FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

ELEVATE YOUR CSU EXPERIENCE



Welcome to Colorado State University!

We have developed this guide to give interested students an overview of fraternities and sororities at CSU. With more than 50 fraternity and sorority chapters that vary in interest and membership, we believe a well-rounded involvement experience is waiting for you!

For more information, visit **fsl.colostate.edu** or come by our office in the **Lory Student Center, Room 142**.







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Benefits of Joining

There are many benefits to becoming a member of a fraternity or sorority. Among all organizations in the fraternity and sorority community, shared values inform the following benefits of membership.

Personal Growth and Development

Fraternities and sororities participate in various experiences that promote exploration of life passions and career readiness. Chapters report that over **48%** of members are involved in at least one other student organization on campus, and **10%** of members serve in a positional leadership role on campus!

Learning and Academic Support

Fraternity and sorority members are more likely to maintain a higher GPA and graduate on time compared to unaffiliated students. Many fraternities and sororities offer study sessions, mentor programs, and scholastic accountability.

Check **fsl.colostate.edu** for community and chapter grade reports.

What's In It For You?

Giving Back

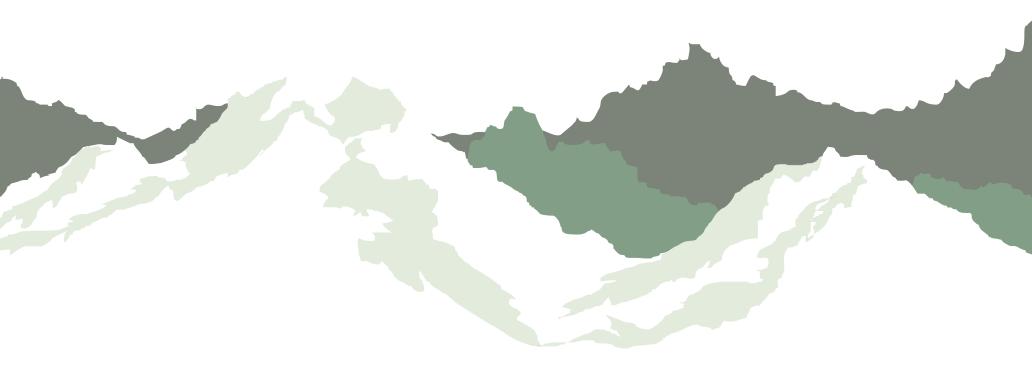
A shared value among all fraternities and sororities is doing good in the community and engaging with social issues. Fraternities and sororities recognize the privilege and power of a collegiate education and believe in giving back to their community.

In the past year the fraternity and sorority community contributed over **\$230,000 dollars** to local and national charitable organizations and provided just under **27,000 hours** of service to CSU and northern Colorado.

Community of Support

Approximately **2,500** students are members of fraternities and sororities at CSU, with chances to connect with other affiliated students in the classroom, on the intramural fields, and across campus year-round.

Joining a fraternity or sorority is joining a home away from home; an opportunity to build a small community of brothers or sisters out of CSU's large student population.



Membership Expectations

All fraternities and sororities have expectations of their members and potential members, and those expectations vary from chapter to chapter. Chapters should clearly communicate expectations to you before and after you join, so ask as many questions as you can!



Tip: Ask the chapter(s) you're interested in about expectations of membership before joining. All groups should be able to articulate their minimum requirements for members.



Academics

All members of fraternities and sororities are, first and foremost, CSU students. Each chapter honors this reality with minimum GPA requirements to join and remain a member in good standing.



Time Commitment

In fraternities and sororities, the time invested in the organization is largely up to the experience the individual member desires. Weekly meetings, chapter workshops, service activities, and social events are just some of the many ways members spend time in their organization.



Behavior and Conduct

As representatives of individual chapters and the fraternity and sorority community, members of fraternities and sororities are expected to follow organizational, community, and CSU policies and quidelines.



Financial Commitment

Chapter dues can range from \$200 to over a thousand dollars in a semester, and are determined by individual chapters. Higher dues for some organizations may be connected to live-in requirements (housing).

Detailed finance & facility information is available under the Future Members tab at **fsl.colostate.edu**.



