

# WELCOMETO FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE INFO SESSION

# FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

• leadership • scholarship • service • friendship •

UC MERCED OFFICE OF STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

# FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE 101

<u>Understanding What It Means To Be a Member</u>



# WHAT IS FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE AT UC MERCED?

UC Merced provides a wide range of academic, social and community service activities. Fraternity or sorority membership is a good first step toward enjoying all the benefits college life has to offer.

A fraternity/sorority is also a way to make the campus feel more like a home. With  $\sim\!7.8\%$  of undergraduate students affiliated, fraternities and sororities collectively constitute one of the largest student groups on campus. Membership is about traditions, sense of belonging, learning valuable lessons and establishing life-long friendships.



# Reasons & Benefits to Join a Fraternity or Sorority: Our Four Values

#### **FRIENDSHIP**

- A place to belong -"home away from home!"
- Develops lifelong friendships
- Networking
- Fosters concern for others

#### LEADERSHIP

- Leadership development
- Networking
- Opportunities to travel for conferences
- Event planning skills
- Interview Skills
- Professionalism

#### **SCHOLARSHIP**

- Academic Excellence
- Time Management skills
- Higher GPA than most undergraduates
- Higher retention
- Order of Omega Honor
   Society

#### SERVICE

- Community Service
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Raise money for philanthropic organizations or charities
- Help the local community

# WHAT ORGANIZATIONS DO WE HAVE AT UC MERCED?

We currently have 20 active and recognized organizations at UC Merced.

Social Fraternities and Sororities

Governed by <u>Fraternity and Sorority Council (FSC)</u>

Professional Fraternities

(Major/Focus-Specific)

Governed by Professional Fraternity Council (PFC)





NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC)
SORORITIES

Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Mu

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LATINO FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS (NALFO) SORORITIES

Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc., Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.

MULTICULTURAL SORORITIES

Sigma Theta Psi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.



NORTHERN AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE (NIC) FRATERNITIES

Kappa Sigma, Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc., Pi Lambda Phi, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Chi

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LATINO FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS (NALFO) FRATERNITIES

Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (recently est. Spring 2020)



PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION (PFA) FRATERNITIES

Alpha Phi Omega (Service)

Alpha Kappa Psi (Business)

Delta Epsilon Mu (Pre-Health)

Delta Sigma Pi (Business)

Phi Alpha Delta (Pre-Law)

Phi Delta Epsilon (Pre-Med)

Theta Tau (Engineering)



# EXPANSION CHAPTERS

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC) SORORITY

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Expected Spring 2021, but processes have been put on hold from their National Headquarters)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LATINO FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS (NALFO) FRATERNITIES

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# REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN

#### "DEFERRED RECRUITMENT MODEL"

- First year students must wait to join a fraternity or sorority until their second semester
- All students must have completed 12 college credits
- All students must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Must also be in good academic standing with the university
- Transfer students must have 12 credits, a 2.5 GPA, and have an approved transcript to join during fall semester.



# Spring 2021 Recruitment Dates

#### CULTURAL SORORITY RECRUITMENT

Monday, January 25th, 2021 - Sunday, January 31st, 2021

Deadline to Register: Friday, January 29th, 2021 at 11:59pm

#### PANHELLENIC SORORITY RECRUITMENT

Thursday, January 28th, 2021
- Sunday, January 31st, 2021
(PNM Orientation is
Wednesday, January 27th,
2021 at 6:30pm)
Deadline to Register:
Thursday, January 28th, 2021
at 10:00am

# PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT

Monday, January 25th, 2021 - Sunday, February 14th, 2021

Deadline to Register: February 12th, 2021 at 11:59pm

#### SOCIAL FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT

Monday, February 1st, 2021 - Sunday, February 14th, 2021

Deadline to Register: February 12th, 2021 at 11:59pm





SCAN ME

https://tinyurl.com/Spring2 021RecruitReg

# TIPS FOR RECRUITMENT

- BE YOURSELF
  - MEMBERS ARE NERVOUS TOO!
- ASK QUESTIONS!
- FIND PEOPLE YOU CONNECT WITH IN ORGANIZATIONS
- CONNECT WITH OTHER POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS
- REACH OUT TO ORGS ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- ASK YOURSELF, DO MY VALUES ALIGN WITH THIS ORGANIZATION?
- ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND RECRUITMENT WITH YOU!
   YOU'RE NOT ALONE! :)

#### STAGES OF SPRING 2021 RECRUITMENT

STEP 1: REGISTER FOR RECRUITMENT https://doi.org/10.1001/10.10

STEP 2: FOLLOW US FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES

@ucmercedfsl @pfc\_ucmerced @ucmercedfsc

STEP 3: ATTEND RECRUITMENT EVENTS & BUILD FRIENDSHIPS

STEP 4: POTENTIALLY, ACCEPT A BID

STEP 5: ENJOY BEING A NEW MEMBER!!

