



# RECRUITMENT GUIDE



INTERFRATERNITY  
COUNCIL

# Welcome



Membership in a fraternity or sorority offers students a unique opportunity to have a balanced college life with a focus on academic excellence, brotherhood/sisterhood, leadership development, service, and responsible social interaction. Membership also offers students the opportunity to make lasting friendships with individuals with similar ideals and common purposes. By focusing on these fraternal principles, one can expect both a positive collegiate and Greek experience.

Entering college is such an exciting time and we are thrilled you have interest in an IFC fraternity. Should you choose to accept a bid, you will become part of the college's strongest brotherhoods that value service, community involvement, excellence, leadership and scholarship.

If you have any questions about Greek Life or IFC at UWA, please email [uwaconnect@uwa.edu](mailto:uwaconnect@uwa.edu) or visit the Office of Student Involvement and Communications in Brock Hall 201.



# GREEK LETTERS AND TERMINOLOGY

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ACTIVE: A fully initiated member of a fraternity who is currently participating as a member

ALUMNUS: Fraternity member who is a non-student

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: A person who has accepted the bid of a Greek organization and received his associate member pin, but has not yet been initiated into full membership

BADGE: The symbol worn by an initiated member of a Greek organization

BID: An invitation to join a fraternity

BROTHER: An initiated member of a fraternity

CHAPTER: A membership unit of a national or international sorority or fraternity

CHAPTER ADVISOR: An alumnus who maintains an advisory role with a chapter

COMMUNITY SERVICE: A program of projects conducted by a Greek organization, benefiting the campus or the community

FORMAL RECRUITMENT: The major recruitment period of the year with specific scheduled events

FRATERNITY: An individual men's Greek organization

IFC: Interfraternity Council, the on-campus governing body for Delta Chi and Sigma Pi

PHILANTHROPY: Fundraisers, projects, events, or donations to raise money for nationally sponsored charitable organizations

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER (PNM): A student who is not yet affiliated with a chapter and is interested in becoming a part of the fraternity and sorority community

SISTER: An initiated member of a sorority

RITUAL: The ceremonies that bring together the beliefs and standards of a fraternal organization

SORORITY: A Greek-letter sisterhood (may also be called a fraternity)

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT OFFICE: A department of The University of West Alabama that advises Greek Life and other clubs/ organizations on campus. Found in Brock 201.

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# IFC RECRUITMENT DATES

September 9: Sigma Pi  
6:00-8:00 PM

September 10: Delta Chi  
6:00-8:00 PM

Register at [www.uwa.edu/gogreek](http://www.uwa.edu/gogreek)

## FRATERNITIES & SORORITIES AT UWA

### INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC)

DELTA CHI  
SIGMA PI

### NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC)

ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA  
ALPHA SIGMA TAU  
PHI MU

### NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC)

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.  
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.  
SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.  
ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.  
ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.  
KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.  
OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.  
PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.

# LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

Opportunities for students to become involved in leadership roles are endless during your undergraduate experience. As a chapter officer or coordinator of a chapter event or community service project, you can develop valuable leadership skills. Each chapter has committee structures that allow members to be part of many operational aspects of the fraternity. Fraternity men also hold many campus leadership roles. An individual chapter lays a foundation for getting involved in larger leadership roles. Fraternity men at UWA have roles on SGA, Athletics, Band, Ambassadors, the Campus Activities Board (CAB), and more! By working with the men in your chapter, you will be exposed to numerous campus-wide organizations. This is evident by the large number of fraternity and sorority members representing the most influential groups on campus. Being a part of the fraternity and sorority community provides the network and resources you need when looking for employment. Fraternity alumni understand the experience of being a team player while maintaining individuality. The desire to excel, both in and out of the classroom, and commitment to the betterment of the community are traits that employers look for and recognize as attributes of fraternity and sorority members. For these reasons, fraternity life offers an excellent opportunity for networking. In our changing and competitive world, it is important to take advantage of the many student involvement opportunities provided at UWA.