Do your research: visit fsl.colostate.edu to view detailed information about each fraternity and sorority. This includes information about academic performance, organizational values, number of service hours completed, and organizational conduct history.

15 Facts about Fraternities & Sororities

- Fraternities and sororities have been present in the United States since the country's founding in 1776.
- Fraternities and sororities offer opportunities that encourage values- based living and personal growth and development.
- Fraternities and sororities have been recognized at Colorado State University for over 100 years.
- All organizations at CSU are either regional, national, or international in scope.
- Greek-lettered organizations were created to help students on college campuses engage in lifelong learning and get involved outside of the classroom
- Some fraternities and sororities were created to center a specific culture, identity, interest, or professional focus. We refer to these organizations as interest and identity-specific chapters.
- Some fraternities and sororities at CSU have facilities in which members live together, though most do not.

- A U.S. government study shows that fraternity and sorority members are more likely to graduate than their counterparts who are not in fraternities and sororities. This is also true at CSU.
- The first sorority was founded in 1867.
- African American
 Greek letter organizations
 have been in existence
 since 1902.
- The emergence of culturally-based fraternities and sororities occurred in 1975, centering Latinx, Asian, and multicultural experiences, among others.

- There are about 2,500 fraternity and sorority members at CSU making up about 12% of the CSU undergraduate population.
- The CSU fraternity and sorority community includes over 50 unique chapters.
- Each chapter has important symbols and insignia.
- Some organizations have performance traditions like stepping and strolling.





Interest & Identity-Specific Chapters

Fraternities and sororities develop leaders in the community and help students along their college journey. One of the most positive aspects of these organizations is the opportunity to connect with diverse individuals that challenge members to think differently and gain new perspectives. At CSU there are a diverse array of interest and identity-specific fraternities and sororities in which students can unite with individuals connecting around a common interest, identity, or purpose.

Some of our chapters are focused in a particular area of study, including agriculture, business, engineering, and music. Some organizations center specific identities including faith/religion, culture, or race/ethnicity.

If your interests aren't represented in your exploration of our fraternities and sororities, the opportunity to develop new organizations in fraternity and sorority life at CSU may interest you. Feel free to contact any staff member in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life for more information.

Fraternities and Sororities at CSU

2,500 Members | 50 Chapters | 5 Councils | 1 Community

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

The Interfraternity Council, known as IFC, is the governing council for men's social fraternities. IFC includes 23 fraternities.

Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)

The Multicultural Greek Council, known as MGC, is the home for culturally-based fraternities and sororities. There are currently five fraternities and seven sororities.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, known as NPHC, is the council for historically Black/African-American fraternities and sororities. NPHC nationally is comprised of five fraternities and four sororities, and CSU's NPHC currently recognizes two fraternities and three sororities.

Panhellenic Association (PHA)

The Panhellenic Association, known as PHA, is the governing council for women's social sororities. Panhellenic has 11 sororities.

Professional Fraternity Council (PFC)

The Professional Fraternity Council, known as PFC, is the governing council for professionally focused and interest based fraternities and sororities. PFC has three all-gender fraternities, one fraternity, and two sororities.

Interfraternity Council



The Interfraternity Council (IFC) is home to CSU's social fraternities for men. As a community, IFC strives to promote and foster an environment that works toward a devotion to service, scholarship, leadership, and brotherhood. IFC's aim is to create a prosperous environment in which men can grow and thrive throughout their collegiate experience.

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For more information about how to join an IFC chapter, turn to page 31.



Interfraternity Council Chapters

| AΣΦ Alpha Sigma Phi | ATΩ Alpha Tau Omega | B⊖∏ Beta Theta Pi | ΔX Delta Chi | ΔΤΔ Delta Tau Delta | FH FarmHouse |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| KΣ Kappa Sigma | AXA Lambda Chi Alpha | ΦΔΘ Phi Delta Theta | FIJI Phi Gamma Delta | ФКТ Phi Kappa Tau | ПКА Pi Kappa Alpha |
| ΣΑΕ Sigma Alpha Epsilon | $\sum N$ Sigma | ΣФЕ Sigma Phi Epsilon | ∑∏ Sigma Pi | ∑TT Sigma Tau Gamma | ⊖X Theta Chi |

IFC Interest-Specific Chapters

In IFC there are five interest-specific chapters (although membership is generally not confined to the interest, identity, or major).

