

**University of South Alabama**

# **Fraternity & Sorority Life**

**2023-2024 Guide**





**The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, a department within the Division of Student Life, is dedicated to the growth and success of the Greek community. We support the development of fraternal leadership and learning. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life advises and provides guidance to the fraternities and sororities associated with the three Greek governing councils: the College Panhellenic Council (CPC), the Inter-fraternity Council (IFC) and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).**

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# Our Greek Community

- **CPC Chapters**

- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Chi Omega
- Kappa Delta
- Phi Mu

- **IFC Chapters**

- Alpha Tau Omega
- Kappa Alpha Order
- Phi Kappa Sigma
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Chi
- Tau Kappa Epsilon

- **NPHC Chapters**

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



# Academic Success

- Greek students at South have an average GPA of 3.5 versus the all-student average of 3.0
- The rate of graduation among Greek students is 85%
- Chapters maintain very high academic standards for their members, which is reflected in the high average Greek GPA.



# **Membership Requirements**

**Each chapter has their own individual requirements that must be met to maintain membership in their organization. As a campus, these are the minimum requirements:**

- Registered for at least 12 credit hours**
- Attendance to Greek Convocation**
- Good standing with campus conduct**
- Timely payment of chapter dues**
- While there is no campus minimum GPA requirement, we recommend that participants have a 2.5 GPA or higher.**



# Membership Expectations

## **Scholarship first**

Membership in a Greek organization is a priceless experience and provides you many opportunities. In order to maintain high standards, each chapter has a minimum GPA that must be attained by all members. Greek students should always be students first and foremost.

## **Financial commitment**

Each chapter has their own dues. While some chapter's dues are higher than others, it is important to remember that all Greek organizations come with a financial commitment. The range of dues for a new member at South can be anywhere from \$50-1,200 per semester. For initiated members, dues may range from \$50-700 per semester. All Greek organizations will provide specific amounts prior to extending offers for membership.

## **Standards of Conduct**

Every chapter member is expected to follow the expectations set forth in the Lowdown Student Handbook, as well as their individual chapter's bylaws, code of conduct, and national policy.

# Recruitment Dates

## CPC

- August 21 - PNM Orientation
- August 22-23 - Open House Rounds
- August 24 - Philanthropy Round
- August 25 - Sisterhood Round
- August 26 - Preference Round
- August 27 - Bid Day

## IFC

- August 28 - September 1

## NPHC

- August 30 - Informational
- Membership process dates vary by organization





# Financial Summary

## College Panhellenic Council (CPC)

New member semester: \$750-1000

Active member semester: \$350-700

## Interfraternity Council (IFC)

New member semester: \$300-800

Active member semester: \$450-650

## National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

New member semester: \$1,000-3,000

Active member semester: \$50-300



# Campus Involvement

Greek students get involved in other parts of campus too. From Jaguar Athletics to campus leadership, the Greek community represents 25% of extracurricular participation and leadership.



# Student Development

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life believes in investing in our Greek students using programming on a wide range of topics and opportunities to step into their full potential as leaders and contributors to the community. Chapter membership also puts students in an environment to develop relationships and professional skills that will aid them in their life after graduation.



# Housing

Several of our Greek organizations have facilities of their own. These facilities house members and act as both formal and casual meeting spaces. Members in those organizations may be subject to additional fees associated with these facilities.



# Hazing Policy

**Hazing activities are prohibited by both the University of South Alabama and Alabama Code Section 16-1-23. The term “hazing” means any act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of an individual, or which results in the destruction or removal of public or private property, causes physical or psychological discomfort, embarrassment or humiliation, for the purpose of initiation or admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in an organization regardless of the individual’s willingness to participate in the activity. Further elaborations on the USA Hazing Policy can be found in the Student Code of Conduct (The Lowdown, pg. 43).**

Please visit [hazingpreventionnetwork.org](http://hazingpreventionnetwork.org) to learn more.



# Greek Alphabet

 Alpha (al-fah)	 Beta (bay-tah)	 Gamma (gam-mah)	 Delta (del-tah)	 Epsilon (ep-si-lon)	 Zeta (zay-tah)
 Eta (ay-tay)	 Theta (thay-tay)	 Iota (eye-o-tah)	 Kappa (cap-ah)	 Lambda (lam-dah)	 Mu (mew)
 Nu (new)	 Xi (zz-eye)	 Omicron (ome-cron)	 Pi (pie)	 Rho (roe)	 Sigma (sig-mah)
 Tau (taw)	 op-silon (op-silon)	 Fie (fie)	 Chi (k-eye)	 Psi (sigh)	 Omega (o-me-gah)