

ACADEMICS

Potential New Member Requirements

Unaffiliated students interested in joining a fraternity or sorority must have earned a 2.5 overall grade point average, completed 12 Stockton credits (or 16 accepted transfer credits), and be in good-standing with the University.

Chapter Requirements

Chapters and new member classes are required to maintain a minimum of a 2.8 overall grade point average. Chapters will be evaluated at the end of fall and spring semesters. Chapters should strive to be above the all-men's/women's GPA. Chapters who fail to meet the 2.8 overall chapter GPA requirements for their chapter or new member class will be placed on *Academic Support Status* with the following sanctions and restrictions:

First Semester (Level I):

- a. Chapter president must meet monthly with the Greek Advisor.
- b. Prepare and submit a written action plan for academic improvement. This must be signed by the chapter's president and advisor. An action plan should include grade requirements (for new members, active members, leadership roles), incentives and accountability measures, and resources you will utilize to support scholarship.
- c. Host two (2) academic programs for the chapter using the University academic resources with 80% membership attendance. Academic resources include Academic Advising, Academic Tutoring Centers, faculty/staff presentations on study skills, etc.

Second Consecutive Semester (Level II):

- a. Chapter president must meet monthly with the Greek Advisor.
- b. Prepare and submit a written action plan for academic improvement. This must be signed by the chapter president and advisor.
- c. Host two (2) academic programs for the chapter using University academic resources with 80% membership attendance.
- d. Suspension of ALL chapter social privileges (what is deemed "social" is at the discretion of the Office of Student Development but may include events with alcohol, Greek Week, Yard Shows, etc.).
- e. Each new member or intake participant must document at least one meeting with an academic advisor within the first two weeks of the process.
- f. If the chapter achieves a 2.8 semester GPA at the end of the semester, the chapter will move back up to the *Level I Academic Support Status* in order to help the chapter maintain their commitment to academics.

Third Consecutive Semester (Remains at Level II)

Fourth Consecutive Semester: A fourth consecutive semester with a chapter (or new member class) GPA below a 2.8 will result in loss of recognition for one year.

Note: Notification of Academic Support Status will be sent to chapter president, academic officer, advisor and inter/national headquarters. Failure to complete any requirement will move the chapter up a status level.

Individual Requirements

The overall grade point average to join a fraternity or sorority is a 2.5. Therefore, individual members are expected to maintain a minimum of a 2.5 overall GPA throughout their membership. Stockton University respects that fraternities and sororities are self-governing organizations who choose their membership, so therefore there are no repercussions from the University for an individual who earns below a 2.5 overall GPA. However, it is expected that each organization will place that member on academic probation and enforce an academic support program that assists that individual.

Academic support programs should make it significantly easier for the member to focus on academics. They can include: severely limiting the member's activity within the chapter, social probation, having them meet with an academic advisor, and a tutoring system.

If a member fails to bring their GPA above a 2.5 after consecutive semesters, the chapter should consider measures to address this.

Note: Requiring study hours is not an academic support plan in itself. Chapters should consider working with a University faculty member or academic advisor on the creation of this plan.

Council Leadership Requirements

All members in a fraternity and sorority council leadership position (executive board or chair positions) must achieve a 2.5 overall & semester GPA, and must maintain these standards throughout their term. Members whose overall and/or semester GPA drops below a 2.5 while in office will forfeit any and all positions held. Once a member's GPA falls below the required 2.5 overall and/or semester GPA the Office of Student Development will notify the student in writing; thus the student will have 5 business days from the date of the letter to resign their position.

Councils may create a higher GPA requirement for their council officers.

Governing Council Academic Recommendations

In addition to these academic requirements, it is strongly advised that each governing council develop, implement, and enforce a substantial academic plan and/or policy which should, at minimum include the following:

- a. General purpose statement on academic achievement
- b. A plan which addresses minimum academic standards for chapters
- c. An outline of council specific awards/incentives for chapters that exceed the minimum standards and/or excel
- d. An outline of council specific sanctions/interventions for chapters not meeting the minimum standards
- e. A list of resources available to chapters and individual members

Awards

- a. To be eligible for individual Fraternity & Sorority Life awards, a member must maintain a 2.8 GPA during the duration of the award year.
- b. To be eligible for chapter Fraternity & Sorority Life awards, a chapter must not be on *Academic Support Status* during the duration of the award year.

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