WELCOME TO THE FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE INFO SESSION

JANUARY 22ND, 2021 5-6PM
Fraternity & Sorority Life 101

Understanding What It Means To Be a Member
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 ~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 Fraternity and Sorority Council (FSC).

Professional Fraternities
(Major/Focus-Specific)
Governed by Professional Fraternity Council (PFC).
FRATERNITY AND SORORITY COUNCIL

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC) SORORITIES
Delta 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.
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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 COUNCIL

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**
Thursday, January 28th, 2021 - Sunday, January 31st, 2021
Deadline to Register: Thursday, January 28th, 2021 at 10:00am

**SOCIAL FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT**
Monday, February 1st, 2021 - Sunday, February 14th, 2021
Deadline to Register: February 12th, 2021 at 11:59pm
SPRING 2021 RECRUITMENT REGISTRATION LINK

https://tinyurl.com/Spring2021RecruitReg
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://tinyurl.com/Spring2021RecruitReg

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

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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 & Continuing Member Education

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
**FAST FACTS**

**Did You Know?**

**Together in 2018,**

- **20 Fraternity & Sorority Orgs**
- **Completed 12,364 Study Hours,**
- **4,080 Community Service Hours,**
- **And Donated $39,783.29 to Non-Profit/Charity Organizations**

**Together in 2018,**

- **68 Fraternity & Sorority Life Members Attended 27 Different Conferences in Cities Like Los Angeles, New Orleans, Chicago, DC, and More!**

**In Fall 2018, FSL Had 189 Members on the Dean’s List & Had a Cumulative GPA That Was 5.05% Higher Than All UCM Undergrads. FSC Had a GPA 3.15% Higher and PFC Had a GPA 6.21% Higher.**

Find the FSL Grade Report at FraternitySororityLife.ucmerced.edu
“Participation in hazing or any method of initiation or pre-initiation 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.”

(UC STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT, 702.12)
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
- 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 https://fraternitiesorority.ucmerced.edu/form/contact-us and click “Report a Hazing Incident”

- Office of Ombuds (Confidential Resource)
  - 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](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](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
Delta Delta Delta

Founded: 1888
Established at UC Merced: 2009
Signature Events: Delta Idol, Delta House of Pancakes (DHOP)
Philanthropy: St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital
Colors: Silver, Gold, Cerulean
Motto: Let us steadfastly love one another
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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
Founded: 1870
Established at UC Merced: 2009
Signature Events: Kappa Kup
Philanthropy: Reading is Fundamental
Colors: Dark Blue and Light Blue
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
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
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
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
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
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
PI LAMBDADA 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
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
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
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
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
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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
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
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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
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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
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
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
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