To Greek or Not to Greek: The Benefits of Fraternity & Sorority Life
What does it mean to be in a fraternity/sorority?

- a group of individuals of similar interests bonded together by common goals and aspirations
- created through rituals which are based on common principles
  - Fellowship
  - Scholarship
  - Service & Philanthropy
  - Leadership
As a member of the Fraternity and Sorority community, your student will have many opportunities to build lifelong friendships both within his/her chapter and with other fraternity and sorority members and non-members. Some of these opportunities include:

- Annual Greek Week activities
- Fall New Member 101 Program
- Socials and Exchanges
- Other campus organizations
- Homecoming & Family Weekend
Fraternities and Sororities realize your student came to college for an education. This is why **academic excellence** is a primary focus in our organizations. As a member of the Fraternity & Sorority community, your student will find the following:

- Greek Growth Series
- College Panhellenic Month of the Scholar
- Gamma Sigma Alpha Academic Honor Society
- Additional scholarship money available as a member of the Fraternity & Sorority community
- Higher retention than regular student population
- Higher graduation rate than regular student population
Being a member of the Fraternity and Sorority community means giving back to the surrounding communities. Members volunteer countless hours and help raise thousands of dollars for charitable organizations around the Bloomington/Normal area and across the nation including:

- Diabetes Awareness
- Retirement Communities
- Animal Shelters
- National Charitable organizations St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- Area mission projects
Leadership is something that comes naturally to members of the Fraternity & Sorority community. Whether representing the student body as Vice President of the Student Senate or providing programming for students living in Residence Halls, your student will have multiple opportunities to develop into a leader among his/her peers. Here are just a few examples of these opportunities:

- Leadership opportunities within chapters and councils
- Order of Omega Leadership Honor Society
- Fraternity & Sorority Programming Board
- Annual Fraternity & Sorority Leadership Retreat
- “Best Practices” Officer Roundtables
- Travel to Leadership Development conferences
Who is at IWU? What is the difference between organizations?

When is recruitment? What does it involve?

What is the cost?

Is there hazing?

Where do fraternity & sorority members live?
Who is at IWU & what makes them different?

- 10 recognized chapters all are nationally recognized and in good standing with the University
- Approx. 650 recognized members making up 31% of undergraduate population
Who is at IWU & what makes them different?

- Acacia
- Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI)
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Pi
- Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Theta Chi
Who is at IWU & what makes them different?

- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Kappa Delta
- Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Sigma Kappa
When is Recruitment?

- IFC Men
  - Recruit year round; no set bid dates or recruitment schedule
- PHC Women
  - Fall Formal (September 7 - 11); See handout from Titan Fair for more information
Fraternities and sororities are maintained as self-sufficient organizations. Chapters collect dues and membership fees from every member.

Dues are usually spent on alumni/parent programming, philanthropic events, social events, scholarship programming, membership recruitment, chapter house renovations and capital improvements, and administrative costs.

Most chapters offer payment plans and scholarships to assist members in meeting financial obligations to the chapter.
Fraternity and sorority new members all experience a period of orientation that varies in both content and length among chapters.

Hazing is absolutely forbidden by each Organization’s and the University’s policies as well as Illinois State law.

During recruitment, the potential member will want to ask each organization specific questions about what is expected of him/her as a new member.

If you have any concerns regarding hazing please contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life or the Dean of Students Office (it can be confidential).
Privately owned chapter houses: Alpha Gamma Delta, Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, & Sigma Kappa

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