

# FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

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Spring 2019  
Recruitment Guide  
*FSL Office*  
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# A LETTER FROM THE COMMUNITY

On behalf of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Community, we would like to welcome you to Spring 2019 Recruitment! We are truly excited to introduce you to our community and believe that exploring Fraternity and Sorority Life at UC Merced is an incredible way to enhance your collegiate career. All of our chapters are values-based organizations designed to help you create networks, enhance your academic and professional endeavors, and most importantly, find your home away from home. Throughout this recruitment process, you will encounter numerous organizations here at UC Merced and get a chance to familiarize yourself with the members within those organizations.

It is important to remember that each chapter you visit or connect with contains a diverse group of men and/or women. As leaders in the community, we encourage you to keep an open mind and look at each chapter as a whole. While there may be individual members in every chapter that you gravitate to, it is important to look at the big picture. Will the chapter help you grow? Can you help develop the chapter? Will you be able to commit to being a member of that chapter? Remember, you could be calling these men or women your brothers or sisters.

Our goal is to ensure that you have the best recruitment experience possible and that you are provided with the tools to help you select a chapter that is best suited for you! We encourage you to ask many questions from both council leaders and recruitment advisors as we are always willing to help. While recruitment can be a ton of fun, it can also be a time of big decisions. Let us support you through the process. Enjoy meeting new people, having fun, and GO BOBCATS!

Interfraternally,

The Fraternity and Sorority Life Community





# REASONS TO JOIN A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY

A PLACE TO BELONG - Sorority and fraternity life is grounded in the idea of family – brothers and sisters. Fraternities and sororities provide members the opportunity to connect with fellow students that are interested in helping you adjust to your new college experiences and grow.

INSPIRES YOU TO DEVELOP HIGH STANDARDS - Sorority and fraternity life inspires you to develop as a person by promoting high standards for scholarship, citizenship, and social conduct.

ENCOURAGES COMMITMENT - Sorority and fraternity life pushes you to become a better man or woman. We believe that through membership, members become the best versions of themselves by committing to living their organization's values on a daily basis.

MANAGEMENT SKILLS - Sororities and fraternities help their members develop time management skills in addition to organizational and decision making skills that will serve you well in the future.

PROVIDES TRAINING - Sororities and fraternities provide training programs aimed at developing your greatest potential.

ENCOURAGES VALUES BASED LIVING - Sorority and fraternity life encourages you to ground yourself in core values. Each chapter is guided by core values and members are expected to uphold those values throughout their life.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - Chapters emphasize academics by providing the right atmosphere and encouraging good study habits. All chapters have an academic plan and work hard to ensure that all members stay on track with their academics.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - Chapters promote leadership by encouraging your participation in chapter government, campus clubs and organizations, and open doors to a myriad of leadership opportunities throughout campus.

FOSTERS CONCERN FOR OTHERS - Fraternity and Sorority life encourages you to participate in philanthropic and service projects that enable you to grow as a servant leader and help others and the world around you.

DEVELOPS LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS - Sorority and fraternity life develops and encourages lifelong friendships that grow strong with common experiences and remain true over years to come.

## WAYS TO LEARN MORE

We encourage all students interested in joining a fraternity or sorority, professional or social to attend an FSL Info Session. There are also a number of other opportunities to learn more about our specific recruitment types during the week leading into and during recruitment.

## Pre-Recruitment

Go FSL Week  
Tuesday January 22nd 2019 to  
Friday January 25th 2019  
All Week | On Campus

FSL Info Session  
Thursday January 24th 2019  
5:30-6:30pm | COB 114

### During Recruitment

FSL Info Session  
Monday January 28th 2019  
5:30-6:30pm | COB 110

FSL Info Session  
Monday February 4th 2019  
5:30-6:30pm | COB 110





# RIGHTS OF POTENTIAL MEMBERS

- ~The right to be treated as an individual.
- ~The right to be fully informed about the recruitment process.
- ~The right to be treated as a capable and mature person with the ability to make responsible decisions.
- ~The right to make one's own choice and decisions and accept full responsibility of results of the decisions.
- ~The right to ask questions and receive true and objective answers from the fraternity and sorority community.
- ~The right to be treated with respect.
- ~The right to informed choices without undue pressure from others.
- ~The right to have a positive, safe, and enriching recruitment and new member experience.
- ~The right to have support when sharing information with the FSC and PFC recruitment team.
- ~The right to express opinions to the FSC and PFC recruitment team.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF POTENTIAL MEMBERS

- ~The responsibility to maintain an open mind leading up to and during the recruitment process.
- ~The responsibility to demonstrate a strong commitment to academic excellence, specifically the maintenance of obtaining a 2.5 GPA.
- ~The responsibility to promote positive intercommunity relations.
- ~The responsibility to be fully engaged in the recruitment process and to cultivate new relationships.

# PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES

There are seven chapters affiliated with the Professional Fraternity Council (PFC). Each is focused around an academic major or interest. While professionalism is the main focus for these organizations, they strive for high academic achievement, strong bonds of friendship, and service and support of their community.

Recruitment for these organizations is during the week of January 28th 2019 through February 3rd 2019. All events are informal, meaning that any student registered for recruitment can attend any event that is not listed as “invite only”. Participation in all recruitment activities is free and open to any registered student. You can find schedules for these events in this booklet, through the CatLife website, or through social media.

Students interested in these events are also encouraged to attend the FSL Info sessions or “Go FSL Week” events during the first week of school to learn more about these organizations.

## Alpha Kappa Psi

**Founded:** New York University, 1904  
**Established at UC Merced:** May 10, 2009  
**Colors:** Blue and Gold  
**Symbol:** Blue Sapphire and Yellow Rose  
**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.50

### *Dues:*

~**Initiation:** \$230  
~**Semester:** \$230

### *Fun Facts:*

~Open to all majors and interests  
~Enjoys bonding over brotherhood and social events  
~Meets up with other chapters all over California and more





# Alpha Phi Omega

**Founded:** Lafayette College, 1925

**Established at UC Merced:** February 25, 2012

**Colors:** Royal Blue and Old Glory Gold

**Symbol:** Golden Eagle and Oak Tree

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.50

**Philanthropy:** Service

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$130

~Semester: \$100

## *Fun Facts:*

- ~The single most represented co-educational intercollegiate service organization in the US
- ~Three cardinal principles: Leadership, Friendship, and Service
- ~International organization with chapters in the Philippines, Canada, and Australia



# Delta Epsilon Mu

**Founded:** Binghamton University, 1996

**Established at UC Merced:** February 7, 2009

**Colors:** Red, Black, and White

**Symbol:** Crest

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.50

**Philanthropy:** Dragonfly Forest and Alex's Lemonade Stand

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$100

~Semester: \$200

## *Fun Facts:*

- ~Offers Kaplan and Princeton Review discounts to their members
- ~Provide support for all pre-health fields (medical, dental, veterinary, nursing, psychology, and more!)



# Delta Sigma Pi

**Founded:** New York University, 1907

**Established at UC Merced:** March 12, 2016

**Colors:** Royal Purple and Old Gold

**Symbol:** Red Rose

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.50

**Philanthropy:** Ronald McDonald House Charities

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$136

~Semester: \$150

## *Fun Facts:*

~America's Foremost Co-ed Business Fraternity

~4 pillars are focused on Brotherhood,  
Community service, Professionalism and  
Fundraising



# Phi Alpha Delta

**Founded:** Chicago, IL and South Haven, MI; 1902

**Established at UC Merced:** April 2013

**Colors:** Purple and Gold

**Symbol:** Red Carnation

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.50

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$100

~Semester: \$100

## *Fun Facts:*

- ~Members are university students, law school students, lawyers, judges, senators, Congress representatives, Supreme Court Justices, and former U.S. Presidents
- ~Has established a Pre-Law Program to assist undergraduate students interested in the law and advocacy
- ~Famous politicians, judges and presidents are alumni like former Vice President Joe Biden, Former first lady Hiliary Clinton and the first Latina supreme court justice Sonia Sotomayor





# Phi Delta Epsilon

**Founded:** Cornell University, 1904

**Established at UC Merced:** March 20, 2010

**Colors:** Purple and Ivory

**G.P.A Requirement:** 3.2

**Philanthropy:** Children's Miracle Network

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$285

~Semester: Fall \$260, Spring N/A

## *Fun Facts:*

~International Fraternity with chapters in places like the US and Canada

~If you join during your Undergrad and attend a Medical School with a chapter, you are guaranteed admission!

~Members get discounts off of Kaplan



# Theta Tau

**Founded:** University of Minnesota, 1904

**Established at UC Merced:** April 29, 2012

**Colors:** Dark Red and Gold

**Symbol:** Hammer and Tongs

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.50

**Philanthropy:** Habitat for Humanity

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$200

~Semester: \$200

## *Fun Facts:*

~During the process, PNMs will be creating their own engineering based project as a class

~The only engineering fraternity on campus

~Research and Development committee has on-going hands-on projects throughout the semester



# SOCIAL FRATERNITIES

There are currently six social fraternity organizations at UC Merced affiliated with the Fraternity and Sorority Council (FSC). They strive to achieve the highest ideals of leadership, scholarship, service, and foster a strong brotherhood.

