

## **NEW MEMBER EDUCATION GUIDELINES**

Fraternity or sorority membership is open to all enrolled students of the UWA Campus who pay the student activity fee. Fraternities and sororities must not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, handicap, military service, or sexual orientation. The local chapter is responsible for the decisions on membership selection.

Pledges/associate members/new members/novices are required to sign and turn into the Office of Student Life a Grade-Release and Hazing Forms within 7 days of accepting a bid in order to be added to the chapter roster.

All forms of hazing are prohibited. Each new member must be provided information on the, State of Alabama policy regarding hazing.

No alcohol shall be present at any new member/pledge/associate member/novice program, activity or ritual of the chapter.

Academic performance by a pledge/associate member/new member/novice class must take priority over new member activities. No new member activities may be scheduled which conflict with academic commitments.

All pledges/associate members/new members/novices must be initiated in the same semester of their pledge/associate member/new member/novice education. No pledges/associate members/new members/novices can have initiation withheld over winter or summer break.

Each chapter is responsible for conducting Initiation according to (inter)national policies and in compliance with any UWA policies. An advisor must be present at the chapter's Initiation.

Chapters are required to submit the following information to the Office of Student Life by the second Friday of each semester that they plan to recruit new members and complete the new member education process:

- Beginning & end date of New Member education program.
- Date & Location of Initiation.