# ACADEMICS

Academic success is one of the most important parts of the college experience. Each individual fraternity has a minimum grade point average requirement for membership eligibility. Individual fraternities have minimum grade point average requirements that range from a 2.5 to a 2.75 on a 4.0 scale depending on the organization. Members of fraternities and sororities have been proven to have a higher overall GPA than the average college student. Collegiate fraternal organizations were founded on the principle of successful scholarship. The academic performance of each chapter is tabulated every semester to determine overall chapter rankings.

**To view Greek Grade Reports visit:**

<https://www.uwa.edu/campus-life/clubs-organizations/fraternities-sororities/>



# SERVICE & GIVING

In the past year, IFC organizations at The University of West Alabama have collectively raised over \$3,000 for their respective philanthropic organizations + donated nearly 500 hours of community service! The interests and concerns of Fraternity men go far beyond the confines of campus life. Fraternities sponsor a multitude of activities each year to support the local community and raise money for philanthropies. The opportunities to contribute to your community, both locally and nationally, will be endless. The ability to give oneself is probably one of the most important qualities a man will develop through Fraternity life. The Interfraternity Council at The University of West Alabama looks forward to having you get involved!



# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

There is no shortage of social activities in fraternity life. Whether it's a social with a sorority, grilling out with your brothers, or just throwing around the football, there is something for everyone. Chapters work year-round to plan events with other organizations on campus to strengthen the bonds between their members. Every chapter gets the opportunity to work on homecoming floats, host formals, compete in Greek week events, and more! Being part of a fraternity at The University of West Alabama means discovering a home away from home and making a large campus seem a great deal smaller.

## FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

It is important to understand and be informed of the financial costs of joining a fraternity. Each fraternity has different financial obligations associated with membership in its chapter. It is important to recognize that semester dues for some chapters are all-encompassing while others may not be. The most important thing to keep in mind regarding dues is that it is an investment. The return on the investment of being a member of the Greek community is invaluable. With all the opportunities provided by fraternity membership, it is well worth every penny.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I register for recruitment?

Go to [www.uwa.edu/gogreek](http://www.uwa.edu/gogreek) click on IFC Recruitment, and fill out the form.

How much does it cost to register for recruitment? What does the cost cover?

The cost to go through Formal Recruitment is \$5. This goes towards funding future IFC projects.

What is the GPA requirement to participate in Formal Recruitment?

First semester Freshmen wishing to join a fraternity must have at least a 2.5 high school GPA. After your first semester, you must have at least a 2.5 cumulative college GPA.

How much time does Greek membership take up?

The time commitment for Greek Life varies from chapter to chapter. Each chapter has a New Member Education program for new members to learn more about the fraternity they have joined. The time commitment might also differ from person to person depending on their role in the chapter. The more that you put into the chapter that you join, the more you will get out of being a member.

How does joining a fraternity affect my academics?

Students that participate in Greek Life average a higher GPA than students that are not involved with Greek Life, so joining a fraternity can have a positive impact on academics.

How will fraternity life benefit me after college?

Fraternity membership provides professional and interpersonal development opportunities that allow for members to develop skills that are beneficial to many aspects of one's life. Fraternity life also provides members with a large alumni network take can be beneficial both during and after college. The opportunity to hold leadership positions in your fraternity and around campus coupled with the many activities that are included in fraternity life give members an excellent foundation to be successful after college.

If I have more questions about fraternity life, who should I contact?

For any additional questions, contact Leslie White at [uwaconnect@uwa.edu](mailto:uwaconnect@uwa.edu) or visit the Office of Student Involvement and Communications at Brock Hall Room 201.

# DELTA CHI | LIVINGSTON CHAPTER

Since at least 1929, Delta Chi has recognized the following eleven men as the Founders of The Delta Chi Fraternity: Albert Sullard Barnes, Myron McKee Crandall, John Milton Gorham, Peter Schermerhorn Johnson, Edward Richard O'Malley, Owen Lincoln Potter, Alphonse Derwin Stillman, Thomas A. J. Sullivan, Monroe Marsh Sweetland, Thomas David Watkins, Frederick Moore Whitney.