Recruitment for these organizations is during the week of February 4th, 2019 through February 10th, 2019. All events are informal, meaning that any student registered for recruitment can attend any event that is not listed as “invite only”. Participation in all recruitment activities is free and open to any registered student.

Students interested in social fraternity recruitment are strongly encouraged to attend the FSL info sessions as well as “Go FSL Week”. These events will be your opportunity to meet and learn about all of the social fraternity organizations on campus in a low pressure and structured setting.



## Pi Kappa Phi

**Founded:** College of Charleston, SC. 1904

**Established at UC Merced:** Spring 2016

**Colors:** White, Gold, and Royal Blue

**Symbol:** Bell, Star & Lamp, Star Shield

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.70

**Philanthropy:** The Ability Experience

### *Dues:*

~**Initiation:** \$490

~**Semester:** Fall-\$420 Spring-\$480

### *Fun Facts:*

~The only fraternity in the US to own their philanthropy, The Ability Experience

~Alumni, US Senator Gaylord Nelson, was the founder of Earth Day

~Has been awarded the “Master Chapter” award for Membership Experience and has a member retention rate of 90% and above



# Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.

**Founded:** Texas Tech University, 1987

**Established at UC Merced:** October 30, 2009

**Colors:** Scarlet, Silver, and Black

**Symbol:** Knight

**G.P.A. Requirement:** 2.50

**Philanthropy:** Court Appointed Special  
Advocates (CASA)

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$125

~Semester: \$250

## *Fun Facts:*

- ~The first and only multicultural fraternity,  
on campus since October 30th, 2009
- ~Slogan is “One culture any race”
- ~Service Social Fraternity dedicated to the needs  
and concerns of the community



# Kappa Sigma

**Founded:** University of Virginia, 1869

**Established at UC Merced:** February 12, 2011

**Colors:** Scarlet, White, and Emerald Green

**Symbol:** Star and Crescent

**G.P.A. Requirement:** 2.50

**Philanthropy:** Military Heroes Campaign

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$190

~Semester: \$400

## *Fun Facts:*

- ~Has been the recipients of the “Chapter of  
the Year” award for 2 years running now.
- ~Fraternity is based on the traditions of  
ancient order of Bologna, Italy in 1400 AD
- ~Has continuously been the largest fraternity  
on campus



# Pi Lambda Phi

**Founded:** Yale University, 1895

**Established at UC Merced:** Spring 2016

**Colors:** Purple and Gold

**Symbol:** Lion

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.65

**Philanthropy:** Elimination of Prejudice

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$450

~Semester: \$450

## *Fun Facts:*

- ~First fraternity to allow members regardless of race or beliefs.
- ~Offers many opportunities to reduce dues through scholarships and fundraising.
- ~Only 3 years old, but has won awards for growth and anti-discrimination programming



# Sigma Chi

**Founded:** Miami University, 1855

**Established at UC Merced:** March 14, 2009

**Colors:** Blue and Old Gold

**Symbol:** White Cross

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.75

**Philanthropy:** Huntsman Cancer Institute

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$400

~Semester: \$400

## *Fun Facts:*

- ~The oldest fraternity on campus, founded March 14, 2009
- ~Has the highest cumulative GPA of all Social Fraternities
- ~Raised \$8,000 during their philanthropy week, Derby Days for their philanthropy, Huntsman Cancer Institute





# Sigma Tau Gamma

**Founded:** 1920

**Established at UC Merced:** 2017

**Colors:** Azure Blue and White

**Symbol:** Shield

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.5

**Philanthropy:** Special Olympics

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$370

~Semester: \$325

## *Fun Facts:*

~Founded by 17 WWI Veterans

~First Chapter in California

~Principles are Learning, Integrity,  
Excellence, Leadership, Citizenship, and  
Brotherhood



