



NORTHWESTERN STATE
INTERFRATERNITY
COUNCIL



2022 Fraternity Recruitment Guide

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FALL 2022 SCHEDULE

MEET & GREEK!

Monday, August 15 • 11-1 pm, Kyser Brickway

Meet the awesome fraternities and sororities that make up the Greek community at NSU. Learn about what makes each chapter unique and opportunities available to members and, of course, how to join!

GREEK 1010

Tuesday, August 16 • 6pm, Student Union Ballroom

All Greek informational to learn more about fraternity & sorority recruitment and intake. Anyone interested in joining a Greek organization at NSU should attend.

FRATERNITY FISH FRY

Wednesday, August 17 • 6-7:30pm, President's House

Meet the men of the Interfraternity Council and enjoy tailgate games, food, music, and brotherhood. Casual attire.!

CHAPTER RECRUITMENT EVENTS

Monday, August 15-Wednesday, August 24 • Various times & locations

Spend more time with each individual chapter to get to know them better and find your new home at NSU. Each chapter will host different events for you to participate in. You should attend at least one event hosted by each fraternity. A chapter recruitment event schedule will be posted on the Greek Life website greeks.nsula.edu and on Greek Life social media.

BID EXTENSION

Begins Monday, August 22 • 8am

Fraternities will begin extending bids to new members. To formally accept, new members should attend IFC Bid Day.

IFC BID DAY

Thursday, August 25 • 5 pm, The Columns on Normal Hill, by Russell Hall

Formally accept your bid to membership in a Fraternity and introduce yourself to the Greek community at NSU. New members should arrive at least 15 minutes early to check in. Slacks, polo, or shirt and tie preferred.

LETTER FROM IFC PRESIDENT

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the seven Interfraternity Council men's organizations at Northwestern State University, I'd like to thank you for showing an interest in joining one of our fraternities. There is no experience at a college campus like that of being a member of a Greek organization. Fraternity men at NSU are among the most involved and engaged students at the university.



The Greek system at Northwestern State is approaching a century of tradition and leadership. Our men's fraternity chapters have long been part of the rich heritage and exciting student life you will experience while being a student at NSU.

Fraternity men are scholars, athletes, campus leaders, and are engaged in service not only to the university but also the community. When joining Greek Life at NSU you will become part of a community that is here to support you and ensure that you are successful socially and academically.

Please be sure to take the time to meet each of our seven IFC fraternity chapters during the recruitment events hosted by the IFC and each individual organization. The decision you make on accepting a bid from a fraternity is a lifelong decision and I want you to be sure that you choose the organization that is the best fit for you. Learn about the history, values, philanthropy, and new member process for each fraternity as you go through recruitment.

If you have any questions about fraternity recruitment and what it means to be a member of the Greek community at Northwestern State University, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally yours,

Garrett Cook

Interfraternity Council President

THE INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL



The Interfraternity Council exists to promote the shared interests and values of our 7 member fraternities: leadership, service, brotherhood, and scholarship.

We believe in Fraternity and that the shared values of Fraternity drive the IFC to create better communities, better chapters, and better men. The IFC promotes mutual cooperation among the member fraternities, other student organizations, fellow governing councils, Northwestern State University, its students, faculty, staff, and the Natchitoches and regional community.

The IFC works to advance the academic mission of the Northwestern State University to enable fraternities to grow and thrive through collaboration and teamwork, to provide an outlet for self-governance and accountability, and to model and teach ethical leadership. In a spirit of mutual support and betterment, the men of the Interfraternity Council pledge to elevate the Ritual and the values of the member organizations at NSU.

WHY JOIN A FRATERNITY?

Being Greek at Northwestern State University offers the opportunity to enhance your ability to succeed in all areas of campus life. Fraternities provide academic assistance and support, encourage active involvement in student organizations and community service, and provide a home away from home during your time as a college student. Above all else, fraternity life creates an environment to make friends and have fun! What better way to spend your collegiate years than with friends who share similar values, goals, and interests?

