

# FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

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UC MERCED OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

## New Colony/Chapter Expectations

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  - a. In accepting an invitation from the University to establish a chapter at UC Merced, the new fraternity /sorority organization must provide the following to the Coordinator for Fraternity and Sorority Life, which will be forwarded to the fraternity and sorority council and included in your organizations file:
    - i. Expansion procedures, including a detailed plans for adoption of the Interest Group, membership recruitment, officer training program and visitation schedules of inter/national officers
    - ii. Contact roster of primary faculty/staff campus advisor, colony/chapter advisor and a minimum of four alumni advisors willing to assume positions as advisors
    - iii. Copies of both local and inter/national Constitution and Bylaws
    - iv. Copies of insurance policies and a current Certificate of Insurance
    - v. One or more members to attend all Fraternity & Sorority Council meetings
    - vi. Program plans that address the following areas:
      1. Scholarship
      2. Financial responsibilities
      3. Alumni relations
      4. Social programming, including substance abuse and risk management education
      5. Philanthropy and community service
      6. Sexual assault and harassment prevention
      7. Inclusivity/Diversity
      8. New member education and hazing prevention
    - vii. Monthly updates to Fraternity & Sorority Council regarding progress of group
    - viii. Abide by Fraternity and Sorority Life policies and procedures, including but not limited to:
      1. All potential new members must register in order to receive a bid from any fraternity and sorority organization. This registration includes the official grade release.
      2. All potential new members must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, be currently enrolled in 12 university credits, and have completed a minimum of 12 university credits. (Note: First-year students may not sign a bid or join any fraternity and sorority organizations until they have completed their first semester and have completed 12 credits with a minimum 2.5 GPA)
      3. All potential new members must receive an eligibility check from the Office of Student Life prior to being extended a bid.
    - ix. Abide by Fraternity and Sorority Council policies and procedures

defined in the FSC constitution and bylaws.

- b. The inter/national organization must award full chapter status within 18 months, starting at the beginning of the organizations first semester on campus. The Office of Student Life can grant an extension for good cause depending on the presented circumstance.
- c. Failure to meeting any of the aforementioned requirements will result in a review by the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs to determine the status of recognition.