

INFORMATIONALS (RUSH)

Activities hosted by Fraternities and Sororities designed to help non-members and members get acquainted. After a series of informationals, interested students may be offered an invitation to join.

Important questions to ask Fraternity and Sorority members during Informationals:

MEMBERSHIP

1. Why should I join this chapter?
2. How long is the new member education program?
3. What are my responsibilities as a new member?
4. What are the time requirements involved?

ACTIVITIES

1. Does this chapter have a service or philanthropy?
2. How is the chapter involved in campus activities?
3. How does the chapter promote campus activities?
4. What things do you do with other chapters?
5. What am I allowed to participate in as a new member?
6. What is Greek Week all about?

FINANCIAL

1. What are the semester dues?
2. How much is the initiation fee?
3. Can I hold a part-time job and still be a member?

SCHOLARSHIP

1. How does the chapter promote academics?
2. What is the grade requirement for membership?
3. What is the grade requirement to be in good standing with the chapter?

SOCIAL

1. What types of socials events are planned for the coming year?
2. Why do you enjoy being in a Greek organization?

GREEK ORGANIZATIONS AT UW-PARKSIDE

**Delta Sigma
Theta Sorority**

**Gamma Alpha
Omega Sorority**

**Omega Delta
Phi Fraternity**

**Sigma Lambda
Beta Colony**

**Zeta Phi
Beta Sorority**

**Zeta Sigma Chi
Multicultural Sorority**

**Sigma Gamma
Rho Colony**

**Tau Kappa Epsilon
Colony**

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Benefits of Fraternity/Sorority Membership

Scholarship: Academic achievement is the primary focus of college life and the founding principle of Greek organizations. Each chapter has academic requirements to join as well as staying an active member. We provide academic support programs and recognition as part of chapter operations.

Life Long Friendship: Joining a Greek organization provides college students with a home away from home with men or women who share your interests, values, future aspirations. The bonds of friendship are what make college life more meaningful and enjoyable. Ask any fraternity/sorority member or alumni and they will assure you Greek life provides lasting friendships. The college experience presents many challenges for students; having a support system there of brothers and sisters makes the transition easier.

Leadership: Greek organizations provide individuals with many leadership opportunities. Chapter members have the opportunity to

participate in leadership training, education and development within their respective chapters and governing councils. Most Greek students are also involved with leadership positions in campus organizations outside of Greek Life. Joining a sorority or a fraternity helps you develop skills to deal with important issues that are easily transferred to a work setting when you graduate.

Community Service: UW-P fraternities and sororities are leaders in the community in volunteering time and money to those less fortunate. Some organizations have one or more national philanthropies that they contribute to while also giving to the local community.

Financial Responsibility: Chapters differ from one another when it comes to cost. For a life time membership the benefits far outweigh the cost. Greek organizations were founded on a self-funded basis. Each member is responsible for dues.

Funds are additionally supplemented through fund-raising efforts of the Greek organizations. These funds are used for planning and programming throughout the year.

Alumni Opportunities: Greek alumni are an instrumental part of any successful Greek community. Some organizations have alumni chapters where members can network and meet other members of their respective chapters. Greek life does not end when a student graduates.

Career Networking: There are over 5 million Greek alumni world-wide. This network is helpful in securing internships, summer employment, and professional careers in the future.

Commonly Asked Questions

Are Fraternities and Sororities just like the one's on TV?

Every organization is different and unique, but on our campus, we have yet to come across any Tri-Lambs, 90210 KEG Houses, or John Belushi Animal House types.

Greeks are a bunch of elitists, racists, and cliquish, aren't they?

No, if we were, then why would we try to get you and everyone else to join?! Members come from a variety of ethnic and economic backgrounds. ANYONE CAN JOIN A GREEK ORGANIZATION!

Where does the money go?

Portions of membership and initiation fees of national chapters are paid to the headquarters and cover a range of things depending on the group. These commonly include manuals, insurance, new member and active "Pins," and a lifetime subscription to the organizations magazine (if they have one). Part of the cost for all chapters covers chapter events such as informationals, socials, membership incentives, etc.

Will I be hazed if I join a fraternity or sorority?

The hazing of individuals or groups of individuals is prohibited by UW-P's and the UW System Codes of Conduct. The fraternities and sororities also have national and local constitutions that prohibit hazing. The Greek community desires members who respect themselves and others. We believe hazing is no way to make lasting friendships.

How will I know which Chapter is best for me?

The best chapter for you is the chapter with whom you feel most comfortable and which will meet your needs and priorities, while assisting you in achieving a successful undergraduate experience. Generally you will know this innately, once you begin visiting the chapters and meet it's individual members. The mutual selection process in which you choose a sorority or fraternity and they choose you is called recruitment. Before you join, learn as much as you can about each organization. Take your time in making your choice, but don't forget to make lots of friends and have fun!

Did You Know...

All but two U.S. Presidents and two Vice Presidents since 1825 were members of Greek Organizations.

30% of U.S. Congressmen/women and 42% Senators are Greek.

40% of the Supreme court Justices since 1900 were Greek.

85% of Fortune 500 executives are Greek.

Over 70% of Greek organization members graduate from college, while only 50% of other students graduate.

Of the nation's 50 largest corporations, 43 of their CEO's are Greek.

10% of people listed in Who's Who in America are members of Greek organizations

Well over 7 million dollars and million man hours are contributed to charities and social service agencies each year by fraternities and sororities.

850,000 hours are volunteered by Greeks annually.

Less than 2% of an average college student's expenses go toward fraternity/sorority dues.

Many famous folks are Greeks, such as: Tim McGraw, Johnny Carson, Cindy Crawford, Michael Jordan, Horace Grant, Travis Tritt, George Bush, David Letterman, Bill Clinton, Anne Klein, Liz Claiborne, Jimmy Buffett, Carrie Underwood, Bill Cosby, Tavis Smiley, Allen Houston, John Elway, Lou Gehrig, Martin Luther King, Jr., Frank Gifford, Ted Koppel, Neil Armstrong, Amy Grant, Elvis Presley, Jane Pauley, John Goodman, and Kate Spade. The list goes on and on...

...Greeks make up only 3% of the U.S. population

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