

COLLEGE of
CHARLESTON

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

Fraternity & SorORITY Life New Member Education Guidelines

- Fraternity or sorority membership is open to all enrolled students of College of Charleston community. As part of the college community, fraternities and sororities must not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, handicap, military service, or sexual orientation. The local chapter is responsible for the decisions on membership selection.
- Organizations must provide all pledges/associate members/new members/novices a calendar that includes all mandatory events; including, but not limited to meetings, ritual, and initiation; at the first pledge/associate member/new member/novice meeting.
- Pledges/associate members/new members/novices are required to sign and turn into the Fraternity & SorORITY Life Office a Grade-Release Forms within 7 days of accepting a bid in order to be added to the chapter roster.
- All forms of hazing are prohibited. Each new member must be provided information on the College of Charleston's Fraternity & SorORITY Life Risk Management Policy, as well as the policies outline in the College of Charleston Student Handbook.
- No alcohol shall be present at any new member/pledge/associate member/novice program, activity or ritual of the chapter, nor should alcohol ever be given as a gift from Big Brother/Sister to Little Brother/Sister or vice versa.
- Any pledge/associate member/new member/novice class activities where alcohol is present (pledge kegs, big brother/big sister activities, bid night, etc.) will result in immediate suspension of the new member program and/or chapter until such time that appropriate actions are determined by the Fraternity & SorORITY Life Office.
- Academic performance by a pledge/associate member/new member/novice class must take priority over new member activities. No new member activities may be scheduled which conflict with academic commitments.
- Any officers or members associated with the New Member Education team must attend any new member educator seminars sponsored by the Fraternity & SorORITY Life Office Staff when scheduled.
- All new members must be present for the New Member Conference facilitated by Fraternity & SorORITY Life staff.
- All pledges/associate members/new members/novices must be initiated in the same semester of their pledge/associate member/new member/novice education. No pledges/associate members/new members/novices can have initiation withheld over winter or summer break.
- Each chapter is responsible for conducting Initiation according to (inter)national policies and in compliance with any College of Charleston policies. An advisor must be present at the chapter's Initiation.

- Chapters are required to submit the following information to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life by the second Friday of each semester that they plan to recruit new members and complete the new member education process:
 - Name, email address, & cell phone numbers for the President, New Member Educator, any members part of the New Member Education team/committee, & Chapter/New Member Alumni Advisor
 - Beginning & end date of New Member education program
 - Outline of all new member meetings and events with dates, times, and location. Please include ritual activities (induction ceremonies, initiation, etc.) and note that they are such on the outline.
 - Date & Location of Initiation