

Common CONCERNS

ACADEMICS

Greek-letter organizations set minimum GPA standards and expect each member to strive to fulfill his/her academic potential. If a member falls below this standard, additional academic programs are designed for the student. Most chapters have an alumni advisor or faculty advisor whose focus is the scholastic success of each member. Chapters acknowledge scholastic achievement with awards, scholarships and various forms of recognition. The all-Greek GPA is consistently higher than that of non-Greek members on Drake's campus.

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ALL GREEK AVERAGE	3.24	3.20
ALL UNIVERSITY AVERAGE	3.18	3.16
ALL IFC AVERAGE	3.10	3.16
ALL MEN'S AVERAGE	3.07	3.06
ALL PANHELLENIC AVERAGE	3.33	3.36
ALL WOMEN'S AVERAGE	3.26	3.22

COST

The Greek Experience is an investment in your student's future. The leadership skills, the academic assistance, and friendships will benefit your student beyond their college days. Joining a chapter does carry a financial commitment, but Greek organizations are affordable and fees go to services that will positively impact your student. Each chapter is self-supporting through the dues paid by each member. Make sure your son or daughter asks about the financial obligations of membership. Students should discuss this with their parents before deciding to join a fraternity or sorority. Each chapter has different financial expectations and some have scholarships available, as well as flexible payment plans.

SAFETY CONCERNS

Drake University has a zero-tolerance policy regarding hazing that is consistent with Iowa state law. Chapters are expected to uphold state, county and city laws, and the University's policies regarding the consumption of

alcohol. Drake administrators work with Des Moines law enforcement and students to enforce alcohol and hazing policies to keep students safe. If you sense your student may be participating in inappropriate activities as a result of membership in a fraternity or sorority, you should contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at 515.271.2078.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES JOINING A CHAPTER TAKE?

The time commitment of joining a chapter varies chapter to chapter, but the first semester is spent going through the chapter education program. The time spent in this program will give your student the opportunity to develop their leadership and time management skills, learn about the history of the organization, develop friendships, and allow them to become involved with other organizations. After the initiation into the chapter, expectations will vary. Each chapter has weekly chapter meetings and other mandatory events (philanthropies, service, and initiation) throughout the year, but they are planned well in advance. In addition to the weekly meeting, the more your student puts into the chapter, the more they will get out of being a member.

HOW CAN MY STUDENT GET INVOLVED IN THE GREEK COMMUNITY?

Formal recruitment is held at the beginning of the fall semester each year for both the IFC and Panhellenic groups, though there are more opportunities to join throughout the year as well. More information about fraternity and sorority recruitment can be found on our website at: www.drake.edu/life/greeklife.

CONTACT INFORMATION

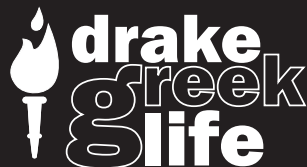
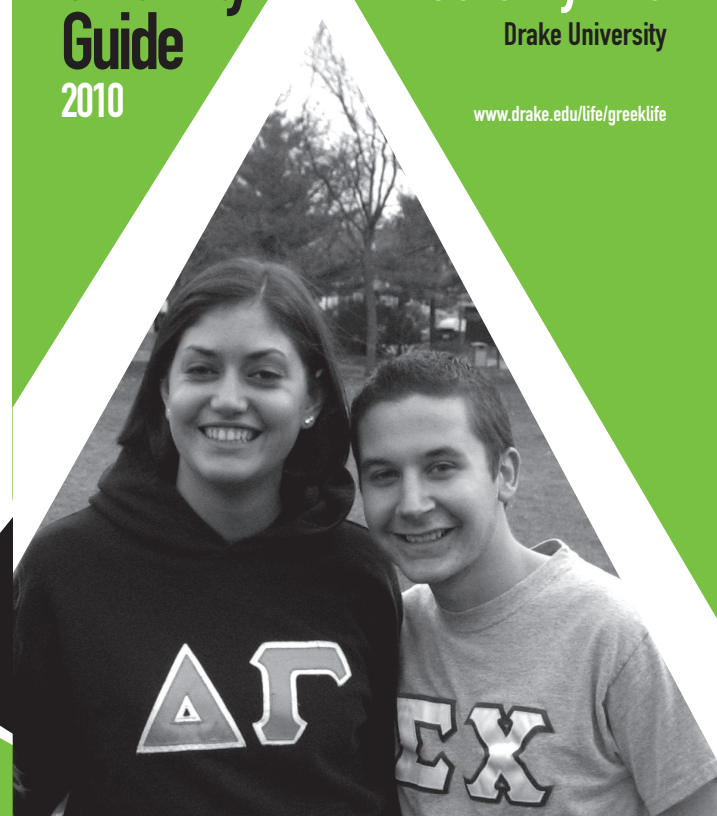
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DRAKE UNIVERSITY'S MISSION STATEMENT IS A PROMISE — a promise that we will do everything that we can as a University to prepare you for “meaningful personal lives, professional accomplishment, and responsible global citizenship.” That preparation is carried out in a variety of activities and venues, from the classroom and laboratory, to independent research, internships and study abroad, to leadership roles in student organizations and on athletic teams.

