# **Frequently Asked Questions**

How many fraternal and sororal organizations are on campus? There are thirteen organizations that comprise the Greek Life community at Saint Leo University. Of the thirteen, there are six fraternities and seven sororities.

We organize the organizations into three councils (Interfraternity, Panhellenic and Unified Greek) that closely align with their demographics and founding principles. They are:

Organization Name	Respective Council	New Member Process Style
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated	Unified Greek	Membership Intake
Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority	Panhellenic	Recruitment
Gamma Upsilon Sorority	Panhellenic	Recruitment
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated	Unified Greek	Membership Intake
Kappa Sigma Fraternity	Interfraternity	Recruitment
Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority Incorporated	Unified Greek	Membership Intake
Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity	Interfraternity	Recruitment
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated	Unified Greek	Membership Intake
Sigma Lambda Fraternity	Interfraternity	Recruitment
Sigma Lambda Gamma International Sorority, Incorporated	Unified Greek	Membership Intake
Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority	Panhellenic	Recruitment
Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity	Interfraternity	Recruitment
Theta Phi Alpha National Women's Fraternity	Panhellenic	Recruitment

## What is Recruitment/Recruitment Week?

Recruitment is the specified time in which the Interfraternity and Panhellenic organizations recruit students to join their organizations. This time is typically organized through a week of activities that help acclimate students to the organizations. Participation in recruitment does require attendance to a Greek Life Informational Session and council specific information session.

#### What is Membership Intake?

Membership Intake differs from Recruitment. In recruitment, students visit all organizations in an organized week format to find which organization is their best fit. With Membership Intake, students attend a specific organization's information session to learn about the history, culture, membership requirements, etc. with intent to join.

It is highly encouraged that potential members research the organization that they are most interested in prior to attending an information session. Participation in membership intake does require attendance to a Greek Life Informational Session and a chapter specific information session.

#### What is new member education?

New member education takes place after a potential new member accepts the invitation to join a sorority or fraternity. The new member education process differs between organizations, but on average the process is six weeks long and includes learning the history of the organization, bonding with the chapter members and others joining with you, attending special programs and ceremonies, and preparing to become an active chapter member.

This timeframe should be a welcoming and valuable experience. It is meant to acclimate you to being a member of the Saint Leo Greek community and the respective organization.

## What are the basic requirements to join Greek Life at Saint Leo?

## 1. To qualify for Greek Life at Saint Leo, perspective members must:

- a. Be a full-time student taking a minimum of 12 credit hours
- b. Possess a 2.6 cumulative grade point average
- c. Be enrolled as an undergraduate collegiate in the current semester
- d. Have an active FERPA form on file with the Office of Greek Life
- e. Register for Recruitment (Interfraternity and Panhellenic organizations)
- f. Attend an Interest Meeting (Unified Greek organizations)

#### Can I join as a first-time student?

No. Sororities and fraternities operate under the "deferred recruitment" model. Deferred recruitment means that students must complete a full academic semester at the institution, prior to joining a sorority or fraternity. Potential new members' university grade point averages (GPAs) will be verified prior to beginning the new member process and are subject to grade checks at any point during the new member process.

**Can I join as a Master's candidate?** No, membership in one of our thirteen organizations is only for undergraduate students enrolled at University (main) campus.

**Can I join as an online student?** No, membership is only for students enrolled at University (main) campus.

## Are there additional eligibility requirements?

Additional eligibility requirements are reviewed during membership intake and recruitment information sessions. In short, organizations seek out students who model their values and have leadership potential.

**What are my financial obligations?** Joining Greek Life is a time and financial commitment. Dues vary according to organization and level of membership.

Interfraternity - dues can range from \$300-\$1000 Panhellenic - dues can range from \$200-500 Unified - dues can range from \$500-\$2000

Is there Greek housing? No, there are no university recognized Greek residences.

**Will joining Greek Life affect my grades?** Joining a Greek organization should affect your grades in a positive way. Greek Life has a strong focus on academics. All organizations require new members to maximize university academic resources like tutors and study sessions.

## Can I join more than one social sorority or fraternity?

No, to maximize your involvement experiences, joining more than one of the thirteen Greek organizations is prohibited.

What does Greek Life provide that no other organization does? The transition into college life is one of the biggest transitions in an individual's life. Joining a fraternity or sorority can help make the transition easier by offering a home away from home. Greek Life provides an opportunity to create lifelong friendships with members of all ages and from all backgrounds. It provides strategic networking opportunities with alumni and community partners. Greek Life promotes brotherhood/sisterhood, leadership, scholarship, excellence, and integrity.

**Do organizations haze?** Saint Leo University prohibits hazing. Hazing means any action or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for purposes including, but not limited to, initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of a postsecondary institution. Anyone wishing to report hazing may report to the Assistant Director of Greek Life & Community Engagement at 352-588-8266, University Safety at 352-588-8432, anonymously <u>through the website</u> or the Saint Leo Tip Line at 352-588-7777.

What is the biggest advice for someone seeking out membership in a Greek-lettered

**organization?** Make this experience your own by finding the organization that best fits you! Maximize every opportunity to meet the members of the organizations and learn about them. Doing so will enhance your collegiate experiences.

## How can I learn more about Greek Life?

You may follow our Instagram account at @saintleogreeklife or send an email to <u>leogreeklife@gmail.com</u>.

You can also learn more about Greek Life by visiting the sites below:

- <u>http://www.nalfo.org/</u>
- <u>http://www.nicindy.org/</u>
- <u>http://www.nphchq.org/</u>
- <u>https://www.npcwomen.org/about/</u>