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Engineering,
Architecture, and
the Sciences

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Nu Alpha Kappa
Fraternity, Inc.
Multicultural



For more information about how to join an IFC chapter, including registering for recruitment, turn to page 31.









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Multicultural Greek Council



The Multicultural Greek Council is comprised of 12 culturally-based fraternities and sororities. Every member of the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) takes tremendous pride in their organization. The MGC community embraces our cultural diversity and welcomes students of any identity.

MGC chapters center the experiences of Asian, Latino/a, and Multicultural identities and ancestries.

While our organizations are culturally based, anyone is welcome to join! We accept anyone into our community who is open to learning about other cultures and promoting diversity.

MGC envisions a community that values unity through diversity, empowerment from adversity, and opportunities for all.

To see us in action, check out the community calendar at http://fsl.colostate. edu/calendar for opportunities to engage with us. The best way to learn about us is to meet us. Stay on the lookout for our upcoming events!

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For more information about how to join an MGC chapter, turn to page 32.



Multicultural Greek Council Chapters

Alpha Phi Gamma National Sorority, Inc. Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc.

Beta Gamma Nu Fraternity, Inc. Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity, Inc.

Delta Xi Nu Multicultural Sorority, Inc.

Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority, Inc.

Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc.

Lambda Sigma Upsilon Latino Fraternity, Inc. Sigma Omega Nu Latina Interest Sorority, Inc.



National Pan-Hellenic Council



The National Pan-Hellenic Council, also known as NPHC, is the governing body for the historically Black fraternities and sororities on campus. On a national level, there are nine fraternities and sororities that comprise the National Pan-Hellenic Council. They are traditionally referred to as the "Divine Nine." While the National Pan-Hellenic Council does not partake in a formal recruitment process every semester, students can still join an

organization any time after the completion of their first year when an NPHC organization is conducting an intake process.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council promotes academic achievement, leadership development, health and wellness, and civic engagement. Organizations want to be an advocate for people who identify with or are in support of the African American community. NPHC organizations often collaborate with the Black/African American Cultural Center and its affiliated student organizations on programs and events.

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NPHC Organizations

There are 9 organizations in the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Those in **bold** are currently recognized by CSU.

- · Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- · Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- · Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- · Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- · Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- · Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
- · Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

Check the fraternity and sorority life calendar and website at **fsl.colostate.edu** for upcoming NPHC events and additional information about the chapter and council.

Additionally, if you are interested in joining an organization that is not currently recognized by CSU, please come to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to speak with a staff member about how to get in touch with that organization.



Panhellenic Association



The Panhellenic Association, also known as PHA, is composed of eleven sororities, eight of which are member chapters of the National Panhellenic Conference. Three of the eleven chapters are considered interest or identity-specific chapters and are associate members of the council.

Members of Panhellenic chapters have the opportunity to experience standards of excellence in scholarship,

service, and leadership. The Panhellenic Association is dedicated to providing meaningful experiences for its members including service opportunities, academic workshops and study groups, and positional leadership opportunities. All members are highly encouraged to join other organizations on campus. The community of Panhellenic members helps make the larger campus of CSU feel smaller. PHA creates a large network of highly intelligent, philanthropic, and dedicated members, intent on making life-long friendships and connections.

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For more information about how to join a PHA chapter, turn to page 34.



Panhellenic Chapters

National Panhellenic Conference Chapters

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ГФВ Gamma Phi Beta KAO Kappa Alpha Theta K∆ Kappa Delta

KKT Kappa Kappa Gamma ФМ Phi Mu ПВФ Pi Beta Phi ZTA Zeta Tau Alpha

Associate (Interest-Specific) Chapters

 $A\Sigma K$ Alpha Sigma

Alpha Sigm Kappa

Women in Technical Studies (STEM) ΣA

Sigma Alpha Agriculture ΣΑΕΠ Sigma Alpha Epsilon Pi

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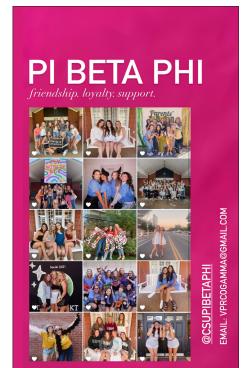
The National Panhellenic Conference chapters listed above all participate in primary recruitment (or "rush"). The associate chapters participate in a more informal recruitment process each semester.