Leadership

Fraternities are essentially self-governing organizations and rely on the talents of their members for successful chapter management. Members have a chance to gain experience in a wide variety of leadership roles. Whether it's holding office in your chapter or the IFC, leading a committee, or developing a new program, there are many different opportunities to strengthen and develop your leadership skills.

Brotherhood

Participating in recruitment and becoming a member of the Greek community means that you will be meeting lots of people and making new friends. Fraternities bring together a diverse group of men who share common values, goals, and interests, both personal and those of the chapter. From the moment you join you will enjoy close friendships with the men in your chapter and fraternity community...and those friendships will last a lifetime.

Scholarship

The focus on scholarship is one of the founding principles of fraternities. NSU fraternities offer a variety of programs to ease the transition from high school to college. Each fraternity has a scholarship program that promotes academic success in the chapter. Chapter initiatives include tutoring and mentoring programs, study hours and study groups, and national and local scholarships. Fraternity members typically have higher GPA's than non-fraternity men.

Service

The IFC and NSU fraternity chapters have a long tradition of being actively involved with local and national philanthropic and service organizations. Northwestern State University Greeks have a huge impact on campus, in the Natchitoches community, throughout Louisiana, and across the nation as they donate thousands of hours on hands on service projects and volunteer opportunities. You will have numerous opportunities to make a difference while being a fraternity man in college.



WHY GO GREEK?

- **Greek organizations offer a “home away from home” for a variety of students with diverse interests and different backgrounds.**
- **Fraternities and sororities instill leadership skills in their members and promote active citizenship.**
- **Members of the Greek Community statistically have higher Grade Point Averages than non-Greeks.**
- **Membership in a fraternity or sorority increases first-year college retention.**
- **Academic performance of first-year students is higher among fraternity and sorority members.**
- **Greeks graduate at higher rates than other students.**
- **Fraternity and sorority members spend more hours on service and volunteering than other students.**
- **Because Greek students feel a deeper connection to their college or university, Greek alumni donate more to their alma mater after graduation.**
- **Members of fraternities and sororities have exponentially larger professional networks.**

Source: Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values



THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS



The Interfraternity Council facilitates a structured open recruitment process in the fall semester and an open recruitment process in the spring semester. The IFC will host events for men to meet members of the fraternities in addition to events hosted by each respective fraternity.

Men interested in joining should attend every IFC event and at least one event hosted by each fraternity to make the most informed decision. A chapter recruitment event schedule will be posted on the Greek Life website greeks.nsula.edu and on Greek Life social media.

Men interested in joining a fraternity should register at greeks.nsula.edu. This is to verify your eligibility to join and to ensure you receive important recruitment information. There is no cost to register for recruitment.

REQUIREMENTS

Men wanting to join a fraternity at NSU must meet the following requirements:

- **Be a full-time (12 hours), fully matriculated student at Northwestern State University. No dual enrollment or BPC students may join.**
- **Must have at least a 2.5 high school or college GPA in order to accept a bid and join a fraternity.**
- **You must complete a new member form in order to continue the new member process once accepting your bid.**
- **You must complete 1 hour of state mandated hazing prevention training each academic year to maintain membership in any organization at NSU.**

ATTIRE

You will want to dress to make a good first impression on the members of the IFC fraternities you are looking to join. You can never go wrong with a polo, button down, slacks, or nice shorts and appropriate shoes. If a specific attire is preferred at an event, it will be noted in the event information.

THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

SCHOLARSHIP

The IFC is offering two \$100 scholarships and one \$250 scholarship to be used towards fraternity membership dues to three men who attend at least one recruitment event for each chapter.

Bring your completed Scholarship Drawing Card to IFC Bid Day. A drawing will be held to choose the recipient. You can obtain the card at IFC recruitment events or in the Office of Greek Life-Suite 156 of the Student Union.

BID EXTENSION

Fraternities may extend verbal bids at any time, letting you know they are interested in you being offered membership in the chapter. Actual physical bids will not be distributed until Monday, August 22 at 8 am.

You may receive multiple invitations from fraternities to join but may only accept one. You are not required to accept any bid offered to you. You are not guaranteed a bid to membership by any fraternity at NSU.

