



New York University Fraternity and Sorority Life Social Fraternity and Sorority Relationship Policy

Social fraternities and sororities are a subset of registered student organizations at New York University (NYU). These organizations are values based and founded on the principles of leadership, scholarship, civic engagement, and fellowship. These ideals along with the support of Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) within the Center for Student Life (CSL) will promote the highest standards for the principles of which these organizations strive to achieve. New York University recognizes and supports the members and chapters of the social fraternity and sorority community as crucial part of its mission to be a top quality international center of scholarship, teaching, and research.

A recognized social fraternity or sorority will complement the curricular and co-curricular aims of NYU by enhancing student growth and development. The University is committed to assisting fraternities and sororities to achieve their potential. Through the endeavors of the institution, the University will support fraternities and sororities in accomplishing their goals.

NYU recognizes the authority of the Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, and the National Panhellenic Conference. The aforementioned councils will follow the guidelines of their (inter)national umbrella organizations, which are but not limited to, the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO), National Asian Pacific Islander American Panhellenic Association (NAPA), National Interfraternity Conference (NIC), National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). These councils will regulate matters of fraternities and sororities subject to their governance and university policies.

Section I – Definition

Social fraternities and sororities are expected to follow and embrace the educational purposes of their respected (inter)national organization, local organization, university, governing councils, and local policies, guidelines, and values. Activities of social fraternities and sororities must not interfere with academic endeavors and adhere to NYU's mission.

1. Social fraternities and sororities will follow the United States of America Department of Education and New York University's outline of guidelines which include
 - a. do not limit membership to persons pursuing or having interest in a particular field of study or profession;
 - b. do not serve as an honorary society for leadership, academics, or other purposes;
 - c. do not allow members to hold concurrent membership in other social fraternities and sororities; and
 - d. be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. All social fraternities and sororities must comply with local, state and federal law, university policies and guidelines, and FSL guidelines. These specific guidelines are:
 - a. Annual Evaluation
 - b. Chapter Event and Risk Management;
 - c. Expansion; and
 - d. New Member/Intake and Anti-Hazing.
3. In accordance to the mission and initiatives of New York University, Fraternity and Sorority Life believes the strength and validity from diversity of all people. Federal law provides no clear or consistent definition of gender, therefore FSL in an effort to prevent exclusion defines male and female:
 - a. Female is defined by any individual who self identifies as a female, regardless of assigned sex at birth, expression, or perceived expression of gender;



- b. and male shall be defined as any individual who self identifies as a male, regardless of assigned sex at birth, expression, or perceived expression of gender.

Section II – Authority to Register & Continued Recognition

1. Fraternities and sororities must adhere to the following
 - a. membership comprising only of at least two undergraduate New York University students;
 - b. shall a fraternity or sorority be under the aforementioned membership minimum it would have a full academic semester to meet the requirement before being demoted organizational status;
 - c. students must be full-time NYU undergraduates based in New York City for membership eligibility
 - d. authority to annually register a social fraternity or sorority is in the jurisdiction of the Center for Student Life and Fraternity and Sorority Life with appropriate updated information, rosters, and updated constitution/bylaws;
 - e. membership to applicable governing council;
 - f. has institutional minimum insurance policy requirements of \$2 million liability coverage;
 - g. understanding a chapter is not a functional office of NYU and, therefore, “at NYU” may be used for institutional recognition not “of NYU”. Each fraternity and sorority is, and remains, an independent legal entity responsible for its own actions and for meeting its own legal obligations;
 - h. city-wide membership operations (e.g., city-wide chapters) are not accepted or recognized;
 - i. all social fraternities and sororities seeking initial registration must complete Expansion Guidelines; and
 - j. NYU may withdraw registration from a social fraternity or sorority that is not in good standing based on annual results from the recognition guidelines, in addition to not being in good academic, disciplinary, or financial standing with the university or the (inter)national organization.
2. Per semester, the fraternity or sorority president, advisor, and advisory board president (if applicable) must sign the Recognition Agreement Form and submit to Fraternity and Sorority Life as an agreement of recognition. Failure to abide by this policy and guidelines (as outlined in Section 1B) and/or return of the form in the appropriate timely fashion will result in loss of registration at New York University which includes, but not limited to, suspension or removal of the organization.
 - a. Formal status of a fraternity and sorority is a determination of good standing with New York University. The following are the only eligible statuses for fraternities and sororities:
 - b. expulsion: organization no longer exists, is removed, no wearing or showcasing organization paraphernalia, and permanent loss of all benefits unless otherwise communicated;
 - c. suspension: organization ceases any formal operation, does not meet all fraternity and sorority recognition requirements, wearing or showcasing organization paraphernalia is prohibited, and temporary loss of all benefits;
 - d. probation: organization is not in formal good standing, does not meet all fraternity and sorority recognition requirements and is subject to suspension, expulsion status, and faces any consequences from applicable council;
 - e. new organization: only applicable to a new and approved fraternity or sorority (per Expansion Guidelines) in order to obtain active status in permitted timeline; and
 - f. active: organization is in formal good standing which means is chartered, meets all fraternity and sorority recognition requirements, and has all rights and privileges.
3. University Committee for Student Life (UCSL) and Student Senators Council (SSC) Representation



- a. As a valued partner in UCSL and SSC, Fraternity and Sorority Life ensures representation to address the needs for its community. The governing council presidents of FSL will be the formal representatives.
 - i. in order to incorporate all councils equitably the council presidents (or designated alternates) shall attend UCSL and SSC meetings as needed;
 - ii. FSL is allotted one vote and in order to cast a vote on behalf of all councils the presidents must unanimously agree on issue or resolution or else they will abstain;
 - iii. the order in which the formal voting chair or council will rotate per calendar year;
 - iv. the rotating order is Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, and Multicultural Greek Council; and
 - v. in the event the assigned council cannot attend the voting it will be deferred to the next council in aforementioned order.

Section III – Benefits

Social fraternities and sororities are able to receive funding from the Student Activities Board (SAB) and must comply with their guidelines to be eligible. Additionally, there are standard privileges granted to all social fraternities and sororities that complete the registration process. These privileges include

- A. use of University facilities provided OrgSync approval;
- B. use of University facilities through the NYU Residential Education and Housing policies (per each applicable organization);
- C. opportunity to apply for University funds in accordance with University rules and regulations;
- D. use of University services;
- E. use of resources provided by the Division of Student Affairs, Center for Student Life, and Fraternity and Sorority Life;
- F. inclusion in University publications, directories and distribution materials;
- G. participation in University student organization fairs/Clubfest;
- H. on-campus advertising; and
- I. eligible for on-campus fund-raising activities.