# AVERAGE COST OF DUES

Category	Initiation Dues	Semester Dues
Professional Fraternities	\$169	\$182
Social Fraternities	\$333	\$380
Cultural Sororities	\$128	\$128
NPC Sororities	\$699	\$378

Please note, these dues are pre COVID-19. Most organizations are lowering their dues/providing reimbursements.

Make sure to ask organizations what expected dues are!

# WHAT TO EXPECT AS A NEW MEMBER

#### New Member Conference

- Introduction into the FSL Community
- Workshops

New Member Meetings

- 4-8 Week New Member Programs & Processes
  - Learn the history of organization, values, rituals
  - Big/Little

Initiation/Crossing Over Ceremonies



# LIFE AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER

# CHAPTER MEETINGS

- Weekly meetings with your entire chapter!
- Workshops & ContinuingMemberEducation

# LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Leadership Positions
- Event Planning
- Communication Skills
- Professionalism

#### NETWORKING

- Engage with brothers/sisters from other chapters
- Have a network
   of people to
   reach out to

#### SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

- Academic Support
- Study Hours
- Scholarships,Grants, Loans
- Time Management
   Skills

# SERVICE, PHILANTHROPY, INVOLVEMENT

- Community Service
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Philanthropy Events & Competitions
- Mixers
- Formals/Banquets
- Supporting other organizations



UC MERCED HAZING POLICY

"Participation in hazing or any method of initiation or preinitiation into a campus organization or other activity engaged in by the organization or members of the organization at any time that causes, or is likely to cause, physical injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in psychological harm to any student or other person."

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# HAZING PREVENTION



#### RECAP OF UC MERCED HAZING POLICY

Hazing is **NOT ALLOWED** by each organization, the University policies, and the state of California.

During recruitment, the potential new member will want to ask each organization specific questions about what is expected of them as a new member.

#### HOW WE ENSURE YOUR SAFETY

Hazing Prevention Programming

- Workshops
- National Hazing Prevention Week of CALIFORNIA MERCED
- HazingPrevention.Org
- Fraternity and Sorority Life Staff
- Campus Advocacy Resources & Education Office (CARE)

# HOW TO REPORT HAZING

#### REPORTING OPTIONS

- Office of Student Rights and Responsibility
  - Fill out an Incident Report Form:
     https://osrr.ucmerced.edu/form/information-incident-report
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
  - Fill out <a href="https://fraternitysorority.ucmerced.edu/form/contact-">https://fraternitysorority.ucmerced.edu/form/contact-</a>
     us and click "Report a Hazing Incident"
- Office of Ombuds (Confidential Resource)
  - 0 209-228-4410
- Anti-Hazing Hotline:
  - 888-668-4293 (888-NOT-HAZE)



# CAMPUS RESOURCES



# BEING IN A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY IS A TIME COMMITMENT.

#### HERE ARE SOME CAMPUS RESOURCES THAT MAY HELP...

- Bright Success Center:
  - provides learning support, transition programs, and individualized interventions which empower UC Merced students to be successful in their academic and personal development.
    - Fiat Lux, Guardian Scholars, Success Mentor, Undocumented Services, PALS,
       STEP, & TRV
    - Has online workshops, resources, and tools for your success!

#### https://learning.ucmerced.edu

- Health Promotion
  - The mission of the Health Promotion department is to foster a campus community that encourages positive health behaviors supportive of UC Merced students' academic success and well-being during their collegiate experience.
  - Have programs around on physical well-being, mental well-being, sexual health,
     and alcohol & other drugs
  - They provide our community with Alcohol and Cannabis Awareness mandatory presentations

https://healthpromotion.ucmerced.edu

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#### • Basic Needs

- They focus on finding financial security, food security, housing security, mental wellness, and transportation security.
- Bobcat Pantry, Financial Wellness, CalFresh support, USDA
   Distribution, and connects to other local resources!