You will attend IFC Bid Day in order to formally accept your fraternity bid and introduce yourself to the NSU Greek Community.

BID DAY

Each Fall semester, the IFC hosts a Bid Day ceremony to welcome the newest members of the fraternity community to Greek Life at NSU. After you receive your bid, you will need to attend the IFC Bid Day ceremony on Thursday, August 25. You will need to arrive no later than 4:45 pm to check in. There you will announce your name, hometown, and the fraternity you are accepting membership from before joining your new fraternity brothers.

SUMMER EVENTS

Fraternities may choose to host recruitment events over the summer for potential new members. These events are by invitation at the discretion of the individual chapters.



Learn more about our events at
www.nsula.edu/greeklife/how-to-join/

CHAPTER INFORMATION



Kappa Alpha Order • KA

- **Chapter Designation:** Gamma Psi
- **Recruitment Contact:**
Brylon Evans – 337-423-6386
- **GPA requirement:** 2.7
- **Philanthropy:** Muscular Dystrophy Association & Operation Crimson Gift
- **Social Media:**
 - f Gamma Psi 50th
 - @KA_GammaPsi
 - @KA_GammaPsi

Fees

New Member Fees: Your First Semester \$150

Chapter Dues	\$0
National Dues	\$0
Initiation Fee	\$150

Active Member Fees: Each Semester After Initiation \$765

Chapter Dues (both semesters)	\$550
National Dues	\$215
Insurance (every Spring).....	\$120

Payment Plan Information

New Member Fees	Two Payments of \$75
Active Member Fees.....	\$153 per Month

CHAPTER INFORMATION



Kappa Sigma • ΚΣ

- **Chapter Designation:** Theta Mu
- **Recruitment Contact:**
Alex Dollar – 318-521-3221
- **GPA requirement:** 2.5
- **Philanthropy:** Military Heroes Campaign
- **Social Media:**
@KappasigmaNSU
@Theta_Mu_NSU

Fees

New Member Fees: Your First Semester..... \$235

Chapter Dues	\$60
Initiation Fee	\$175

Active Member Fees: Each Semester After Initiation \$610

Chapter Dues	\$610
National Dues	Paid by Chapter
Insurance.....	Paid by Chapter

Payment Plan Information

New Member Fees	Billed Through NSU
Active Member Fees.....	Payment Plan Same as School

CHAPTER INFORMATION

Pi Kappa Alpha • ΠΚΑ



- **Chapter Designation:** Mu Kappa
- **Recruitment Contact:**
Chris Compas – 318-658-2652
- **GPA requirement:** 2.5
- **Philanthropy:** St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- **Social Media:**
 - f NSUPikes
 - @PikesatNSU
 - @NSUPIKES

Fees

New Member Fees: Your First Semester \$500

Chapter Dues	\$170
National Dues	\$300
Initiation Fee	\$30

Active Member Fees: Each Semester After Initiation \$450

Chapter Dues	\$225
National Dues	\$225
Insurance.....	\$0

Payment Plan Information

New Member Fees	Three Payments of \$166.66
Active Member Fees.....	\$112.50 Per Month

CHAPTER INFORMATION



Pi Kappa Phi • ΠΚΦ

- **Chapter Designation:** Beta Omicron
- **Recruitment Contact:**
Colby Grayson – 318-230-0499
- **GPA requirement:** 2.7
- **Philanthropy:** The Ability Experience
- **Social Media:**

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@PiKappNSU

@PiKappNSU

Fees

New Member Fees: Your First Semester	\$450
Chapter Dues	\$100
National Dues	\$200
Initiation Fee	\$150

Active Member Fees: Each Semester After Initiation	\$700
Chapter Dues	\$150
National Dues	\$250
Insurance.....	\$300

Payment Plan Information

New Member Fees	Three Payments of \$150
Active Member Fees.....	\$375 Per Month

CHAPTER INFORMATION



Sigma Nu • ΣΝ

- **Chapter Designation:** Mu Rho
- **Recruitment Contact:**
Eric Harper 318-560-9634
- **GPA requirement:** 2.5
- **Philanthropy:** St. Jude
- **Social Media:**