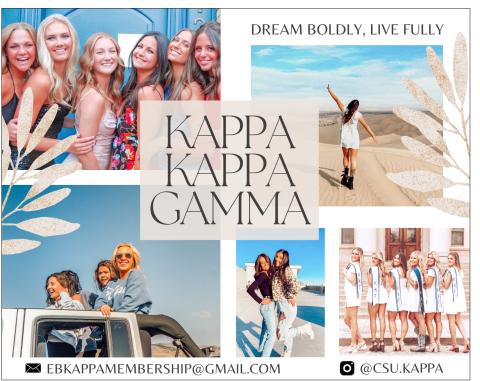














Professional Fraternity Council



The Professional Fraternity Council, commonly known as PFC, exists to promote and enhance professional, service, and scholarly based fraternities and sororities at Colorado State University. Check the fraternity and sorority life calendar and website at www.fsl. colostate.edu for upcoming PFC events and additional information about individual chapter recruitment events.

Most PFC chapters host recruitment events each semester. It is important to note that most organizations in this council allow for dual membership, which means an individual may join both a social fraternity or sorority in one of the other four councils and be a member of a professional organization in PFC.

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For more information about how to join a PFC chapter, turn to page 35.



Professional Fraternity Chapters

АΦΩ

Alpha Phi Omega

> All-Gender Service

ΔΣΠ

Delta Sigma

All-Gender **Business**

ΦМА Phi Mu Alpha

> Sinfonia Music

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Phi Sigma Ρi

All-Gender Honorary

 ΣA Sigma Alpha

Agriculture

 ΣAI

Sigma Alpha lota

Music



It is important to note that Sigma Alpha holds dual membership with the Panhellenic Association (PHA) and the Professional Fraternity Council (PFC).



How to Join our Community

Students interested in joining a fraternity or sorority should start by doing some research as to the type of organization in which they are interested. Each organization offers a different experience and may have additional requirements or expectations to join.

Additional information is available at fsl.colostate.edu.







Visit our website: fsl.colostate.edu to complete the interested in joining form and learn more information about our community.



How to Join IFC

Interfraternity Council

While Interfraternity Council (IFC) fraternities encourage recruitment 365 days a year, chapters in this council host a more organized recruitment effort in the first few weeks of each semester. A great way to learn more and get connected with an IFC fraternity is to register for IFC recruitment via the link at **fsl.colostate.edu**.

To learn more about the IFC recruitment process and find a complete recruitment calendar view the *Join the Interfraternity Council (IFC)* page under the *Future Members* tab on the FSL website.

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How To Join MGC

Multicultural Greek Council

In the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) students are often recruited by friends in a fraternity or sorority. Each organization generally hosts a week full of public events and informational meetings so that potential new members can learn more about the organization, meet members of the chapter, and see if that fraternity or sorority is a good fit. Some chapters require a certain amount of academic credits be completed before joining, and encourage joining after completing at least one semester at CSU (or another campus if a transfer student).

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How To Join NPHC

National Pan-Hellenic Council

In the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the process to join is a little more structured. Interested students are encouraged to do research about the organization they would like to join, whether they are currently active at CSU or not. NPHC chapters often require that candidates attend informational meetings, complete an application, attend a formal interview, and attend educational meetings. The easiest way to get connected to one of these organizations is to reach out to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at CSU to learn about upcoming events and opportunities to express interest in NPHC organizations.

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How To Join Panhellenic

Panhellenic Association

In the Panhellenic Association (PHA) there are two different types of recruitment. Eight chapters participate in a primary recruitment process (often called "rush") held this year **September 17-20, 2022**. Primary recruitment is designed to introduce potential new members to all the chapters and for the sororities to learn more about each student. The three interest and identity-specific chapters of the Panhellenic Association hold informal recruitment efforts each semester that vary by chapter. Students interested in primary recruitment need to register on the fraternity and sorority life website. More information about all types of Panhellenic recruitment is available at **fsl.colostate.edu**.