https://basicneeds.ucmerced.edu

#### • CARE

- Provides free and confidential assistance for all UC Merced affiliates (including undergraduate students, graduate students, staff and faculty members.)
- Provides education on sexual violence, domestic abuse, stalking.
- They support our FSL community by providing mandatory
   Interpersonal and Gender-based violence training
- Campus Advocate: Lynna Canno (call or text) (209) 386-2051

https://care.ucmerced.edu

# CHAPTERS



NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC)

## DELTA DELTA DELTA



Founded: 1888

Established at UC Merced: 2009

Signature Events: Delta Idol, Delta House of

Pancakes (DHOP)

Philanthropy: St. Judes Children's Research

Hospital

Colors: Silver, Gold, Cerulean

Motto: Let us steadfastly love one another

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC)

## DELTA GAMMA

Founded: 1873

Established at UC Merced: 2009

Signature Events: Anchor Splash, Founders' Day,

Puppies and Pizza

Philanthropy: Service for Sight

Colors: Bronze, Pink, and Blue

Motto: Do Good



NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC)

## KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA



Founded: 1870

Established at UC Merced: 2009

Signature Events: Kappa Kup

Philanthropy: Reading is Fundamental

Colors: Dark Blue and Light Blue

Motto: Dream Boldy. Live Fully.

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC)

## PHI MU

Founded: 1852

Established at UC Merced: 2016

Signature Events: Miracles in the Outfield

Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network

Colors: Rose and White

Motto: The Faithful Sisters



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LATINO FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS (NALFO)

# LAMBDA THETA NU SORORITY, INC.



Founded: 1986

Established at UC Merced: 2012

Signature Events: Latino Literacy Week,

Stepowts, Latina Youth Leadership Conference

Philanthropy: Tijeras

Colors: Silver, Burgundy, White

Pillars: Academic Excellence, Community

Service, and Sisterhood

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LATINO FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS (NALFO)

# KAPPA DELTA CHI SORORITY, INC.

Founded: 1987

Established at UC Merced: 2014

Signature Events: Step and Stroll Showcase, Mr.

Pink Philanthropy Week, Relay for Life

Philanthropy: American Cancer Society

Colors: Pink and Maroon

Motto: Leading with Integrity, United through

Service



MULTICULTURAL

# SIGMA THETA PSI MULTICULTURAL SORORITY, INC.



Founded: 1991

Established at UC Merced: 2017

Signature Events: Culture Shock, I Pink I Can

Brunch

Philanthropy: Breast Cancer Awareness

Colors: Purple, Black, and Gold

Motto: Only the Strong Survive

NORTHERN AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE (NIC) FRATERNITIES

## KAPPA SIGMA

Founded: 1869

Established at UC Merced: 2011

Signature Events: Most Wanted Week, Kappa

Sigma Music Festival

Philanthropy: Military Heroes Campaign

Colors: Scarlet, White, Emerald Green

Values: Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship,

Service



NORTHERN AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE (NIC) FRATERNITIES

# OMEGA DELTA PHI FRATERNITY, INC.



Founded: 1987

Established at UC Merced: 2009

Signature Events: Noche Caliente, Probates

Philanthropy: Court Appointed Special

Advocates (CASA)

Colors: Scarlet, Silver, Black

Values: Unity, Honesty, Integrity, Leadership

NORTHERN AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE (NIC) FRATERNITIES

## PI LAMBDA PHI

Founded: 1895

Established at UC Merced: 2016

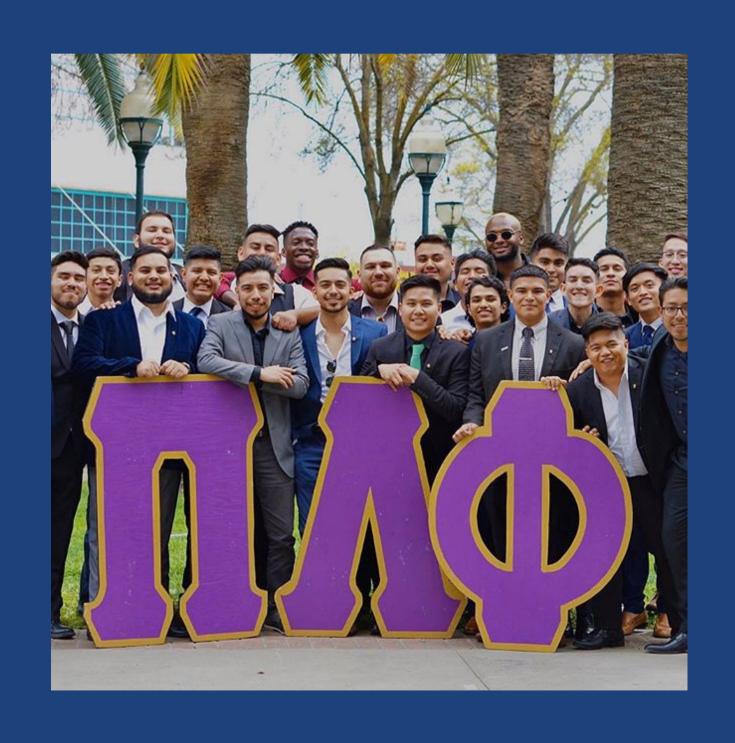
Signature Events: Lioness Week, Elimination of

