

USD Sorority/Fraternity Life Standards of Excellence

Items listed in bold are REQUIREMENTS of all USD sororities and fraternities to continue as a recognized Fraternal Organization on the USD Campus. Chapters that achieve more than the basic requirements, as indicated below, will be endorsed by the Sorority/Fraternity Office. To be endorsed and/or recognized, chapters must have all requirements, along with the Sorority/Fraternity Life Standards of Excellence Chapter Report Form (found on usd.collegiatelink.edu) completed and submitted to the Sorority/Fraternity Life Office by **January 1st**.

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 2.5, thus postponing their initiation until second semester.**
- b. **Membership Education and Leadership Development** (1 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 and a minimum of 10% of the chapter must attend. (How do record 10%)
 - iv. **All new members must attend/complete Sorority/Fraternity Life New Member Education**
 - v. Chapters must participate in leadership programs and opportunities

2. Policy Compliance "Healthy Living"

- a. **Risk Management** (4 out of the 7 are required; 7 of the 7 for endorsement)
 - i. **75% of active Chapter members and 100% of New Members participate in Acute Alcohol Intoxication Training in the fall semester.**
 - ii. **75% of the active Chapter members participate in Sexual Assault Prevention Training in the fall semester.**
 - iii. Chapter has a risk manager and a list of members responsible in case of emergency
 - iv. **Chapters have a fire inspection and meet all fire code requirements prior to December 31st (once per year)**
 - v. Chapter conducts fire and evacuation drills once per semester
 - vi. Chapter conducts at least one alcohol free event per semester – excluding philanthropy and community service events
 - vii. **Chapter leadership report must all crisis situations, emergencies, accidents or incidents, including but not limited to fires, fire alarms, bias incidents/hate crimes,**

dating/relationship violence, sexual assault, assault, hazing, vandalism, medical emergencies, or death of a member immediately to the Director of Sorority/Fraternity Life or appropriate on-call personnel.

- b. **Facility Management** (4 of the 5 required; 5 of the 5 to be endorsed)
 - i. Chapter has written code of conduct
 - ii. **Chapters with housing have a Live-in Graduate Assistant or House Director**
 - 1. **All Fraternity Chapters with housing must have a Graduate Assistant hired by the Office of Sorority/Fraternity Life**
 - 2. **All Sorority Chapters with housing must have a House Director or Live-in Graduate Assistant that reports regularly to the Office of Sorority/Fraternity Life**
 - 3. **If a fraternity chooses to host a social event with alcohol in their facility, the consumption of alcoholic beverages must be limited to fraternity common spaces for the duration of the event; alcohol will not be consumed in private residential spaces during organizational events or socials. Alcohol is allowed in private residential space, if all individuals occupying the room are of legal drinking age. Larger gatherings of individuals must be registered via USD Involved and should not take place in private residential space. Sororities are substance-free.**
 - a. **All chapters prohibit the possession, use or dispensing of alcoholic beverages at organizational functions or in the organizational residence by persons under the age of 21 and the provision of alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21, in compliance with local/national laws and the Student Code of Conduct.**
 - iii. **All chapters make available to members a meal plan**
 - iv. **ALL CHAPTERS RESTRICT THE POSSESSION AND/OR USE OF FIREARMS OR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES OF ANY KIND WITHIN THE CONFINES AND PREMISES OF THE CHAPTER HOUSE.**

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 and housing corporation board (if applicable)
 - 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 a Sorority/Fraternity Life Advisor 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 Panhellenic/Interfraternity 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** (1 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 is this recorded?

Some items are monitored by the Sorority/Fraternity Life Advisor, others are monitored by IFC/PHC council members, and the remainder is documented by the chapter officers.

Kept Track by Sorority/Fraternity Life Advisor:

- 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 their Sorority/Fraternity Life Office Advisor at least once per semester
- Chapter in good standing with the University
- Chapter completes officer database each year
- GPA in comparison with all men's and women's
- Chapter attendance at the Acute Alcohol Intoxication Training

Kept Track by Secretaries:

- Attendance

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

- New members must attend Sorority/Fraternity New Member Education – VP Education
- Attendance at IFC/PHC 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:

*please be sure to have your supplemental documents in this order; those that are in bold are required.

- Academic Achievement Plan (if necessary)
- Ritual/Values Retreat (submit proof)
- Chapters have an active standards board (submit names)
- Educational Speaker/Program (submit proof)
- Leadership Program (submit proof)
- Chapter has a risk manager and a list of members responsible in case of emergency (submit names)
- **Fire Inspection Report (must be city report-submit proof)**
- Alcohol Free Event (submit proof)
- Written code of conduct (submit code)
- **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)
- Alumni Events (submit proof)
- Parent and Family Events (submit proof)
- Community Service/Philanthropy Project (submit proof)
- Community Service Activity (submit proof)
- Member Community Service Hours (submit member names and hours completed)
- Program to recognize faculty/staff (submit proof)
- Chapter has public relations chairperson (submit name and position description)
- Rational for not being in Good Standing (if applicable)
- Infraction resolution/rectification (if applicable)
- Informal recruitment events (submit date, time, location and nature of event)

Accountability:

- The chapter must be endorsed to be considered for the Order of Omega Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award
- List Standards of Excellence and chapter statuses on usd.edu/greek
- List specific Standards of Excellence in recruitment brochure