 @NSU_SigmaNu

 @SigmaNu_NSU

Fees

New Member Fees: Your First Semester \$550

Chapter Dues	\$250
National Dues	\$100
Initiation Fee	\$200

Active Member Fees: Each Semester After Initiation \$650

Chapter Dues	\$220
National Dues	\$230
Insurance.....	\$200

Payment Plan Information

New Member Fees	Initial Payment is \$150 then \$200 then \$250
Active Member Fees.....	Paid Before End of Semester

CHAPTER INFORMATION

Tau Kappa Epsilon • TKE



• **Chapter Designation:** Epsilon Upsilon

• **Recruitment Contact:**

Samuel Switalski 318-455-4683

• **GPA requirement:** 2.5

• **Philanthropy:** St. Jude

• **Social Media:**

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Fees

New Member Fees: Your First Semester..... \$300

Chapter Dues\$0

National Dues \$75

Initiation Fee\$225

Active Member Fees: Each Semester After Initiation \$480

Chapter Dues\$480

National Dues\$0

Insurance.....\$0

Payment Plan Information


New Member Fees Paid Before End of Semester

Active Member Fees..... \$96 Per Month

CHAPTER INFORMATION

Theta Chi • ΘΧ



- **Chapter Designation:** Eta Omicron
- **Recruitment Contact:**
Jacob Stone 903-238-1172
- **GPA requirement:** 2.75
- **New Member fees:** \$310
- **Active Member fees:** \$400 per semester
- **Philanthropy:** United Service Organization
- **Social Media:**
 @theta_chi_nsu

Fees

New Member Fees: Your First Semester \$310

Chapter Dues	\$0
National Dues	\$250
Initiation Fee	\$60

Active Member Fees: Each Semester After Initiation \$550

Chapter Dues	\$340
National Dues	\$75
Insurance.....	\$135

Payment Plan Information

New Member Fees	Three Payments of \$103
Active Member Fees.....	\$100 Per Month

IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

Active Member: a fully undergraduate member of a fraternity or sorority.

Alumni/Alumna: an initiated fraternity or sorority member who has completed their course of study and graduated from the university.

Badge: a membership pin, often jeweled, worn on clothing that indicates membership in a fraternity or sorority.

Bid: a formal invitation given by a chapter asking a prospective member to join the chapter.

Calls: a unique vocal expression attributed to an organization. Calls are special to members and should not be replicated by non-members.

Chapter: the local membership of an inter/national fraternal organization at a university.

College Panhellenic Council (CPC): the governing body for all sororities in the National Panhellenic Conference. NSU has 3 NPC affiliated sororities.

Colony: a fraternal membership that has received approval from the university and recognition from one of the governing councils but is in a trial period with their inter/national organization.

Continuous Open Bidding: an informal process of recruitment that some College Panhellenic chapters will engage in each academic year.

Crossing: a term used to indicate that a new member has been fully initiated into a group.

Fraternity: a Greek-letter brotherhood or siblinghood.

Greek: the name applied to affiliated fraternity and sorority members.

Hand Sign: a symbol or gesture made with the hands to signify an organization. Hand signs are special to members and should not be replicated by non-members.

Informational: a forum for individuals interested in seeking more information about a particular fraternity or sorority.

Interfraternity Council (IFC): the governing body for our 7 men's fraternities; many groups are members of the North-American Interfraternity Conference.

Initiation/Activation: the traditional ritual or formal ceremony of induction that marks the transition to full membership in a fraternity or sorority.

Legacy: a prospective member whose grandparents, mother/father or sister/brother is an alumni of a fraternity or sorority.

Line: group of individuals going through the membership intake process. Another term is new member class.

Membership Intake Process (MIP): a process by which interested persons become members of NPHC organizations. Generally characterized by an informational meeting, an application process, an interview or series of interviews, and an educational process.

