

USD Greek Life Standards of Excellence

Items listed in bold are already requirements of all USD sororities and fraternities. To be endorsed, you must have all requirements completed by **December 14th**.

1. Membership Development

- a. Academic Achievement (1 out of 3 is required 2 out of 3 for endorsement)
 - i. The average GPA of the past three semesters show that all-chapter GPA is at or above the all men's/women's GPA or shows progress from the previous semester. If the GPA is not above all men's/women's GPA, chapter must submit a written academic program.
 - ii. Chapters recognize members for academic achievement (once per semester).
 - iii. **Fraternities and Sororities may initiate new members only if these new members have earned a cumulative GPA of 2.2, thus postponing their initiation until second semester.**
- b. **Membership Education and Leadership Development** (0 out of 5 is required 3 out of 5 to be endorsed)
 - i. Chapter hosts a ritual/values retreat at least once per academic year
 - ii. Chapter has an active standards board
 - iii. Chapter must sponsor or attend one education/scholarship speaker per semester
 - iv. New members must attend Greek 101
 - v. Chapters must participate in leadership programs and opportunities (i.e. IMPACT)

2. Policy Compliance "Healthy Living"

- a. **Risk Management** (2 out of the 6 are required, 4 of the 6 for endorsement)
 - i. **75% of Chapter members participate in Acute Alcohol Intoxication Training prior to Dakota Days**
 - ii. Chapter has a risk manager and a list of members responsible in case of emergency
 - iii. **Chapters have a fire inspection and meet all fire code requirements prior to December 31st (once per year)**
 - iv. Chapter conducts fire and evacuation drills once per semester
 - v. Chapter conducts at least one alcohol free event per semester – excluding philanthropy and community service events
- b. **Facility Management** (3 of the 4 required; 3 of the 4 to be endorsed)
 - i. Chapter has written code of conduct
 - ii. **Chapters with housing have a live in Greek Graduate Assistant or House Director**
 - iii. **All fraternity chapters are common area dry and sororities are substance free**
 - iv. **All chapters make available to members a meal plan**

3. External Relations

- a. **Alumni and Family Relations** (0 of the 4 required, 3 of the 4 for endorsement)
 - i. Chapter supported by alumni advisory board/housing corporation
 - ii. Regular newsletters to alumni and new member parents and or post online (once per semester)
 - iii. Sponsor alumni events (once per year)
 - iv. Sponsor events for parents and families (once per year)
- b. **Philanthropy/Community Service** (0 of 3 required; 1 of 3 for endorsement)
 - i. Sponsor at least one major direct community service/philanthropy project per semester
 - ii. Conducts additional community service activities at least once per semester (i.e. highway clean-up, fundraisers, hosting charity tournament)
 - iii. Each member completes at least 5 hours of community service per semester
- c. **Faculty/Staff and Public Relations** (0 of 3 required; 2 of 3 for endorsement)
 - i. Conducts at least one annual program to recognize or interact with faculty and staff
 - ii. Chapter has a public relations chairperson
 - iii. Chapter provides neighbors with contact information for President and Vice President each semester

4. Chapter Management

- a. **Communication** (4 of 7 required; 5 of 7 for endorsement)
 - i. **Billing reports are completed on-time for the business office**
 - ii. **Chapter completes yearend report**
 - iii. **Chapter completes officer database each year**
 - iv. **Presidents educate and help enforce 100% compliance with 2 semester live in Greek exemption policy**
 - v. Chapter presidents must meet with Greek Life Coordinator at least once per semester
 - vi. Chapter is supported by an active chapter advisor
 - vii. Chapter is in good standing with The University of South Dakota
- b. **Participation** (0 of 4 required; 3 of 4 for endorsement)
 - i. Attendance (75%) at Greek Council meetings
 - ii. Attendance (75%) at presidents council
 - iii. Attendance (75%) at PHC/IFC roundtables
 - iv. Chapter participates in some or the entire Greek Awards program
- c. **Recruitment** (0 of 2 required; 1 of 2 for endorsement)
 - i. Compliance with IFC/PHC recruitment policies
 - ii. Chapter conducts informal recruitment at least once per semester unless already at total or quota

How will this be Monitored?

Some items will be monitored by the Greek Life Coordinator, others will be monitored by IFC/PHC council members, and the remainder will be documented by the chapter officers who will complete a sheet of their activities and submit it to the secretary of PHC or IFC the first Monday of each month.

Kept Track by Greek Life Coordinator:

- Chapters with houses have a live in GA or house director
- Billing reports are completed on time for the business office
- Chapter completes yearend report
- Chapter presidents meet with the Greek Life Coordinator at least once per semester
- Chapter in good standing with the University
- Chapter completes officer database each year

Kept Track by Secretaries:

- GPA in comparison with all men's and women's
- Attendance

Kept Track by IFC/PHC council officer and turned into IFC/PHC secretaries:

- New members must attend Greek 101 – VP Education
- Attendance at Greek Council meetings – Secretaries
- Attendance at PHC/IFC roundtables – officer hosting roundtables
- Compliance with IFC/PHC recruitment policies – Recruitment Chairs

Documentation turned in by chapter presidents and/or chapter advisors:

- Written code of conduct (submit code)
- Ritual/Values Retreat (submit proof)
- Chapters have an active standards board (submit proof)
- Chapter has a risk manager and a list of members responsible in case of emergency (submit names)
- All chapters make available a meal plan to members (submit plan)
- Chapter supported by alumni advisory/housing corporation board (submit list of these members and proof of last meeting)
- Regular newsletters to alumni and new member parents and or post online (submit newsletter)
- Chapter has public relations chairperson (submit name and position description)

Accountability:

- The chapter must be endorsed to apply for the Outstanding Chapter Award
- List Standards of Excellence on the WEB
- List specific Standards of Excellence in recruitment brochure
 - Which ones should be listed?