In order to plan for the future of Fraternity and Sorority Life at UC Merced, the Fraternity and Sorority community is planning to open expansion for a period of three years. The expansion process will follow the timeline below in the Spring 2015 semester and continue until Spring 2018.

Note: If the National Panhellenic Chapters approve extension, the university will follow the procedures outlined by the National Panhellenic Conference unanimous agreements.

Expansion Timeline

Spring/Fall 2015

Phase 1 (Pre-Campus):

**Monday, May 4, 2015**: Expansion Opens: Widespread notification to organizations that expansion is open.

**Monday, June 1, 2015 – Friday, June 19, 2015**: Interested organizations can arrange for site visits with the Coordinator for Fraternity and Sorority Life. *(Note: No student contact may be made during these visits.)*

**Friday, July 3, 2015**: Expansion Application Due.

**Monday July 5, 2015 - Friday July 31, 2015**: Review of Applications by Expansion Committee to select potential groups for Phase 2.

**Monday August 3, 2015**: Selected organizations invited to come to campus to explore interest from student body.

Phase 2 (On-Campus and Presentations):

**Monday, August 24, 2015 – Friday, September 25, 2015**: Selected organizations on campus to explore interest from student body. This will be done through tabling and career fair type events in conjunction with current active chapters.

**Monday, September 28, 2015 – Friday, October 16, 2015**: Expansion Presentations to Fraternity and Sorority Community (must show student interested as outlined in the interest group section of the FSL Expansion Procedures).

**Tuesday, October 27, 2015**: Fraternity and Sorority Council votes and presents recommendations to the AVC for Student Affairs. AVC for Student Affairs makes final decisions.

**Friday, November 6, 2015**: Colonization Invitations distributed to interested inter/national organizations.
Extension Timeline (NPC Only)

Spring/Fall 2015

Phase 1 (Pre-Campus):

**Monday, May 4, 2015:** Extension Opens: NPC Bulletin Distributed.

**Monday, June 1, 2015 – Friday, June 19, 2015:** Interested NPC organizations can arrange for exploratory visits with the Coordinator for Fraternity and Sorority Life. *(Note: No student contact may be made during these visits.)*

**Friday, July 3, 2015:** Extension Application Due.

**Monday July 5, 2015 - Friday July 31, 2015:** Review of Applications by Extension Committee to select potential groups for Phase 2.

**Monday August 3, 2015:** Selected organizations invited to come to campus to present.

Phase 2 (Presentations and Vote):

**Monday, September 14, 2015 – Friday, September 25, 2015:** NPC Extension Presentations to Fraternity and Sorority Community.

**Tuesday, September 29, 2015:** NPC Extension committee reviews the presentations and makes a recommendation to the NPC Chapters.

**Tuesday, October 6, 2015:** NPC delegates vote at the Fraternity and Sorority Council meeting on extension decisions.

**Friday, October 16, 2015:** Colonization Invitations distributed to selected NPC organizations

Multi-Year Expansion/Extension Calendar (Max colonization of eight new chapters):

Colonization Spring 2016:
1. Up to two Fraternities
2. One NPC Sorority
3. Up to One non-NPC Sorority

Colonization Spring 2017:
1. Up to One Fraternity
2. Up to One non-NPC Sorority

Colonization Spring 2018:
1. Up to One Fraternity
2. One NPC Sorority

Final Community Chapter Numbers After Expansion: Max of 7 Fraternities, 9 Sororities

Colonization will begin annually following the outline in the UCM Fraternity and Sorority Life Expansion Procedures.