

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 May 2023, 10% of our undergraduates belong to a recognized fraternity or sorority. This translates to 634 fraternity and sorority members before May 2023 Commencement.
<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, Sigma Lambda Upsilon, and Lambda Sigma Upsilon
NPHC:	Sigma Gamma Rho
NMGC:	Mu Sigma Upsilon
Other:	Lambda Theta Alpha

Alpha Phi Omega and Phi Iota Alpha fraternities have chosen not renew their recognition for 2023-2024.
Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha Sorority has also chosen not to renew its recognition for 2023-2024.

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 and the student may be suspended.

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 ODPhi
- Pi Kappa Phi or Pi Kapp
- Tau Kappa Epsilon or Teke or TKE

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 (SUNY Cortland 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(s).
 - ◊ 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 1,118 community service hours in 2022-2023.
- Most activities returned to in-person while a handful remained virtual and included writing holiday cards for veterans.

Philanthropy

- Greek Life raised approximately \$48,225 in 2022-2023. 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 2023, the All Greek GPA was a 3.14 while the All Undergraduate GPA was a 3.13.
- At the end of 2022-2023, 70 fraternity/sorority members had cumulative GPAs in the Summa Cum Laude range, 133 were in the Magna Cum Laude range, and 146 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 (607)753-5769, Corey Union, Room 412

Some annual events in which Greeks participate include:

Club Involvement Fair: Held near start of each semester; Greeks often table at this SGA coordinated event. Stop by and talk to various fraternity and sorority members.

Greek Convocation: Held each September to celebrate academic and philanthropic achievements from the previous academic year. This event is free and open to the public; Will be held Sept. 5, 2023.

The Great Cortland Pumpkinfest takes place the first full weekend of October with chapter members often volunteering at this family friendly community event. Chapters also often participate in both community focused Safe Halloween and cleanup events.

Formal recruitment for the NPC sororities takes place each Spring semester; On-line registration starts in mid-January and lasts approximately 18 days. There is no fee to register. (Fall recruitment is less structured with dates, events and number of open slots varying with each chapter.)

Fraternity/Sorority last possible initiation dates each semester:
Fall 2023: Thursday, November 9 Spring 2024: Thursday, April 4

Chapter Instagram Sites

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

- SUNY Cortland Panhellenic Council: @cortland_panhel
SUNY Cortland Greek Multicultural Council: @cortland_gmc (Council currently dormant)
SUNY Cortland InterGreek Council (IGC): @cortland_igc

GREEK ALPHABET

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| 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 |



Fraternity and Sorority Life

NALFO	Social Sororities	Social Fraternities	NPHC	Other & NMGC