



Fraternity and Sorority Recognition Policy

Recognition is the formal process by which the University of Denver (DU) agrees that a particular social fraternity or sorority may function as a recognized organization on campus, recruit members, and enjoy the benefits associated with being a registered student organization.

Recognition as a DU fraternity or sorority involves meeting minimum expectations and benefitting from services and opportunities provided by the Office of Student Engagement and the University of Denver.

The purpose of this recognition policy is to ensure that the establishment of fraternities and sororities occurs in a manner conducive to the educational mission of DU, including carefully developed plans for successful establishment and installation, as well as plans for providing a meaningful and rewarding experience for the students choosing to join the fraternity and sorority community.

- I. Minimum Expectations of and Benefits to Recognized Fraternities and Sororities
 - a. Minimum expectations of recognized fraternities and sororities
 - i. Be a chapter of an inter/national organization (incorporation, national officers, etc.)
 - ii. Hold a liability insurance policy of a minimum of one million dollars
 - iii. Participate in the DU fraternity and sorority accreditation program
 - iv. Adhere to all University policies as they pertain to fraternities and sororities, registered student organizations, and students.
 - v. Adhere to the fraternity and sorority community wide policies, including risk management policies.
 - vi. Participate in appropriate governing council and follow respective council policies.
 - vii. Maintain a current roster of all chapter members with the Office of Student Engagement that includes fill names, student ID numbers, and contact information.
 - b. Benefits recognized fraternities and sororities receive
 - i. Recognition as a registered DU student organization and all privileges afforded to recognized groups including access to campus room reservations, access to an on-campus business account, etc.
 - ii. Access to leadership development, scholarship, and educational opportunities and programs.
 - iii. Recruitment support and presence in community-wide promotional efforts and outreach.
 - iv. Compilation and provision of a grade report each quarter.
 - v. Listing in University publications, websites, and directories.
 - vi. Access to advisory support from professional staff in the Office of Student Engagement.
 - vii. Use of the University's name and logo when identifying the student organization.

- II. Process of Recognition
 - a. Submit an application for recognition to the Fraternity & Sorority Life staff within the Office of Student Engagement for review. An application for recognition includes the following components:
 - i. Statement and pledge of sponsorship from an inter/national organization including articulation of a commitment to abide by DU policies, regulations, and procedures and uphold DU values.
 - ii. Contact information for the individual serving as the University contact from the inter/national organization.
 - iii. Identification of an advisor (with contact information included).
 - iv. Plans for the (re)establishment of the organization (including any relevant promotional and recruitment activities, based staff, etc.).
 - v. Recruitment and new member/intake procedures for the organization.
 - vi. Outline of risk management policy and proof of liability insurance (one million dollar minimum).
 - vii. Source of support for the colony or new group.
 - viii. If the organization exists as an interest group, names and student ID numbers of interest group members should be provided.
 - b. Once materials are submitted, the Fraternity & Sorority Life Staff within the Office of Student Engagement will review and follow up with the organization regarding next steps, including meetings/conversations.
 - c. After approval by the Office of Student Engagement, the organization will be referred to the appropriate governing council for review. An organization must be recognized by one of four fraternity and sorority governing councils to be a recognized fraternity or sorority at DU.
 - i. Each governing council has a unique process for recognition detailed in their bylaws
 - d. Upon approval from both a governing council and the Office of Student Engagement, the organization will be considered a recognized fraternity or sorority.
- III. Standing of Chapters
 - a. After recognition is granted by DU and the Office of Student Engagement, the group is assumed to be in good standing. Violations of DU and Office of Student Engagement policies will be investigated and adjudicated in accordance with the DU Honor Code. This does not preclude the inter/national organization from taking independent action on a violation. Outcomes related to the conduct process may result in loss of good standing or loss of recognition. Additional information about the student organization conduct process can be reviewed at length in the DU Honor Code.
 - b. Groups are expected to observe the expectations of the Office of Student Engagement as listed previously in this document to remain a recognized organization on campus.