

Greek Organizations Academic Requirements

The academic success of our students is a priority for the University. We encourage students to participate in extra-curricular activities, including joining social, professional and special interest Greek letter organizations. However, we recognize that some membership processes and activities may adversely affect individual student's success. Students who participate in new member processes to join these organizations should be able to trust that they are entering into organizations that are committed to scholarship. To help ensure that students are academically successful while balancing their extra-curricular activities, the following academic policy, procedures and interventions are established. (Note: * indicates implementation beginning Summer 2018).

GPA Requirements

- *All chapters must maintain a minimum semester and overall average cumulative 2.5 GPA. (Note: Individual national organization requirements may be higher than 2.5, please check with your national office.)
- All students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA to participate in any new member process to join any Greek letter organization. (Note: 2.5 is the average national GPA requirement for WP Chapters).
- *All students must maintain a minimum 2.25 GPA to be an active and participating member of a Greek letter organization. (Note: Individual national organization requirements may be higher than 2.25, please check with your national office.)
- Students holding leadership positions within the Greek letter organization must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Students serving as the Greek Senate President and/or Vice President must have a minimum 2.75 GPA.

Chapter GPA Requirements and Interventions

- *As in intervention to assist Chapters unable to achieve a 2.5 average semester and/or overall GPA, they will be placed on Academic Probation for the following semester. During the Academic Probation period, chapters are encouraged to spend the semester focusing on improving their academic performance. Academic Probation will continue until the Chapter is able to achieve a minimum semester and/or overall average 2.5 GPA.
- *To help support the Chapter with improving the members' individual GPAs and the Chapter's average GPA, the following will take place:
 - The Chapter members will be added to the academic early alert (Starfish) system and their Chapter Advisor notified.
 - The Chapter's Academic Chairperson will submit a written Academic Improvement Plan to the designated Campus Activities, Service and Leadership (CASL) staff person within one month of being placed on Academic Probation.
 - The Chapter's Academic Chairperson will schedule a meeting with the Chapter President, Advisor, and CASL staff person to review the academic improvement plan.
 - The Chapter members will be referred to the Academic Support Center for assistance.

- Library study hours may be required and participation tracked and submitted to CASL.
 - The Chapter's Academic Chair will meet monthly with the designated CASL staff person to discuss the academic plan and its progress.
- *With the goal of working to improve the Chapter's academic performance, extra-curricular activities will be limited as follows:
 - Chapters that do not meet the 2.5 minimum semester requirement will be permitted to participate in a new member process, unless their semester GPA does not meet 2.0. Chapter's that do not meet the minimum 2.5 overall GPA requirement cannot participate in any new member process during the Academic Probation period.
 - Chapters cannot sponsor, co-sponsor or host any social events during the Academic Probation period. Previously approved Chapter sponsored social activities will be cancelled. Chapters are still encouraged to sponsor and participate in *approved* educational and civic engagement activities.
 - Chapters may not participate in other organization sponsored social activities (i.e. Greek Showcase, Meet the Greeks, other large scale social functions).
- As scholarship is a key component of every Greek letter organization's values and WP Greek Pillars, Chapters are encouraged to develop membership processes that encourage, and do not hinder, academic success. Each organization's new member "class" semester average GPA will be reviewed at the conclusion of the semester in which they joined the organization.
 - Each new member must have achieved at least a 2.25 semester GPA to become an active member of the organization.
 - The new member "class" must achieve an average semester GPA of at least 2.25.
 - Organizations whose new member "class" was unable to achieve a 2.25 average semester GPA will not be permitted to conduct a new member process the following semester. The organization's new member educator and academic chair must meet with the Greek Advisor to review the new member process and develop strategies to ensure the academic success of future new members.
- Individuals may continue to pursue leadership or other opportunities (i.e. Greek Senate, SGA) providing they meet the eligibility requirements for the desired position / activity.
- Chapters must continue to maintain "good standing" with Greek Senate or other WP relevant governing body (i.e. attend required meetings; submit rosters, etc.).
- *Each Chapter's academic progress will be reviewed after the conclusion of the fall and spring semesters. Chapters that do not meet the minimum semester and/or overall minimum average 2.5 GPA will be placed on Academic Probation for the following semester.