



UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN COLORADO

Fraternity & Sorority Life

Chapter Recognition Agreement

The University of Northern Colorado (UNC) recognizes the values and benefits of fraternities and sororities. The University's relationship to recognized fraternities and sororities is based upon mutual interests and reciprocal support. In order to be recognized by UNC as a fraternity or sorority, chapters must abide by the following:

- I. **Expectations of recognized organizations:** The foundation for the relationship between the university and recognized fraternities and sororities consists of the following expectations:
 - a. **Communication:** Chapter leadership will communicate regularly with the university and submit all requested paperwork.
 - i. Paperwork includes, but is not limited to, officer roster updates, chapter membership roster updates, new member paperwork, and event registration forms for ANY chapter event.
 - ii. Chapter presidents are required to meet with the Program Coordinator or Graduate Assistant for Fraternity & Sorority Life at least once per semester.
 - b. **Engagement:** All chapters will be actively involved in their appropriate governing council as well as engage in the campus community. As stated in the expansion policy, a chapter must be part of a council and in good standing with their respective council to retain recognition.
 - c. **Leadership:** As recognized student leaders, chapters will strive to leverage their leadership to serve the campus and local community.
 - d. **Chapter Membership:** Membership shall consist only of those students who are currently enrolled and seeking degrees at the University of Northern Colorado.
 - i. Organizations that are chartered as city wide or multi-institution chapters may consist of non-UNC students but must maintain the minimum UNC student membership as outlined in the Expansion Policy (section III. b.).
 - e. **Annual Accreditation:** Chapters are required to submit requested information for annual awards and recognition to be considered accredited by the Office of Student Life.
 - i. A chapter will go through its council's judicial process the first year it fails to submit accrediting materials.
 - ii. Upon the second consecutive year a chapter fails to submit materials, the chapter's university accreditation will be placed on probation.
 1. The chapter will be given one month to submit materials after the original deadline; after which, its accreditation will be re-granted.
 - iii. Upon the third consecutive year a chapter fails to submit materials, it will be listed as unaccredited and lose UNC recognition.
 - f. **Educational Programming:** All chapters are required to participate in the Fraternity and Sorority Life Greek Education Program. Chapters must obtain at least 80% of membership in attendance at two educational events per semester to remain in good standing.

- i. Educational events include, but not limited to, the following topics: alcohol & drug safety, sexual assault/harassment/misconduct, bystander intervention, diversity & inclusion, career development, health & wellness, leadership development, and personal growth.
 - g. Academics: Chapters are expected to maintain a semester average GPA at or above a 2.6 GPA. Chapters are encouraged to be at or above the university average (men's average for fraternities; women's average for sororities) in order to be in good standing for their inter/national organizations.
 - i. If the chapter falls below the average, the academic chair will be required to submit an action plan to the Program Coordinator within 30 days of the start of the next semester.
 - ii. If the chapter falls below the average for two (2) consecutive semesters, the chapter will be placed on academic restriction. Restriction means that chapter activities will be restricted to business meetings, ritual, recruitment, philanthropy and service events, and academic events along with three (3) social events for the following semester.
 - iii. If the chapter falls below the average for three (3) consecutive semesters, the chapter will be placed on academic probation. Probation means that chapter activities will be restricted to business meetings, ritual, recruitment, and academic events. No social events will be allowed for the following semester.
 - iv. If the chapter falls below the average for four (4) or more consecutive semester, the chapter will no longer be recognized by the University of Northern Colorado. The chapter may appeal to the Dean of Students a maximum of two (2) times.
 - h. Accommodations: All recognized fraternities and sororities are expected to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Organizations are required to utilize UNC's Disability Support Services office when setting up accommodations. The Disability Support Services adheres to a strict ethical and confidentiality policy. Disability Support Services staff are willing to sign additional non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements provided by the organizations, should they deem this necessary.
 - i. University Policy: It is expected that all Fraternity and Sorority chapter/colony leaders and members understand and adhere to all applicable University policies and applicable federal, state, and local laws, promulgated in the current Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook (and any revisions to those policies and the Handbook that may occur in the future) and that they assume personal and chapter/colonial responsibility and accountability for adherence to those policies.
 - j. Housing: Housed chapters must annually submit proof of Fire Inspection (through Greeley Fire Marshall) and a roster of live-in members by September 1st of each fall semester.
- II. **Benefits of recognized organizations:** Each recognized fraternity and sorority enjoys benefits and services as a result of recognition by the University. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
- a. UNC recognition as a student organization and ability to charter as a club with the UNC Office of Student Organizations.
 - i. Organizations that charter with the UNC Office of Student Organizations are eligible to apply for club funding.
 - b. Use of the University's name, logo, and symbols when identifying the fraternity or sorority.
 - c. Access to advisory support by professional staff members in the Office of Student Life who serve as liaisons to the University and advocates for fraternity and sorority chapters and the various governing councils.
 - d. Use of the reservation system for on-campus social, meeting, and event space.

- e. A listing in university publications, directories, websites and all Fraternity & Sorority Life marketing materials.
- f. Participation in recruitment publications and events.
- g. Compilation and provision of grade reports for chapter membership.
- h. Annual recognition for chapter accomplishments and academic achievement.
- i. Access to leadership development, scholarship and educational opportunities and programs.
- j. Participation and involvement in governing councils' leadership, events, and programs.
- k. Other privileges afforded to recognized student organizations.