This list has not always been the accepted one. Even those on the list had differing opinions as to who deserved such recognition. To more fully understand the confusion, let us go back to the school year of 1889-90 and "set the stage" for the inception of the second law fraternity at Cornell. The school year of 1889-90 began with conversations of starting a new law fraternity, but, as school work increased, the idea was put off until the spring semester. Two incidents have been credited with providing the impetus for renewed interest in the founding of what was to become Delta Chi. One was the election of a Phi Delta Phi as the Law School Editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun* (the student newspaper) and the second was the election of the law school junior class president. In the case of the class presidency, Alphonse Derwin Stillman had done some campaigning for a student named Irving G. Hubbard and was unaware of any effort being made in anyone else's behalf. When the voting results were in, Charles Frenkel, a Phi Delta Phi, was declared the winner. That caused Stillman to start "asking around." It appears that what he found was a law school which was dominated by one small, closely knit group — Phi Delta Phi.

The question of who first conceived the idea of a new fraternity will probably never be answered. According to Frederick Moore Whitney there were probably two or three groups working on the idea that spring.

Monroe Marsh Sweetland (who was also a member of Delta Tau Delta from Cornell) claimed the idea was his alone; Myron McKee Crandall claimed the fraternity was started in his and Frank Edward Thomas' apartment at 126 E. Seneca Street; Stillman remembered being approached by "one of the boys" after the class election but couldn't remember who.

In any case, there were meetings held in Crandall's apartment as well as in Sweetland's law office on the second floor of the Wilgus Block at the southwest corner of State and Tioga street. It is not clear how these two groups came together, or even in which month, though there seems to have been some individuals who had attended both groups. Crandall did remember approaching Sweetland about the concept of the new fraternity and how excited he was, and how he had joined right in. Sweetland said he always had considered the founding of Delta Chi to date back to when he had unfolded the whole idea to Crandall.

While the class officer elections and the Law School Editorship incidents may have provided the initial incentives for organization, it soon became clear that those involved were looking for much more. Realizing a common desire for fellowship and intellectual association, they sought to enrich their college experiences by creating among themselves a common bond; a bond that would materially assist each in the acquisition of a sound education; a bond that would provide each enduring value. As with any important commitment, there must be time for contemplation and planning. Over the summer, many of the details of the organization were worked out by Crandall, who had stayed in Ithaca until after school opened. There was additional work accomplished by Sweetland, John Milton Gorham and Stillman.

In regards to the adoption of the constitution, Albert Sullard Barnes wrote the following in his 1907 Quarterly article:

***"As I recall it, after refreshing my recollection from the original minutes now in my possession, on the evening of October 13, 1890, six students in the Law School, brothers John M. Gorham, Thomas J. Sullivan, F. K. Stephens, A.D. Stillman and the writer, together with Myron Crandall and O. L. Potter, graduate students, and Monroe Sweetland, a former student in the Law School, met in a brother's room and adopted the constitution and by-laws, and organized the Delta Chi Fraternity."***