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How To Join PFC

Professional Fraternity Council

Recruitment in the Professional Fraternity Council (PFC) varies from organization to organization. Each chapter generally hosts public events and informational meetings so potential new members can learn more about the organization, meet members of the chapter, and see if that fraternity or sorority is a good fit. Some chapters require potential members to have a declared major in a particular field of study (for example agriculture or business), while other chapters welcome members from a variety of majors, but with a particular interest (like music or service). It is important to note that most PFC chapters allow members to have dual membership in sororities or fraternities from another council.

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For the most up to date information about joining our community, visit our website: fsl.colostate.edu



Join Us on the Climb

The CSU fraternity and sorority community believes that the experience of joining one of our organizations can be transformational and lead to significant personal growth and development. We share the values of our community so that anyone considering membership in a fraternity and sorority better understands the goals of the CSU Greek experience.

Our goal, to help students choosing to join a fraternity or sorority elevate their CSU experience and their own learning, led to the development of community values, otherwise known as "CLIMB."



Learn more about the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life mission, Elevation: Ascend to greater heights, and our non-negotiable values at fsl.colostate.edu. Change Agents: The OFSL will impart socially responsible leadership on fraternity and sorority members, focusing on doing good in the community, identifying root causes of social and systemic issues, recognizing and challenging inequities in society, and participating in an ever-growing and changing global society with the knowledge that individual actions matter.

Lifelong Learning & Critical Thinking: The OFSL will create experiences that encourage students to engage in lifelong learning, sound decision-making rooted in critical thought, and reflection on one's interests and passions.

nclusivity & Social Justice: The OFSL will engage in the process and goal of change in the fraternal movement and the CSU fraternity and sorority community through integration of diverse perspectives, the elimination of oppression, and the personal investigation of identities and systems of injustice.

Meaning-Making & Purpose: The OFSL will create opportunities for fraternity and sorority members to intentionally seek meaning from failures and successes to grow and develop as well as discover individual and organizational purpose to pursue a more authentic and congruent student experience.

Building Coalitions and Connections: The OFSL will assist students in looking inward to one's identity and wellbeing as a prelude to connection with others and provide experiences to ensure that friendship and fraternal bonds are filled with care, concern, and challenge to elevate the status quo. The OFSL will assist fraternity and sorority members as they seek healthy and diverse fellowship with members across chapters and councils, alumni/ae, Colorado State University, and the global community.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO JOIN A FRATERNITY/SORORITY AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY?

To make the decision to join a fraternity/sorority at Colorado State University is to make a lifelong commitment to better yourself and your community. Being involved as a fraternity/sorority member has the benefit of making a campus with thousands of students seem smaller, and the connections shared by our membership offers a home away from home. Joining an organization can also open many doors to other opportunities such as potential leadership, connection to values, mentorship, and more!

WHAT MAKES ONE FRATERNITY/SORORITY DIFFERENT FROM ANOTHER, AND HOW DO I CHOOSE ONE?

Our fraternities and sororities are multifaceted in membership and structurally each one looks for members that are committed to the values and ideals of their organization. Some organizations offer specific experiential connections—areas of study, religious beliefs, and cultural affinity to name a few—and it is important to consider each organization and the way they recruit new members as you explore our community. We encourage all students interested in membership to fully explore the breadth of fraternity and sorority chapters to better understand organizational values, structures, and opportunities to identify an organization that is a good fit.

HOW WILL FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE BENEFIT ME AFTER COLLEGE?

One of the benefits of fraternity and sorority membership is the professional and personal development opportunities that exist to help members develop important skills useful throughout one's life. Fraternities and sororities can also provide access to a large alumni network that proves beneficial during and after college. Fraternities and sororities provide a learning laboratory for members to practice skills needed for whatever path a student chooses after college. Opportunities include holding leadership positions, developing networking skills, and participating in enriching personal experiences that provide opportunities for personal reflection and meaning making.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN?

Each organization has different criteria for membership that always includes a GPA or academic expectation. Some organizations require students to be beyond their first semester as a student. We encourage students interested in joining to ask questions about membership eligibility as well as expectations for membership once they have joined an organization.

To view more FAQs, visit fsl.colostate.edu