## Expansion Chapter: Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity, Inc Coming Fall 2019





# Professional Fraternity Council

## Recruitment Schedule

Mon 1/28	Tue 1/29	Wed 1/30	Thur 1/31	Fri 2/1	Sat 2/2	Sun 2/3
Professional Fraternity Meet N Greet 6:30-8:30pm COB2 Courtyard	Phi Alpha Delta Brother Bingo Mingle 4:30 - 6:00pm SSB 120	Alpha Kappa Psi Picnic Social 3:00 - 5:00pm Amphitheatre	Alpha Kappa Psi Mock Interviews 2:30 - 4:30pm CLSSRM 260	Theta Tau Networking Event 2:00 - 4:00pm California Room	Alpha Phi Omega Interviews 8:00am - 12:00pm GRAN 162, 170, 171, 172	Bid Offers Sent Via Email through 11am to 12pm
	Delta Sigma Pi Meet The Chapter 5:30 - 7:30pm COB2 140	Theta Tau A Day of Service 4:00 - 6:00pm GRAN 103	Phi Alpha Delta Punch and Paint 4:00 - 6:00pm Crescent Arch	Phi Alpha Delta Interviews 2:30 - 5:30pm CLSSRM 205	Alpha Kappa Psi Interviews 8:00am - 3:00pm GRAN 115, 130, 140, 145, 155	
	Alpha Kappa Psi Info/Alumni Night 6:00 - 8:00pm COB 105	Alpha Phi Omega Social Night 5:30 - 7:30pm COB 120	Theta Tau Engineering Olympics 5:00 - 7:pm COB 114	Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Panel 5:00 - 9:00pm GRAN 135	Delta Sigma Pi Interviews 8:00am - 5:00pm GRAN 150, GLCR 125,160	
	Alpha Phi Omega Information Night 6:30 - 8:30pm COB 116	Phi Alpha Delta Whaddayaknow? 6:00 - 8:00pm SSB 170	Delta Sigma Pi Philanthropy Event 6:00 - 8:00pm California Room	Alpha Kappa Psi Group Social 6:00 - 8:00pm COB 102	Delta Epsilon Mu Interviews 8:00am - 11:00pm GRAN 135, GLCR 165	
Chapter Bid Night Events Determined by the Chapters	Delta Epsilon Mu Get the Scoop on DEM 6:30 - 8:30pm SSB 130	Delta Epsilon Mu Game Night 6:30 - 8:30pm SSB 130	Delta Epsilon Mu Professional Night 6:30 - 8:30pm SSB 130	Delta Epsilon Mu Health Social 6:00 - 8:00pm SSB 130	Theta Tau Interviews 9:00am - 3:00pm GLCR 140, 145, 150, 155	Chapter Bid Night Events Determined by the Chapters
	Theta Tau Info Night 7:00 - 9:00pm California Room	Delta Sigma Pi Professional Forum 6:30 - 8:30pm Crescent Arch	Alpha Phi Omega Service Night 6:30 - 9:00pm SSB 160	Delta Sigma Pi Brotherhood Night 7:30 - 9:30pm SSB 120	Phi Delta Epsilon Interviews 3:00 - 7:30pm GLCR 130, 135	
	Phi Delta Epsilon Info Night 7:00 - 9:00pm SSB 160	Phi Delta Epsilon Speed Dating 7:00 - 9:00pm SSB 120	Phi Delta Epsilon Professional Night 7:00 - 9:00pm COB2 140			