The minutes from that meeting state "Charter granted to Cornell Chapter" (Note: While it is only supposition, it is believed that the Founders chose to name their chapter and, therefore, all chapters to follow, after the school in which they had so much pride in hopes that some of the prestige of the school would "rub off" on their fraternity. The naming of chapters varies from fraternity to fraternity with school names, Greek alphabet, Greek alphabet within state and Greek alphabet and numbers being the most common.) indicating from the beginning the intent to start a national fraternity. From the spring semester of 1890 until October 13, 1890, there existed, in effect, a fraternity which had no chapters. In the fall of 1890 the names of Fred Kingsbury Stephens, Martin Joseph Flannery and Frank Edward Thomas appeared on the agreement to share the cost of purchasing a sample badge for the fraternity, and the signatures of both Flannery and Stephens appeared on the pledge "... to form a Greek letter fraternity...." Since both Flannery and Stephens dropped out of the organization early, they have not been included as Founders. The inclusion of Thomas' name as a Founder has been hotly debated since the beginning, and Carl Peterson, Union '22, who had researched the founding of Delta Chi during the 20s and was largely responsible for the recognition of Crandall as a Founder, maintained that Thomas was equally deserving. This was confirmed in conversations with Barnes, Crandall and Thomas, but met with opposition from some of the remaining Founders. The prime reason for denying his recognition seems to be the fact that he did not return to Ithaca in the fall of 1890, even though he was actively involved in the inception of the fraternity during the 1889-90 school year when it, at least on an informal basis, actually came into existence. The possible role he played in the birth of Delta Chi is re-counted in Peterson's article "New Version of Our Founding," in the September 1930 Quarterly. The authenticity of this role was strongly supported by Crandall. It is interesting to note that Crandall also did not return to school in the fall of 1890, although he did work in Ithaca until early in the fall semester when he left for Utica, N.Y. and Sweetland, having graduated the previous spring, was practicing law in Ithaca. Despite this, Crandall was listed as an active charter member of the Cornell Chapter on October 13, 1890. It was at his insistence, with it is assumed, the support of the majority of the members present, that Frank Thomas was listed as an honorary member. Sweetland was listed as an honorary charter member. Several of the Founders were working on their masters of Law degrees when the Fraternity was being organized.

Up until the publishing of the 1929 Directory the list of our Founders did not include the name of Crandall. The inclusion of his name at that time was largely due to a replica of the original historical work of Peterson, even though as early as August 14, 1924, Crandall's name was recommended by Whitney for such recognition.

In the same letter, Whitney recommended that Peter Schermerhorn Johnson not be recognized as a Founder since he wasn't initiated until December 1890 or March 1891. Johnson was, however, responsible for a large portion of the secrets of the Fraternity, writing "Foven's Mater" and drawing the first emblem for Delta Chi.

It is interesting to note that, in 1910, Whitney sent to the Cornell Chapter a composite of the nine men who he then believed to be the Founders of Delta Chi with an enlarged picture of Sweetland in its center. He later had that composite removed when he determined that he had left out one or two men.

# FACTS:

VALUES: PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP, DEVELOP CHARACTER, ADVANCE JUSTICE, AND ASSIST IN THE ACQUISITION OF A SOUND EDUCATION

FLOWER: WHITE CARNATION

COLORS: RED AND BUFF

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: OCTOBER 13, 1890

CHAPTER CHARTER DATE: ORIGINAL CHARTER - MAY 13, 1967 RECHARTER - SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY: JIMMY V FOUNDATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH

CHAPTER PHILANTHROPY: SUMTER COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE

NATIONAL WEBSITE: DELTACHI.ORG

INSTAGRAM: @UWADELTA CHI

# ACADEMICS:

GPA NEW MEMBER FROM HIGH SCHOOL: 2.75

GPA TRANSFER: 2.5

GPA ACTIVE MEMBER (GOOD STANDING): 2.5

# EXPENSES:

FIRST SEMESTER: \$475 (\$275 INITIATION COST, \$100 NATIONAL DUES, \$100 LOCAL CHAPTER DUES)

SEMESTER DUES: \$450

# SIGMA PI | THETA GAMMA

On January 26, 1897, Miss Charlotte N. Malotte, the professor of Latin and French, spoke to a student group at the chapel hour. She spoke on the subject of 'College Fraternities' which sparked the interest of several students. Then, on the afternoon of February 26, a new fraternity had its first meeting. When, after a long session, the meeting adjourned, a literary society had been born, though it was yet unnamed.