Prejudice, Let it Phi

Philanthropy: The Elimination of Prejudice

Colors: Purple and Gold

Motto: Not Four Years But a Lifetime



NORTHERN AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE (NIC) FRATERNITIES

## PI KAPPA PHI



Founded: 1904

Established at UC Merced: 2016

Signature Events: War of the Roses

Philanthropy: The Ability Experience

Colors: Royal Blue, White, Gold

Motto: Nothing shall ever tear us asunder

NORTHERN AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE (NIC) FRATERNITIES

## SIGMA CHI

Founded: 1855

Established at UC Merced: 2009

Signature Events: Derby Days, Sigtoberfest,

ECEC Easter Egg Hunt

Philanthropy: Huntsman Cancer Foundation

Colors: Blue and Old Gold

Values: Courage, Wisdom, Integrity, High

Ambition, Self-Control, Courtesy, Fidelity



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LATINO FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS (NALFO)

# GAMMA ZETA ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.



Founded: 1987

Established at UC Merced: 2020

Signature Events: N/A

Philanthropy: California Academic Decathlon,

Day of Service, Youth Conference

Colors: Silver, Black, White

Values: Academic Excellence, Community

Service, Brotherhood

PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION (PFA) FRATERNITIES

# ALPHA PHI OMEGA (SERVICE)

Founded: 1925

Established at UC Merced: 2012

Signature Events: National Service Week, Fall

Retreat, Spring Banquet

Colors: Royal Blue, Old Glory Gold

Motto: Be a Leader, Be a Friend, Be of Service



PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION (PFA) FRATERNITIES

# ALPHA KAPPA PSI (BUSINESS)



Founded: 1904

Established at UC Merced: 2009

Signature Events: App-a-thon, Business after

Business

Colors: Navy Blue and Gold

Values: Brotherhood, Knowledge, Integrity,

Service, Unity

PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION (PFA) FRATERNITIES

# DELTA EPSILON MU (PRE-HEALTH)

Founded: 1996

Established at UC Merced: 2009

Signature Events: Pre-Health Conference

Colors: Crimson, White, Black

Philanthropy: Dragonfly Forest

Values: Dedication, Loyalty, Friendship, and

Support



PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION (PFA) FRATERNITIES

# DELTA SIGMA PI (BUSINESS)



Founded: 1907

Established at UC Merced: 2016

Signature Events: Field Day, Elevator Pitch

Workshop, Pi Day

Colors: Royal Purple and Gold

Philanthropy: Ronald McDonald House

Values: Professional Development, Diversity &

Ethics, Service & Philanthropy, Leadership,

Social

PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION (PFA) FRATERNITIES

# PHI ALPHA DELTA (PRE-LAW)

Founded: 1902

Established at UC Merced: 2013

Signature Events: Law Day

Colors: Purple and Gold

Motto: Love of Humanity and Justice for All

Values: Compassion, Courage, Diversity,

Innovation, Integrity, Professionalism, and

Service



PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION (PFA) FRATERNITIES

# PHI DELTA EPSILON (PRE-MED)



Founded: 1904

Established at UC Merced: 2010

Signature Events: Stand for the Kids, Medical

Workshops

Colors: Purple and Ivory

Philanthropy: Children's Miracle Network

Values: Philanthropy, Deity, and Equity

PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION (PFA) FRATERNITIES

# THETA TAU (ENGINEERING)

Founded: 1904

Established at UC Merced: 2012

Signature Events: HENAAC Conference,

Volunteering w/ Habitat for Humanity

Colors: Dark Red and Gold

Values: Honest & Ethical; Dependable &

Trustworthy; Respectful of Ourselves and Each

Other; Generous of Time, Talent, & Treasure for

Each Other, Theta Tau, and our Community;

Proud that we are the oldest, largest, and

foremost Fraternity for Engineers





# **TESTIMONALS**





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SOCIAL MEDIA

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