

## Minimum Chapter Standards

American University Greek life is committed to hosting chapters who embrace a dedication to leadership, scholarship, community service, and responsible citizenship. Additionally, as a member of the larger Greek community, each chapter is expected to meet minimum standards in order to operate efficiently and to contribute positively to its members and to the Greek and campus communities.

To be in good standing with American University, each chapter is required to meet the following Minimum Chapter Standards. Non-compliance could result in one of the following disciplinary sanctions:

1. **Warning:** The chapter will receive written notice that minimum chapter standards are not being met. Repeated and additional violations could result in further disciplinary action.
2. **Probation:** The chapter will receive written notice that it is precluded from participating in selected (or all) activities sponsored by the chapter, the university, and student organizations for a specified period of time.
3. **Suspension:** The chapter will receive written notice that its recognition as a chapter has been forfeited for a definite or prescribed period of time.
4. **Expulsion:** The chapter will receive written notice that its recognition as a chapter is permanently removed.

The sanction that is applied to a non-compliant chapter will be determined by the nature of the violation(s). Egregious or repeated violations will warrant an immediate sanction of probation, suspension, or expulsion. The Coordinator of Greek Life and staff in the Office of the Dean of Students can invoke disciplinary action against a chapter.

- Each chapter must submit the constitution and bylaws of its organization to the Office of Greek Life at least once every two years or at any time that changes are made to these documents.
- Each chapter must have at least three undergraduate members to continue being recognized as a university organization. Note: At least 51% of the members in each PHC chapter and those chapters not represented by a university Greek governing council must be undergraduate students at American University. Additionally, the chapter president must be an undergraduate American University student.
- Chapter officers must be elected by the date that is in accordance with the requirements of their respective inter/national organization.
- Chapter officers must maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average, required by each respective inter/national fraternity/sorority headquarters in order to serve as a chapter officer or committee chair.
- Individual chapter members must maintain at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average. Non compliance must be reported by the chapter to the respective inter/national organization. Additionally, those not meeting this requirement must be placed on probation until this requirement is met (see Probation above and simply change the word “chapter” to “member”).

- Chapter must be in good financial standing with Greek life, the university, their university Greek governing council, and their inter/national organization.
- Chapter is obligated to reimburse university for any fees the university has paid to support member attendance at Greek-related conferences or training, should said member resign or be terminated from their Greek council or chapter position prematurely.
- Chapter must pay a \$30 fee for any new member not attending a Greek 101 session during the semester said student became a new member. Additionally, the chapter must meet with the Greek advisor to make arrangements for said student(s) to obtain alternative training.
- Chapter presidents and selected chapter officers are required to participate in formal leadership training and meetings offered by their respective university governing council and the Office of Greek Life.
- Each chapter must send a delegate to the weekly or bi-weekly meeting of its respective university Greek governing council.
- Chapters should attend programs sponsored by the Office of Greek Life and their respective university Greek governing councils.
- Chapters are not to schedule any chapter programs during Greek Week.
- Chapters are not permitted to invite new students to parties during New Student Orientation.
- Chapters must submit, in a timely manner, all reports requested by the Office of Greek Life and their respective university governing councils.
- Each chapter must have a faculty and chapter advisor.
- Each chapter must fully initiate new members at least two weeks prior to final exams each semester.
- Each chapter must report, in writing, the date, time, and location of any initiation ceremony to the Coordinator of Greek Life at least one week prior to any initiations.
- Each chapter must sponsor at least one community service project per semester
- In order to participate in recruitment/intake, a student must have attended a two-year or four-year college/university and have earned at least 12 credits with at least a 2.25 cumulative grade point average.
- Chapters and their members are required to follow all university, university Greek governing council, and inter/national organization policies, including, but not limited to: policies related to risk management, hazing, sexual abuse/assault, and alcohol.