

## How We Work With New Students

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life provides a values-based membership experience to students wanting to join a fraternity or sorority. We provide a variety of programs to prepare new students to join an organization if they choose.

### Fast Facts

- 1) Fifteen percent of undergraduate students at West Chester belong to one of our 35 fraternities and sororities on campus.
- 2) Students are required to complete 12 West Chester credits or 24 transfer credits and maintain a 2.5 GPA in order to join a fraternity or sorority.
- 3) Students can join a fraternity or sorority as early as their second semester on campus.
- 4) Every fraternity and sorority requires a financial obligation. Students should consider this obligation and ask for more information about it before joining.
- 5) West Chester University has a zero-tolerance policy for hazing.

### Key Takeaways

Joining a fraternity or a sorority is a lifetime commitment that comes with serious expectations and responsibilities. Please reach out to us if you have questions or concerns about joining an organization. We emphasize campus and community engagement, academic success, leadership development, and meaningful interpersonal relationships.

- When can students join a fraternity or sorority at WCU?
  - Students are eligible to join a fraternity or sorority as early as their second semester.
- What is the time commitment involved in joining a fraternity or sorority?
  - The time commitment varies by organization, but you should plan to spend three to four hours each week engaged in activities with your fraternity or sorority. This time commitment may include chapter meetings, service events, leadership opportunities and social events.
- Is there a financial obligation?
  - Each fraternity and sorority has unique financial obligations that are required of members. Membership dues can range from \$350 to \$1500. If you are interested in joining an organization, you should inquire about specific costs at intake events.

### Acronyms and Definitions

**FSL** - Fraternity and Sorority Life

**IFC** - Interfraternity Council

**MGC** - Multicultural Greek Council

**NPHC** - National PanHellenic Council

**PHC** - Panhellenic Council

**Hazing** - Hazing is defined by the State of Pennsylvania Law (Act 175) as any action or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of an institution of higher education.

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