# Social Fraternity & Sorority Recruitment Schedule

Sun 2/3	Mon 2/4	Tue 2/5	Wed 2/6	Thur 2/7	Fri 2/8	Sat 2/9	Sun 2/10
PFC Recruitment Ends	Sigma Chi Monster and Donut w/ Sigma Chi 11:00am - 1:00pm California Room	Pi Kappa Phi American Pi Kapp 3:00 - 5:00pm Crescent Arch	Pi Kappa Phi Fried Football 2:00 - 4:00pm New Beginnings Quad	Pi Kappa Phi The Ability Games 2:00 - 4:00pm New Beginnings Quad	Pi Kappa Phi Brochella 3:00 - 5:00pm California Room	Sigma Theta Psi Interviews (Invite Only) 9:00am - 6:00pm CLSSRM 272, 274	NPC Sorority Preference Brunch 8am-3pm COB 102
	Pi Kappa Phi Game Night 5:00 - 7:00pm SSB 170	Omega Delta Phi Dodge Ball 4:00 - 6:00pm Mariposa Lawn	Sigma Chi Dodge Ball 2:00 - 4:00pm Mariposa Lawn	Kappa Sigma Kappa Kickback 3:00 - 5:00pm Mariposa Lawn	Omega Delta Phi 4:00 - 6:00pm GRAN 145	Kappa Delta Chi Interviews 10:00am - 4:00pm COB 127	Social Fraternity Bid Day 11am - 3pm COB 102
	Kappa Sigma KS Wild Style 6:00 - 8:00pm CLSSRM 265	Kappa Sigma Number 1 Second to None 6:00 - 8:00pm California Room	Sigma Tau Gamma Volleyball w/ Sig Tau 3:30 - 5:30pm Summits Quad	Sigma Tau Gamma Board Game Night 3:30 - 5:30pm GLCR 160	Sigma Tau Gamma Mixer Night 5:00 - 7:00pm Crescent Arch	Omega Delta Phi Interviews 10:30am - 2:00pm COB2 265	
	Pi Lambda Phi PiLam Social 6:00 - 8:00pm California Room	Pi Lambda Phi Casino Night 6:00 - 8:00pm COB2 140	Omega Delta Phi Nacho Average Fraternity 5:00 - 7:00pm SSB 120	Pi Lambda Phi Game Night 6:00 - 8:00pm COB 105	Pi Lambda Phi PiLam Interviews 6:00 - 8:00pm COB 120	Kappa Sigma Network w/ Kappa Sig 11:00am - 1:00pm Crescent Arch	
*Multicultural or NALFO Sororities:  Sigma Theta Psi Kappa Delta Chi	Sigma Theta Psi Animal Arts & Crafts 6:30 - 8:00pm GRAN 115	Sigma Tau Gamma Wings, Pizza, Noblemen 6:00 - 9:00pm SSB 130	Pi Lambda Phi Volleyball w/ PiLams 6:00 - 8:00pm Mariposa Lawn	Sigma Theta Psi Philanthropy & Culture 6:30 - 8:00pm GRAN 115	Kappa Sigma Kappa Sigma's Secret (Invite Only) 6- 8pm   SAAC 219	Sigma Chi Formal Brunch 12:00 - 2pm   Private Dining in Yablakov Wallace	NPC Sorority Bid Day 5:30-9pm COB 102
	Sigma Tau Gamma Meet The Broskies 6:30 - 8:30pm SSB 130	Sigma Theta Psi Sigmadenics: Academic Workshop 6:30 - 8pm   GRAN 115	Sigma Theta Psi Game Day 6:30 - 8:00pm GRAN 115	Sigma Chi Glow in the Dark Capture 6:30 - 8:30pm Mariposa Lawn	Sigma Theta Psi Welcome to the Jungle *Mandatory Info* 6:30-8pm   GRAN 115	Pi Kappa Phi The Network (Invite Only) 12 - 3pm   GRAN 135	
	Kappa Delta Chi Informational 7:00 - 8:00pm GRAN 140	Kappa Delta Chi United We Step 7:00 - 8:00pm GRAN 140	Kappa Delta Chi Service & Leadership 7:00 - 8:00pm COB2 264	Kappa Delta Chi Craft Night 7:00 - 8:00pm GRAN 140	Sigma Chi Casino Night 6:30 - 8:30pm Pavillion 104	Sigma Tau Gamma Knight of Nobility 5:00 - 7:00pm Crescent Arch	
	Omega Delta Phi Meet The Nights 7:00 - 8:30pm GRAN 135	Sigma Chi Video Game Night 7:00 - 9:00pm SSB 160	Kappa Sigma Night of a Thousand Nuggets 7:00 - 9:00pm California Room	Omega Delta Phi 7:00 - 8:30pm GLCR 150			

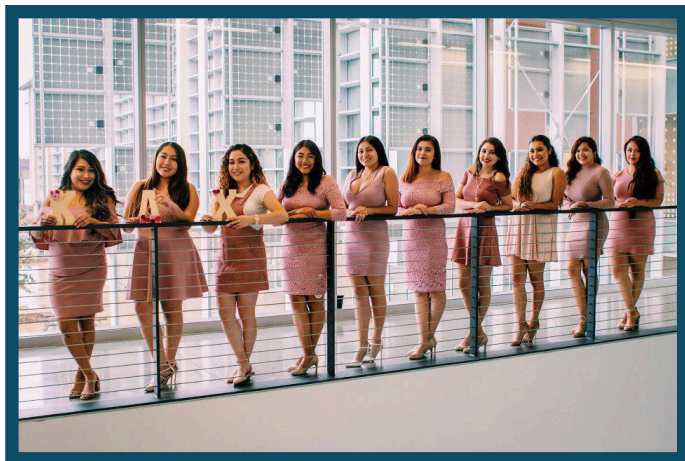
# NALFO & MULTICULTURAL SORORITIES

There are currently 2 National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO) & 1 Multicultural sorority organizations at UC Merced affiliated with the Fraternity and Sorority Council (FSC). They strive to achieve the highest ideals of leadership, scholarship, service, and strong sisterhood.

