

MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY POLICY ON GREEK AFFAIRS

Recognition- All Greek Organizations voted in by Greek Council, approved by the Dean of Students, and in good conduct standing with the University will be recognized under the following stipulations:

- a. Greek organizations must have liability insurance coverage on file with the University.
- b. Greek organizations must have the minimum of five members to begin the expansion process and must maintain a membership of ten throughout the duration of the organization.
 - i. If an organization's drops below ten members, the organization will face a probationary period of one year.
 - ii. If an organization's membership does not meet the minimum standards of 10 members after a one year probationary period, the organization will be placed under a University reorganization plan.
 - iii. If an organization's membership does not meet the minimum standards of 10 members for three consecutive years, a result of indefinite suspension of the organization's charter may occur.

Housing- Greek Organizations are not guaranteed housing at Muskingum University. If an organization requests housing, the following criteria are taken into consideration:

- Greek Organizations must maintain a membership of 12 for three consecutive years before applying for housing.
- Greek Organizations must go through the application process in order to be considered for housing.
- Greek Housing is granted by the Dean of Students and/or designee(s).
- Greek Organizations must be able to fill the occupancy of housing provided to them (i.e. residence hall floor, duplex, house, etc.) over the course of the academic year.
- Greek Organizations are given a housing offer letter every academic year. It is expected that members will abide to the expectations and guidelines outlined in the housing offer letter.
- Failure to fill the occupancy of housing provided could result in removal from the housing.
- Failure to follow university policies could result in removal from housing.
- Failure to abide by the organizations specific housing offer letter could result in removal from housing.

Fraternity and Sorority Recruitment Procedures

To be eligible to be a new member and/or receive an invitation to membership from an organization, an incoming first year student must have attained the established high school minimum cumulative grade-point ratio of 2.5. In order for Muskingum students to be eligible they must have attained the established Muskingum minimum cumulative grade-point average of a 2.35 and have completed one semester as a full-time student at

Muskingum University. First semester transfer students must transfer into Muskingum University with a minimum 2.35 grade- point average to be eligible. Individual organizations reserve the right to require a higher standard for the cumulative GPA. More detailed information is below:

a. General Recruitment and Initiation Notes

- i. A new member education program may be conducted for all new members throughout an established period under the direction of the Greek Affairs Office. All new member programs must conclude by the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break and the Friday before Spring Break and be no more than 6 weeks long.
- ii. Guidelines for new member education programs are set in the fall semester by the Dean of Students or his/her designee.
- iii. The Dean of Students or their designee, chapter advisor, and National Headquarters (if applicable) must approve all new member education programs and/or calendars at least one week prior to the start of new member education.
- iv. Initiation ceremonies are at the discretion of each individual organization, but are subject to approval by the Greek Affairs Office.
- v. An organization's faculty advisor has the right and is encouraged to be present for all activities and events of the organization including initiation. Student Life professionals and University Police personnel will be provided access to all activities and spaces on campus.
- vi. Hazing in any form is strictly forbidden.

b. CPC (College Panhellenic Council) Organizations Recruitment and Initiation Notes

- i. The preferential system of bidding is used.
- ii. Potential new members are not permitted in organization houses/lounges except during open houses and scheduled recruitment functions.
- iii. Violations of Greek Council Rules are referred to the Dean of Students or his/her designee for appropriate action.
- iv. All procedures, timelines, and deadlines for the recruitment process will be communicated through Greek Council each Fall.
- v. All sororities organizations have a maximum total/quota for membership as determined by Greek Council.

c. Interfraternity Council (IFC) Organizations Recruitment and Initiation Notes

- i. Potential new members are not permitted in organization houses/lounges except during open houses and scheduled recruitment functions.
- ii. Restrictions are placed on potential new members and current members during the recruitment period. These are published in the Greek Council Constitution.
- iii. All procedures, timelines, and deadlines for the recruitment process will be communicated through Greek Council each Fall.
- iv. Violations of Greek Council Rules are referred to the Dean of Students or his/her designee for appropriate action.