The founders of the Fraternity, all cadets at Vincennes University, were William Raper Kennedy, James Thompson Kingsbury, George Martin Patterson, and Rolin Rosco James. The first three were seniors; James was a freshman. Samuel and Maurice Bayard were the first initiates. They were made members of the Fraternity before a name was selected or a constitution adopted. Many of the early meetings of the Fraternity were held at the old Bayard home. At the Bayard house, the constitution was written, and the first ritual was developed and used in the loft of the family's carriage house.

According to history, the mother of the first two initiates, Mrs. Bayard, took a deep interest in the organization and used her influence to steer Tau Phi Delta in the right direction. On one occasion she entered the library of her home to find a meeting of the Fraternity in progress. The business of the hour was the adoption of an appropriate motto. No satisfactory agreement on the subject had been reached. Taking a volume of Robert Browning's poems from a shelf, she turned to 'A Death In The Desert' and read:

Progress, man's distinctive mark alone,  
Not God's, and not the beasts';  
God is, they are.

Man partly is and wholly hopes to be.

"That," Mrs. Bayard said, "would make an excellent motto for your organization." With this remark, she left the room, and her suggestion had accomplished its purpose. A motto had been found.

It would be appropriate to say Tau Phi Delta was hardly a fraternity chapter, as that term is now understood. Rather, it was a combination of the fraternity idea and the old style literary society, the like of which flourished in almost every college in the United States in the 19th century. However, in all its outward aspects, Tau Phi Delta possessed the characteristics of a fraternity chapter. It was strictly secret and possessed a password and a grip and included an initiation ritual. Its badge was a simple black shield, with a border of gold, upon which were displayed the Greek letters ΤΦΔ. The colors were black and gold, and the red clover was the official flower. In the winter of 1903-04, the Fraternity ceased to meet in the college building and rented a small cottage at 110 South Third Street in Vincennes. This building was occupied until the end of the college year and is considered the first chapter house occupied by the Fraternity.

Tau Phi Delta first began to show signs of expansion in about 1904-05. The beginning of the college year found three members of the Fraternity attending the University of Illinois and seven at Indiana University. In May 1905, the members at Indiana affected an organization and petitioned the Vincennes chapter for authority to establish the second chapter there. The petition was denied. The members felt the proposed chapter would be unable to compete with the fraternities on the state university campus. During that year also, the organization first began to officially call itself a fraternity, and steps were taken toward incorporation under the laws of Indiana. A proposal of one of the members to expand the Fraternity into a national organization with chapters in junior colleges was also considered. Suitable material was not found, and the project was abandoned without formal action. February 11, 1907, is a significant date in the Fraternity's history. It was then the members last assembled as Tau Phi Delta and first assumed the name of Sigma Pi Fraternity of the United States. Tau Phi Delta had limited ambitions for expansion. Soon after the name change, Sigma Pi embarked on a program of establishing chapters on other campuses.

In 1984, the Fraternity again changed its name. At the 37th Biennial Convocation, Sigma Pi became an international fraternity by accepting its first Canadian chapter. This international status required the Fraternity to legally become Sigma Pi Fraternity, International.

# FACTS:

VALUES: PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP, DEVELOP CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP, ADVANCE HEIGHTENED MORAL AWARENESS, ENABLE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, INSPIRE SERVICE

FLOWER: LAVENDER ORCHID

COLORS: LAVENDER AND WHITE AUXILIARY: GOLD

NATIONAL FOUNDING DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 1897

CHAPTER CHARTER DATE: OCTOBER 4, 1998

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY: AMAZING DAY FOUNDATION

CHAPTER PHILANTHROPY: ADOPT-A-MILE

NATIONAL WEBSITE: SIGMAPI.ORG

INSTAGRAM: @UWASIGMAPI

# ACADEMICS:

GPA NEW MEMBER FROM HIGH SCHOOL: 3.0

GPA TRANSFER: 2.5

GPA ACTIVE MEMBER (GOOD STANDING): 2.5

# EXPENSES:

PLEDGE FEE: \$75

INITIATION FEE: \$325

SEMESTER DUES: \$400

\*THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL FEES