National Panhellenic Conference (NPC): an organization composed of 26 member women's sororities. NSU has 3 affiliated sororities.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC): a national governing organization of nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities. Northwestern State University has a local council to help govern the chapters represented on campus. The member organizations are sometimes referred to as the Divine Nine. NSU has 7 NPHC affiliated fraternities and sororities.

Neophyte (Neo): a term some organizations use to refer to a new member of a sorority or fraternity.

New Member: a prospective member from the time the member accepts a bid to affiliate until the time the member is initiated. Each organization and council use a variety of terms to identify their new members as new members.

New Member Presentation: a presentation where new members of NPHC organizations present themselves as initiated members of their organizations to the campus community.

New Member Program: the education and resources chapters provide top new members to help them be successful in the organization and in the classroom. Typically, chapters teach about the history and values of the organization.

North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC): an organization composed of more than 70 national member men's fraternities. The local Interfraternity Council is affiliated with the NIC and has 7 member fraternities.

Paraphernalia: articles of clothing, accessories, props, or jewelry that a member may wear or possess that shows pride in their organization.

Philanthropy: a charitable fundraiser sponsored by a fraternity or sorority.

Potential Members: undergraduate students interested in becoming a member of a fraternity or sorority.

Recruitment: the continual process of encouraging men and women to become members to join the fraternity and sorority community.

Sorority: a Greek-letter sisterhood or siblinghood.

Strolling: organization members move together in a line expressing pride for their organization. In this line, members may express their pride through the use of their organization's call, sign, or historical information, ritual/custom dances, etc. All of this is done through movements that are unique to a particular organization and should not be mimicked.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Northwestern State University is committed to ensuring that the joining and membership processes for our fraternities and sororities are safe. Your experience should be about connecting with your fellow students in an environment that is supportive, welcoming, respectful, and free from harm.

Things you should be aware of are:

- **Your health and safety should NEVER be endangered when joining a fraternity or sorority.**
- **You should always be treated with dignity and respect as a new member or aspirant when joining a student organization and when maintaining membership.**
- **The joining process should be educational and focused towards developing you into a productive and contributing member of the organization.**
- **You should know what all of the expectations and requirements of membership are and what activities are part of the joining and new member process.**
- **Northwestern State prohibits discrimination and sexual misconduct on the basis of sex, which includes sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and coercion. (See TITLE IX contact information)**
- **Alcohol has no place in the joining or new member process for a fraternity or sorority. Organizations who violate this will be sanctioned. Students who violate this may be sent to the Office of Student Conduct.**
- **Hazing is illegal in the state of Louisiana and against the policies of all fraternities and sororities and Northwestern State University.**
- **You must report hazing if it takes place.**
- **You must seek help for anyone injured due to hazing.**
- **There are penalties for those who haze including expulsion from the university, fines up to \$10,000, and imprisonment with or without hard labor for up to five years.**

Fraternities and sororities are values based, membership development organizations that build life-long connections through character enhancement, leadership development, academic achievement, commitment to service, community involvement, life-long friendship and social experiences. Harmful or dangerous activities have no place in our organizations or our campus.

If you feel there are components to your joining or membership process that do not align with our values or that puts your mental or physical health and safety at risk, please contact the Office of Greek Life immediately at greeklife@nsula.edu or seek medical assistance by calling 911.

HOTLINES

NATIONAL ANTI-HAZING HOTLINE:

(888) NOT-HAZE
(888) 668-4293

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE:

1-800-273-8255

CRISIS TEXT LINE:

24/7, nationwide crisis-intervention text-message hotline.
Text START to 741-741.

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UNIVERSITY POLICE: (318) 357-5431

COUNSELING SERVICES: (318) 357-5621

TITLE IX: (318) 357-5570

HEALTH SERVICES: (318) 357-5351

OFFICE OF GREEK LIFE: (318) 357-5439

DEAN OF STUDENTS: (318) 357-5285

FRATERNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

Be sure to check out each of the seven IFC fraternities at Freshman Connection



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Kappa Sigma

Scott Fowler

318-461-9638



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Pi Kappa Alpha

Chris Compas

318-658-2652



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Pi Kappa Phi

Trace Anthon

985-634-5219



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Kappa Alpha Order

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