NALFO was founded to:

- ~Unite and empower Latinx organizations and their communities through advocacy, cultural awareness, and organizational development while fostering positive inter-fraternal relationships and collaborating on issues of mutual interest
- ~Create an umbrella organization that unified the Latino fraternities and sororities and advocated on behalf with the general public and the administration
- ~Develop a set of shared standards that reinforced the credibility of each of the member organizations

Recruitment for these organizations is during the week of February 4th 2019 through February 10th 2019. All events are informal, meaning that any student registered for recruitment can attend any event that is not listed as “invite only”. Participation in all recruitment activities is free and open to any registered student.



## Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.

**Founded:** Texas Tech University, 1987

**Established at UC Merced:** December 20, 2014

**Colors:** Pink and Maroon

**Symbol:** Pink Rose and Emerald

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.75

**Philanthropy:** The American Cancer Society

### *Dues:*

~**New Member Process:** \$250

~**Semester:** \$250

### *Fun Facts:*

- ~Incorporated as a service sorority and has over 3,500 sisters nationwide.
- ~Dolores Huerta, famous civil rights activist, is an honorary sister
- ~Hosts an annual step and stroll showcase on campus



# Lambda Theta Nu Sorority Inc.

**Founded:** California State University, Chico, 1986

**Established at UC Merced:** January 22, 2012

**Colors:** Burgundy, Silver, and White

**Symbol:** Rose

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.60

**Philanthropy:** Tijeras-Cutting through to enhance the opportunities of Latino leadership and literacy.

## ***Dues:***

~Initiation: \$60

~Semester: \$70

## ***Fun Facts:***

~Step and stroll with machetes

~The first Latina Org. on the West Coast and on campus

~Every year they award a high school senior with a scholarship to help them with their transition into college.



# Sigma Theta Psi Multicultural Sorority

**Founded:** San Jose State University, 1991

**Established at UC Merced:** Spring 2017

**Colors:** Purple, Black, and Gold

**Symbol:** Flower- Orchid; Mascot- Panther

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.70

**Philanthropy:** Breast Cancer and Research

## ***Dues:***

~Initiation: \$60

~Semester: \$100

## ***Fun Facts:***

~The first Multicultural Sorority established at UC Merced

~An organization of women who believe in the importance of cultural awareness and appreciation

~Love to step and stroll! It really helps bring them all together and celebrate through dance



# PANHELLENIC SORORITIES

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PANHELLENIC RECRUITMENT

### RHO ALPHAS

A recruitment guide or Rho Alpha is a woman who is a member of a sorority chapter at UC Merced. She was selected by her peers and completed an application and training process to serve as your guide in recruitment. She is a woman who has disaffiliated from her chapter to ensure that you have the support you need during the recruitment process. Disaffiliation means she does not have contact with her own chapter throughout the recruitment process. Rho Alphas have been trained to assist you and to model the Panhellenic spirit.

Rho Alphas have been through hours of training in preparation for recruitment. These women are

educated to answer any question you may have. They aid you in selecting a chapter that is best for your own interests and needs. They are available anytime, day or night, to handle problems and offer guidance in a one-on-one situation. Rho Alphas will keep what you tell them in confidence so you can be open with them about your experience during recruitment.

Recruitment can be a hectic and exciting time. If you get frustrated, collect your thoughts and talk to your Rho Alpha. Feel free to confide in them, make friends with them, ask them questions – they are here to help you and support your journey!



## MUTUAL SELECTION PROCESS

Recruitment is a mutual selection process that balances the preferences of each potential new member with those of the existing sorority chapters.

The Fraternity and Sorority Council strives to allow every young woman an opportunity to find a sorority that best suits her personality, interests and future goals, while providing an organized and unbiased membership selection process for the chapters.

Invitations are only guaranteed to potential new members for the first round, which is on Friday Night. There is no guarantee that a PNM will be invited to attend the second (Saturday) or third (Sunday) event rounds. Invitations to subsequent rounds are made based on the selections of the chapters and the preferences of the potential new members. PNM schedules will be maximized so they are able to meet with as many chapters as possible during their recruitment experience.

Please remember there is always a risk that you will not receive a bid to join a sorority. However, if you go through the week, attend all the events with an open mind, progress to the third event round, and list each of the chapters you are invited to in the third event round on your preference sheet, you will receive a bid.

There is no specific formula that explains why a woman is released from a particular chapter or why a woman prefers one chapter more than another. The Fraternity and Sorority Council makes every effort to allow each potential new member the best opportunity to join the sorority of her choice, but there are no guarantees a young woman will be placed within that specific sorority. It is important to keep an open mind during recruitment week and to use the time to meet and make new friends!

