



Expansion Policy

I. POLICY STATEMENT

Auburn University recognizes that a strong fraternity and sorority community is a constructive element of campus life. To be considered for expansion at Auburn there must be substantial evidence that the proposed organization will positively contribute to the Auburn Greek Life community, and to conduct itself in a manner consistent with University, Council, and Greek Life policies and procedures.

II. POLICY PRINCIPLES

This policy outlines the requirements for a fraternity or sorority chapter to open/re-colonize/re-organize/re-charter/re-activate at Auburn University. Each council may have specific requirements in addition to the requirements in this document.

To ensure that fraternities and sororities requesting registration at Auburn possess the qualifications necessary for a successful organization and for the continued strength of the Auburn Greek Life community, the following expectations apply:

- The organization must comply with all Auburn University, council, and Greek Life policies and procedures.
- The organization membership must be only Auburn University undergraduate students, enrolled in at least 12 hours.
- There must be at least five (5) full-time, active, undergraduate members to begin a registered student organization. Following the first year, all registered fraternities and sororities must have at least five (5) full-time, active, undergraduate members (initiates/new members) on the roster at all times.

For expansions of National Panhellenic Conference sororities, the university will work in concert with the process as outlined in the NPC Manual of Information as adopted by the National Panhellenic Conference.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

October 15, 2021

IV. APPLICABILITY

Fraternities and sororities are social Greek-lettered (in most cases) organizations affiliated with an inter/national organization. Fraternities and sororities are entitled to maintain single-sex membership consistent with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Membership cannot be held in more than one organization at the collegiate level.



V. POLICY MANAGEMENT

Responsible Office: Greek Life

Responsible Executive: Senior Vice President for Student Affairs

Responsible Officer: Director of Greek Life

VI. POLICY PROCEDURES

Organizations requesting to open/re-colonize/re-organize/re-charter/re-activate chapters at Auburn University must submit a letter requesting expansion of the Greek community with the following registration materials:

Required Registration Materials

- Declaration of Intent: Submit a written letter from the headquarters staff or inter/national governing body expressing a desire to form or reform a chapter at Auburn University and to which organization body the group is applying to join (IFC, MGC, NPHC, Panhellenic).
- Constitution and by-laws of the organization that demonstrate the organization meets the applicability requirements above.
- Organization contact Information –
 - Inter/national Fraternity or Sorority: mailing address and phone number
 - Expansion Coordinator: name, email and phone number
 - Chapter Advisor: name, email and phone number
 - Description of the Advisory Board composition and advisor expectations (chapter meeting attendance, convention attendance, advisor training attendance, etc.)
 - Description of headquarters requirements that must be met before the colony will be chartered.
 - Documentation of 10 consecutive years of business operations at headquarters
 - Documentation of at least 10 or more undergraduate chapters (not colonies) at colleges/universities.
 - List of the five most recent expansion/charter chapters to include numbers recruited and chartering dates.
 - Copies of the following organization policies, procedures and programs:
 - Academic Policy (GPA, programming and study requirements)
 - Financial Policies (Dues, New Member Fees, Initiation fees, Chapter Budget)
 - Standards/Conduct Policies and Procedures
 - Leadership Development Program
 - Membership Contract
 - New Member Education Program
 - Recruitment / Intake Process
 - Officer Training Program
 - Recruitment Program
 - Risk Management Policy and Procedures to include Alcohol/Illegal Drugs/Sexual Assault/Hazing
 - Roster of interested students including student name, Auburn University ID number, and Auburn email address.



Upon receipt of a registration application, the Director of Greek Life, respective staff, and Council members will conduct an initial review. The organization may be asked to provide additional documentation and/or more thorough documentation to support the request for university registration.

Once the entire application has been reviewed, Greek Life will make a final determination and notify the organization of their status. Official start dates will coincide with the beginning of either the fall or spring semester.

Application Deadlines

- April 1 – application deadline for organizations wishing to start in the fall semester.
- October 1 – application deadline for organizations wishing to start in the spring semester.

**Note: For Spring 2021 expansion, application packets may be received until December 1, 2021.*

VII. SANCTIONS

Auburn University student organizations alleged to have violated this policy are subject to review through the Office of Student Conduct or referral to other applicable university disciplinary processes.

Any conduct outcome listed in the Code of Student Conduct or other applicable policies may be imposed upon a student organization found responsible for violating this policy. Depending on the violation and severity, conduct outcomes include but are not limited to warning, loss of privileges, educational sanctions, fines, or loss of university recognition.

VIII. EXCLUSIONS

No exclusions apply.

IX. INTERPRETATION

These regulations shall be interpreted, administered, and enforced by the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs.