



Terms to Know:

Active - A fully initiated member of a fraternity/sorority.

Alumni/Alumnae - An initiated member of a fraternity/sorority who is no longer in college.

Alumni/Alumnae Advisors - Fraternity/sorority alumnae members who bring experience and guidance to collegiate members and officers.

Bid - A formal invitation to join a fraternity/sorority.

Chapter - The local group of the larger (inter)national organization, represented by a special Greek letter name.

Formal Recruitment - The recruitment period set aside by the Panhellenic Council for membership selection.

Fraternity - A Greek letter brotherhood; can also be applied to a women's fraternity

Hazing - Any action taken or any situation created intentionally that causes embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule and risks emotional and/or physical harm to members of a group or team, whether new or not, regardless of the person's willingness to participate. PSU has a zero tolerance policy for hazing.

Initiation - The formal ceremony during which a new member begins full membership in a fraternity/sorority.

Legacy - A potential new member who has a close relative who is a member of a sorority.

New Member - A person who has accepted a bid, but has not yet been initiated into a fraternity/sorority.



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Philanthropy - Projects sponsored by fraternity/sorority chapters to raise money for and awareness about charitable causes and organizations.

Potential New Member (PNM) - A full-time PSU student interested in joining a Greek-letter organization.

New Member Period - A time during which new members learn about the Greek chapter and its values.

Reference Letter/Recommendation - A letter signed by an alumni/alumna recommending an individual for membership in a fraternity/sorority. These letters are NOT required for PSU recruitment.

Run Out - An alcohol free social event involving two or more Greek-letter organizations.

Recruitment - The mutually selective process by which potential new members and fraternity/sorority members get to know each other for the purposes of membership.

Recruitment Counselor (Rho Gamma) - A sorority member who has disaffiliated from her sorority during sorority recruitment so that she can assist potential new members who are interested in joining a sorority.

Sorority - A Greek letter sisterhood; sometimes referred to as women's fraternities.

National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) - A governing body composed of 26 (inter)national women's fraternities.

North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) - A governing association composed of over 75 (inter)national men's fraternities.

Panhellenic Council (PHC) - The governing body of the NPC sororities at PSU.

Interfraternity Council (IFC) - The governing body of the fraternities at PSU