## **PANHELLENIC RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE**

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8TH 2019

#### *Sisterhood Night*

Recruitment Check In - 4:30-5:15pm - COB 102

Group Placement - 5:30pm - COB 102

Chapter Events - 7:00pm - 11:25pm

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9TH 2019

#### *Philanthropy Day*

Recruitment Check In - 11:30am-12pm - COB 102

Chapter Events - 1:00 - 5:45pm

Chapter Preference List Due - 9:00pm

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10TH 2019

#### *Preference Brunch*

Recruitment Check In - 8-8:30am - COB 102

Chapter Events - 9:00am-1:05pm

Final Preference Selection - 1:05-3:00pm

#### *Bid Night*

Check In - 5:30-5:45pm - COB 102

Bid Distribution - 5:45-6:30pm

Bid Night Celebrations - 7:05-9pm





# Delta Delta Delta

**Founded:** Boston University, 1888

**Established at UC Merced:** January 31, 2009

**Colors:** Silver, Gold and Cerulean Blue

**Symbol:** Pearl, Pine Tree, Pansy, and Dolphin

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.60

**Philanthropy:** St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

## ***Dues:***

~**Initiation:** \$330

~**Semester:** \$410

## ***Fun Facts:***

~As part of their commitment to supporting children's cancer initiatives Tri Delta officially adopted St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as its national philanthropic partner in 1999 and has raised over \$55 million.

~First Female fraternity to write all of their rituals without the assistance of men



# Delta Gamma

**Founded:** Oxford University, 1873

**Established at UC Merced:** April 25, 2009

**Colors:** Bronze, Pink and Blue

**Symbol:** Anchor

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.5

**Philanthropy:** Service for Sight

## ***Dues: (estimates)***

~**Initiation:** Fall \$680

~**Semester:** Fall \$460, Spring \$350

## ***Fun Facts:***

~Motto is "Do good"

~Symbol is the anchor, which symbolizes hope

~George Banta is their only male initiate



# Kappa Kappa Gamma

**Founded:** Monmouth College, 1870

**Established at UC Merced:** April 25, 2009

**Colors:** Dark Blue and Light Blue

**Symbol:** Owl, Key, and Fleur-de-Lis

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.7

**Philanthropy:** Reading is Fundamental

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$642

~Semester: Fall \$417, Spring \$265

## *Fun Facts:*

~Favorite colors are Light Blue and Dark Blue

~Meghan Markle, the Duchess of Sussex, is a Kappa Kappa Gamma sister

~"Oh Pat" is their absolute favorite song!



# Phi Mu

**Founded:** Wesleyan College, 1852

**Established at UC Merced:** Spring 2016

**Colors:** Rose and White

**Symbol:** Quatrefoil

**G.P.A Requirement:** 2.6

**Philanthropy:** Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

## *Dues:*

~Initiation: \$145

~Semester: Fall-\$425 Spring-\$718

## *Fun Facts:*

~The second oldest sorority in the nation

~Due to their long history, Phi Mu still considers their organization a Fraternity

~The Phi Mu Eta Sigma chapter at UC Merced is the newest Panhellenic sorority on campus



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# QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING RECRUITMENT

Recruitment is about engaging in good conversations with the individuals you meet within the community. Here are some questions you can ask chapter members during recruitment.

- ~How can I get involved in this chapter?
- ~What activities are you/your chapter involved in?
- ~What is the time commitment in your chapter?
- ~What is your favorite sorority/fraternity memory?
- ~What does your chapter value?
- ~What makes your chapter unique?
- ~What are the benefits of being in a sorority/ fraternity?
- ~What was your first-year like?
- ~What do you think is the best part of being a sorority woman/fraternity man?
- ~What do you enjoy most about being in your chapter?
- ~What does it mean when they say it is a lifelong commitment?
- ~What GPA am I required to maintain?
- ~What is your philanthropy?
- ~I am interested in (blank). How are you involved in this organization/major or how can I get involved with it on campus?





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Is UC Merced fraternity and sorority life good?

UC Merced is proud of the accomplishments of its fraternity and sorority community and supports its continued development. UC Merced fraternity and sorority members lead the campus in scholarship, philanthropic donations, community service involvement, and leadership opportunities.

Fraternity and sorority members typically achieve higher academic standards than their peers and are members or leaders of many other campus organizations.

## Are fraternities and sororities like what I see on TV and in movies?

Every fraternity and sorority is different and unique. Fraternities and sororities are not as they are depicted on TV, just as relationships and weddings are not as they are on TV. The best way to find out what fraternities and/or sororities are like is to go to a fraternity or sorority event to see for yourself.