In this context, Drake's fraternities and sororities play a vital role—for their members (who constitute nearly 30% of the undergraduate population), for the University as a whole, and for the community. For many of Drake's graduates who assume leadership roles in their careers and communities, an important part of their preparation began through committee and officer positions in their sorority or fraternity chapters. Committed to academic excellence, community service, and the ideals of friendship and fellowship, members of Drake's Greek community are well-represented in campus leadership positions as well, from Student Senate and Student Ambassadors (working for the Admissions Office) to peer counselors for orientation and first-year seminars.

Beyond the confines of Drake's campus, fraternity and sorority members have made an equally powerful impact, raising tens of thousands of dollars for and donating thousands of hours to local charitable organizations—a powerful example of Drake's commitment to engaged citizenship and our responsibility for the common good as a University community.

We are proud to have a robust and vital sorority and fraternity presence at Drake University, and value greatly their contributions to the fulfillment of the University's mission.

Sincerely yours,

David Maxwell
President

BENEFITS of Fraternity & Sorority Life

Fraternity and sorority life can provide your student with an invaluable experience during his or her time at Drake. With over 100 years of fraternity and sorority history, chapter membership is a Drake tradition. The Drake Greek community provides brotherhood and sisterhood to over 900 men and women every year, and nearly 30 percent of Drake's undergraduate students. This fall the Drake Greek Community will have 17 Greek organizations and continues to grow! Fraternity and sorority life provides an opportunity for your student to enhance their collegiate experience.

Fraternities and sororities provide an environment where:

- the principles and ideals of each organization's rituals are encouraged daily;
- safety from physical and mental harm is paramount;
- academic achievement of the individual and the group is valued and rewarded;
- the definition of what it means to be a member of a fraternity or sorority is inclusive of all Greek members at Drake and supports the non-discrimination policy of the University.

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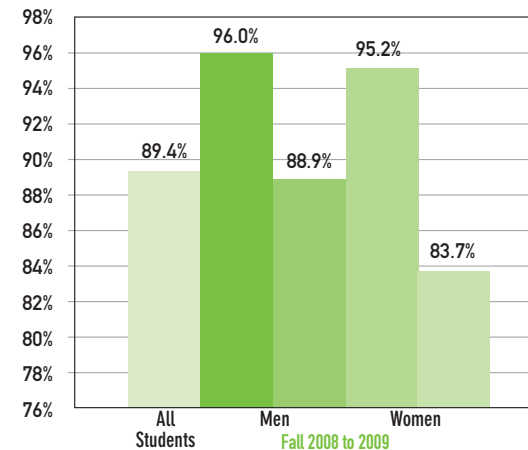
WHY your student should join!

Membership in a Greek-letter organization is a life-changing experience for the men and women who choose to join and share common values. Members develop a unique bond of brotherhood and sisterhood. These friendships last beyond the collegiate years and are nurtured by alumni activities and networking programs that provide opportunities for continued support, service, personal, and leadership development.

- The Greek Community offers a home away from home that helps your student make the transition to college while encouraging the development of each member.
- Fraternities and sororities promote the development of leadership skills, academic achievement, community service, and friendship. Each chapter participates in philanthropic and community service activities.
- When your student's college experience is finished, his or her fraternity or sorority affiliation continues for a lifetime with a lifelong bond that encourages continued involvement in the organization.
- Greek organizations are values-based and members are expected to maintain the high standards set by their chapter as well as the values established by the founders of their organizations.

RETENTION RATES

First Year to Sophomore Year



■ All Students ■ Fraternity Men ■ Non-Fraternity Men ■ Sorority Women ■ Non-Sorority Women