

# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS



## GREEK LIFE *family guide*

# Welcome!

We are so excited to welcome you and your student to the Razorback family. College provides amazing opportunities for learning, personal growth, and relationship building. We hope that the next several years are fully of enjoyable and memorable moments that you can share with your student.



At the University of Arkansas, there are countless ways for your student to get involved, and we hope every student finds multiple avenues to find belonging and community during their time here. Academic endeavors are certainly the primary focus of your student's time at the university, and our Greek students have a track record of excelling scholastically. Beyond academics, though, many students' fondest memories will come from involvement in activities and organizations. The Greek community at Arkansas has a long history of excellence and has the potential to be the experience that your student looks back at as the most formative experience of their college career.

Joining the Greek community at Arkansas provides an immediate connection to a close-knit group of men and women who prioritize leadership, scholastic support, service, and philanthropic endeavors. Fraternity men and sorority women are among the most active leaders on campus and can introduce your student to a multitude of other organizations and leadership opportunities.

Your student is about to embark on one of the greatest adventures of their lifetime by joining the Razorback family. We hope they choose to pursue the Greek experience as part of that journey!

*Parice S. Bowser*

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# A FAMILY MEMBER'S ROLE

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Whether you joined a Greek organization while you were in college, are president of your fraternity or sorority's alumni chapter, or your student is the first in the family to pursue higher education, family support is paramount to the success of our Greek students. Joining a Greek organization can be an emotionally-charged experience for many students, and we encourage you to check in with your student often about how their fraternity and sorority experience is going, from recruitment and intake processes through their years as a member and leader. Check out 5 ways we recommend supporting your student as they pursue membership in the Greek community and throughout their time as a member:

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Take some time to learn about the Greek Community at the University of Arkansas, and encourage your student to do the same. We encourage you to explore our [website](#), browse national organizations' websites, check out our [YouTube channel](#), and look at local chapters' websites. Don't assume you know all about the community without doing your research first.

Encourage your student to keep an open mind about their experience. Many times, students (or family members, even!) get their heart set on one organization as the "perfect" chapter for them. All of our Greek chapters have something amazing to offer, and during the joining process the best thing someone can do is keep their assumptions at bay. Your encouragement during this process will be so helpful to your student.

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Talk to your student about the commitment that comes with being in a Greek organization, and make sure you and they are ready for that commitment. You can find more information about average financial commitments on our [website](#). Know that there are more commitments than just financial; being in the Greek community takes time, a commitment to strong academics, and more.

Be curious about your student's experience as they're joining and while they're a part of the Greek community. Ask your student open-ended questions and give them the chance to tell you how things are going for them. Their experience should be more than simply a social one; going Greek should come with leadership development opportunities, continued education, safe and meaningful bonding, and more.

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If something doesn't seem right about your student's experience, trust your gut. Encourage your student to speak up and intervene if they see things that shouldn't be happening. Read through our [Anti-Hazing Policy](#) and have continued conversations with your student about the importance of making good decisions. Teach your student about [UofACares.uark.edu](http://UofACares.uark.edu), and be willing to report concerning behavior.



# BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Coming to college is a major life change, and joining a fraternity or sorority can help make that transition significantly easier! The Greek experience is multifaceted and offers numerous opportunities to your student, from developing lifelong friendships to providing opportunities to connect and give back to the local community to practicing real-life leadership skills in committees and positions in their chapter. Check out what some of our Greek students have to say about their fraternal experience at the University of Arkansas!



"The biggest benefits of going Greek I have experienced are getting instantly plugged into a community that supports me, gives me multiple opportunities to step into leadership roles, and allows me to make meaningful connections that will support me in my professional career far beyond my graduation."

- Andrew

"For me, going Greek has given me so many opportunities to help me become a better friend, grow my leadership skills exponentially, and also help build me into the woman I have always aspired to be!"

- Cassidy

Going Greek at the UofA was the easiest decision I have ever made. Because I went Greek, I have a role in an organization that will support and better me well past my four collegiate years. Greek Life has helped me to grow into the best version of myself."

- Abby

"Being a member of Greek Life has allotted me the opportunity to create and broaden relationships with individuals who have made valuable contributions to my academic and personal life. It has contributed to the person I've become and will continue to positively support me in my future aspirations."

- Diana



# COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

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## Scholarship

Above all else, your student's priority in attending college is academics. Nearly all chapters require a minimum 2.5 GPA in order to join, with many having a higher requirement. Each chapter sets its own academic standards for members to remain in good standing. Greek membership assists in the prioritization of academic achievement by offering programs

that may include study hours, time management workshops, study partners, academic incentives, and more. Some chapters even offer scholarships for academic achievement!



## Leadership

Greek life abounds with opportunities to get leadership experience, whether in formal positions or through educational opportunities or day-to-day interactions. Chapters encourage members to get involved as leaders in other student organizations such as student government, service organizations, and more. We also offer Greek Registered Organizations like New Greek Council and Greek Life Facilitators for students across all councils to get involved in.



## Service

Membership in a Greek chapter provides ample opportunities to give back to the community. Most chapters host philanthropic events to raise money for a variety of national and local organizations. Additionally, many chapters participate in service projects in and around the Fayetteville area.

## Alumni Involvement

Once you're a member of a Greek organization, you're a member for life! There are many opportunities for continued involvement even after graduation, giving both students and alumni the chance to make valuable connections and stay involved. Chapters are overseen by volunteer alumni advisors who assist with chapter operations and procedures, and housed chapters have House Corporation boards responsible for facility upkeep.

# INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

## About

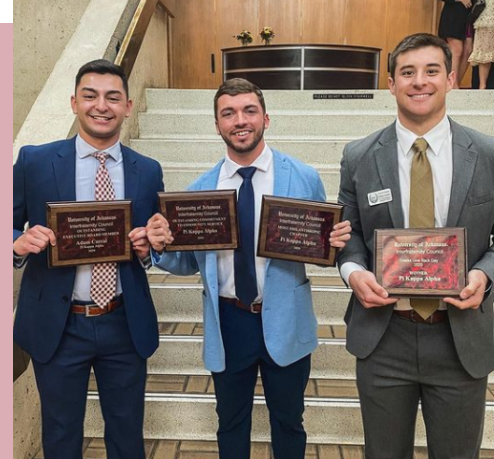
The Interfraternity Council (IFC) at the University of Arkansas is the governing body for 14 men's fraternities on campus. IFC is committed to enhancing the benefits of fraternity membership and setting high standards for its member organizations. Opportunities for involvement with IFC include community-wide service projects and leadership programs for officers and general members. IFC also provides brotherhood opportunities for individuals to form relationships with people in other IFC chapters. Additionally, IFC sponsors educational programming for chapters on topics such as sexual assault prevention, multiculturalism and inclusion, mental health awareness, and more.

## How To Join

IFC hosts a formal recruitment process at the beginning of each semester that allows interested students to meet and interact with all 14 chapters. Registration is required, and more information can be found on the [Greek Life website](#).

## Chapters

- Alpha Gamma Rho
- Beta Theta Pi
- FarmHouse
- Kappa Alpha Order
- Kappa Sigma
- Lambda Chi Alpha
- Phi Delta Theta
- Phi Gamma Delta
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Nu
- Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Sigma Pi





# NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

## About

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the governing body for the seven historically black/African American Greek organizations at the University of Arkansas. NPHC organizations embrace a lifetime commitment philosophy and focus on academic achievement, political awareness, and community service. Some of NPHC's annual events include the Homecoming Step Show, Greek Steppers, and NPHC Week.

## How To Join

New members of NPHC are selected by organizations through the Member Intake Process (MIP), and organizations will individually announce their membership selection/intake process during the fall and spring semesters. Typically, a student will not be accepted into an NPHC chapter until they have completed 12-24 college credit hours with a minimum GPA specified by the national organization. The University of Arkansas requires all prospective NPHC members to attend an Intake Seminar held each semester. This seminar is designed to educate new members about joining an NPHC organization, anti-hazing policies, the new member/intake process, application and interview tips, and more. More information can be found on the [Greek Life website](#).

## Chapters

- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Kappa Alpha Psi
- Omega Psi Phi
- Phi Beta Sigma
- Zeta Phi Beta





# PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

## About

The Panhellenic Council (PHC) is the governing body of 11 national sororities on campus. The council prides itself on maintaining high standards of excellence in all areas of life that are reflected in the Panhellenic GPA, which is consistently higher than the campus average. Typically, Panhellenic chapters raise over \$100,000 per year for philanthropic endeavors. The council works to provide high-quality educational programming for chapters and individual members on topics such as women's empowerment, inclusion and community engagement, leadership development, and more. Panhellenic also provides community-wide volunteer opportunities and hosts events such as Panhellenic Spirit Week.

## How To Join

Panhellenic hosts a formal recruitment every fall semester that allows interested students to meet and interact with all 11 chapters. Registration is required, and more information can be found on the [Greek Life website](#).

## Chapters

- Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Delta Pi
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Chi Omega
- Delta Delta Delta
- Delta Gamma
- Kappa Delta
- Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Phi Mu
- Pi Beta Phi
- Zeta Tau Alpha



# UNITED GREEK COUNCIL

## About

The United Greek Council (UGC) is the governing body for two culturally-based Greek organizations on campus. UGC strives to promote diversity and cohesion on campus and in the community, encourage cooperation and harmony among member organizations, provide educational programs and service the needs and wants of member organizations, and take an active role in community service activities. UGC hosts several signature programs and events throughout the year for its members and the Greek community as a whole, including Dancing with UGC, Culture Not a Costume, and UGC Week.

## How To Join

New members of UGC are selected by member organizations through the Member Intake Process (MIP) based on chapter-specific qualifications and criteria. The University of Arkansas requires all prospective UGC members to attend an Intake Seminar held each semester. This seminar is designed to educate new members about joining a UGC organization, anti-hazing policies, the new member/intake process, application and interview tips, and more. Dates are announced each year and more information can be found on the [Greek Life website](#).

## Chapters

- Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc.







# POLICIES

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## *Alcohol Policy*

The University of Arkansas Alcohol and other Drug Policies are consistent with the educational and non-punitive philosophy that governs the Code of Student Life. The Code emphasizes personal responsibility and is intended to facilitate individual student growth and development. For more information on the university's policies, please view the [Code of Student Life](#).



## *Anti-Hazing Policy*

Creating and maintaining a safe Greek community is everyone's responsibility, and we encourage family members, friends, prospective students, and current students to take action if they see, hear, or experience something that isn't right. Within their first semester of membership, all Greek members will receive education about hazing, community safety, bystander intervention, and more.



Any requirement imposed upon prospective, new, or current members which is not related to the organization's purpose is prohibited and will become the subject of a University investigation once the practice is brought to the attention of the Office of Greek Life. This policy applies to all UA students, student organizations, and clubs. For more information, please visit the [Greek Life website](#). If you have any questions or concerns about hazing, or activities that could constitute hazing, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Greek Life at (479)575-5001, or email us at [gogreek@uark.edu](mailto:gogreek@uark.edu).