## If it's so great, why isn't everyone in Greek life? Why would someone not join a fraternity or sorority?

At the end of the day, joining a fraternity or sorority is about finding your fit. Not everyone is going to feel a connection to our fraternities and sororities and that is okay. We encourage everyone to explore the fraternity and sorority community and to make the decision that is right for them. We are also continuing to add more organizations to campus for opportunities to build what you are looking for or consider joining an organization and working to create the change you would hope to see.

## Why are fraternity and sororities referred to as "Greek" organizations?

The names of fraternities and sororities generally consist of two or three Greek letters, often the initials of a Greek motto, which may be secret.

## Why are there some things fraternity and sorority members can't talk about? What's the big secret?

Initiation into a fraternity or sorority is an exciting, yet serious, ceremony that conveys the purposes and special values of the respective fraternity or sorority. These ceremonies often are referred to as Rituals. Fraternities and sororities pride themselves on the Rituals that their chapters were founded upon. These Rituals are full of the traditions and values that make the chapters unique. An organization's Ritual is what links its members to one another. It is a shared experience no matter when or where a member joined. It is important to note that none of these Rituals include hazing or other inappropriate activities.

## Isn't joining a Greek organization just like paying for your friends?

Fraternities and sororities, just like many other campus groups, do require members to pay specified dues. These dues are used to financially support the everyday activities of the organization. While the opportunity exists to make life-long friends by joining one of these organizations, the dues are required to fund exciting programs for all of their members.

## What are the requirements for joining a fraternity or sorority at UC Merced?

All students interested in a fraternity or sorority at UC Merced are required to meet the following minimum requirements: have a 2.5 cumulative GPA, have completed 12 post high school college credits, and be in good academic standing with the university. While this is the minimum requirement for the community, some chapters have higher GPA requirements for their potential members. Check out our chapter profiles in this booklet or talk with a chapter member to learn more.

How do I find the right chapter for me?

The best way to decide if a chapter is a good fit is to meet current members and ask questions. Fraternity and sorority information sessions and recruitment events are perfect chance to learn more information about each fraternity and sorority to decide if its values are in line with your own.

If I go through recruitment am I guaranteed an invitation to join a fraternity or sorority?

No, just as you are trying to figure out which organization you fit best with, chapters are determining which men or women would be the best fit for their organization. Many times this is based on specific criteria such as grades or involvement in campus activities or community service. The best thing you can do is maximize your options by attending as many sorority/fraternity events as possible to allow the chapter members to get to know you on a deeper level. Additionally, if you are not asked to join a chapter, you may try again during another recruitment period and are welcome to ask what you could improve to be a better candidate in the future.

A family member is a member of a fraternity/sorority that is on EWU's campus what do I do? I am a legacy, do I have to join that organization?

It is important to share any legacy information with the group when you are meeting with them or in the application when signing up for sorority recruitment. Each organization has its own legacy policy that defines what constitutes a legacy for their organization as well as how the organization may select for membership. In most cases, being a legacy does not guarantee that you will receive an invitation to join that chapter. Regardless of your connection to a group, we encourage you to explore all the options available to you.

Can I join a professional and social chapter?

At UC Merced, you are allowed to join both a professional and social chapter, but you can only participate in one new member education process per semester.

If I attend a recruitment event, do I have to join?

No, many students choose to go through recruitment to meet people and make new friends. Recruitment is the opportunity for you to visit the organizations, get a glimpse of fraternity and sorority life, and assess whether or not you would like to be a part of the UC Merced fraternity and sorority experience.

My parents do not like the idea of fraternities and sororities, what can I tell them?

One of the greatest arguments for joining a fraternity or sorority is that it satisfies the fundamental need to belong. Joining a fraternity or sorority will help to connect you to a group of peers with similar values. Feeling connected will make you more satisfied with your college experience and therefore more likely to succeed and graduate. The Fraternity and Sorority Life website ([fraternitiesorority.ucmerced.edu](http://fraternitiesorority.ucmerced.edu)), the chapter advisor and/or FSL staff are great resources to help address the concerns of your parents.

What if I turn down a bid I receive?

You are within your right to not accept an invitation to join any groups. Fraternities and sororities are looking for members that want to be actively involved in their organization. They'd much rather you decline the membership invitation than join and not contribute. In some cases, specifically within the Panhellenic Formal Recruitment process, this can limit your ability to join another group for a period of time. For specific information regarding accepting bids, please contact the Fraternity and Sorority Life staff.

What should I talk about at the recruitment events?

It is important for you to be yourself during recruitment, and let the conversation flow naturally. The organizations are presenting themselves to you just as you are presenting yourself to them. Asking questions is encouraged. Remember, everyone likes to talk to someone who is friendly, has comments to make, and questions to ask.

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