA (College does honor/go by higher organizational GPA requirements; Many require at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA).
- Incoming transfer students must have earned at least 24 post-high school credit hours and have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA; Proof of this must be submitted to the Campus Activities Office via transcript.
  - ◊ Unofficial transcripts are accepted as long as they show student name, school name(s), cumulative GPA and total number of credit hours completed. College courses taken while in high school do not count.
  - ◊ Transcripts are to be sent via email to the Greek Advisor: Sandra.Wohlleber@cortland.edu

#### Membership Expectations

- Attendance at all chapter/colony meetings and participation in chapter/colony events
- Compliance with all SUNY Cortland 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 (or each year if billed annually)
- Not associating/socializing/mixing/collaborating with any of the university's underground/unrecognized groups
  - ◊ Chapters, colonies, councils that do so will be referred to the Student Conduct Office for sanctioning.

#### Community Service

- Greeks completed 1030 community service hours in 2021-2022 (Opportunities remained somewhat limited due to the ongoing pandemic and slow return to in-person activities.)
- Some activities were virtual and included writing letters of support for nursing homes, hospitalized children, etc.

#### Philanthropy

- Greek Life raised approximately \$56,321 in 2021-2022. Fundraising was done both virtually and at in-person events.
- Funds raised benefitted a variety of local, regional, and national causes.

#### 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. Much depends on each individual's time management skills.

- At the end of Spring 2022, the All Greek GPA was a 3.21 while the All Undergraduate GPA was a 3.09.
- At the end of 2021-2022, 72 fraternity/sorority members had cumulative GPAs in the Summa Cum Laude range, 152 were in the Magna Cum Laude range, and 160 were in the Cum Laude range.

#### Expansion

- Any student or group of students interested in bringing a new National organization to campus must discuss this option with the 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. For more information see the Expansion Brochure linked off the Fraternities and Sororities website.
- Panhellenic (NPC) expansion is currently closed on this campus.

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

[Sandra.Wohlleber@cortland.edu](mailto:Sandra.Wohlleber@cortland.edu) (607)753-5769, Corey Union, Room 412

**Some Dates/Events to Keep in Mind**

Club Involvement Fair: Monday, September 3, 2022 with Greeks tabling at this SGA coordinated event.  
Stop by and talk to various fraternity and sorority members.

Greek Convocation: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7 p.m. in Old Main, Brown Auditorium  
This event is free and open to the public.

Family & Homecoming Weekend: Friday, September 30 through Sunday, October 2, 2022  
The Great Cortland Pumpkinfest is back, will be held October 1 and 2 .

Fall Break: Saturday, October 15 through Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Fraternity/Sorority last possible initiation dates:

Fall 2022: Thursday, November 3                      Spring 2023: Thursday, April 6

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**Chapter/Colony Instagram Sites**

Alpha Phi: @alphaphi_cortland	Lambda Upsilon Lambda: @LULbetatheta
Alpha Sigma Alpha: @alphasig_cortland	Omega Phi Beta: @Cortland_betas
Delta Phi Epsilon: @dphie_cortland	Phi Iota Alpha: TU PAPA@cortland_phiotas
Nu Sigma Chi: @nusig_alpha	Sigma Lambda Upsilon: @slu_enticing_epsilon
Sigma Delta Tau: @sigdelt_cortland	Lambda Sigma Upsilon: @cortland_upsilons
Alpha Phi Delta: @apd_cortland	Sigma Gamma Rho: @cortlandsgrho
Theta Chi: @thetachicortland	Lambda Theta Alpha: @lta_etabeta
Alpha Phi Omega: @cortland_apo	Sigma Iota Alpha: @sia_cortland
Mu Sigma Upsilon: @horaeziel_msu	

**SUNY Cortland Panhellenic Council:** @cortland\_panhel

**SUNY Cortland Greek Multicultural Council:** @cortland\_gmc

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**GREEK ALPHABET**

A — Alpha	I — Iota	P — Rho
B — Beta	K — Kappa	Σ — Sigma
Γ — Gamma	Λ — Lambda	T — Tau
Δ — Delta	M — Mu	Υ — Upsilon
E — Epsilon	N — Nu	Φ — Phi
Z — Zeta	Ξ — Xi	X — Chi
H — Eta	O — Omicron	Ψ — Psi
Θ — Theta	Π — Pi	Ω — Omega



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