



University of North Texas at Dallas Greek Life

# GREEK STANDARDS OF *Excellence*

## **PURPOSE**

Membership in a fraternity or sorority is considered to be a privilege, and with this privilege, comes responsibility to perform in a manner that exemplifies the ideals of UNT Dallas and the values of the organization that your chapter is chartered and founded upon.

The Greek Standards of Excellence for fraternities and sororities at UNT Dallas will:

- Outline expectations for chapters and individual members
- Create shared accountability and encouraging self-governance
- Promote chapter growth
- Recognize achievements
- Be the basis for university recognition for fraternities and sororities

## **Fraternity & Sorority Discipline.**

All recognized fraternities and sororities are held accountable to expectations, as set forth by the Office of Student Affairs, Student Activities, and the Greek council. Failure to meet expectations or for violations of policies, university officials and the Office of Student Affairs can impose sanctions, which may include the loss of privileges and/or recognition.

## **University Policies.**

Fraternities and sororities of the UNT Dallas Greek Community understand and follow rules and regulations of the university. (UNT Dallas University Policies) Chapters are both responsible for their organizational behavior as whole as well as individual member actions. They are to adhere to any regulations, sanctions, or probationary status set forth by the university, Office of Student Affairs, the Greek council, etc. Policies and other information for student organizations are in the Registered Student Organization (RSO) Handbook.

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## STANDARDS AREAS

### Service.

Fraternities and sororities are committed to developing citizenship through service and outreach. Philanthropy and community service events should continue to be a core focus of all Greek organizations. Chapters should maintain documentation to demonstrate attendance. To be complete in this area, chapters must complete the following:

- Service Hour Requirement: 15 community service hours a semester per member
- #JagsGiveBack Participation: participate in two events a semester

### Leadership.

One of the primary goals of the Greek community is to further the development of leadership skills and abilities of membership. A fraternity/sorority chapter's image forms by its involvement in campus activities. Being involved in campus activities that are not just strictly Greek-letter organization sponsored events is very important to our image on campus. To be complete in this area, chapters must complete the following:

- Complete Student Organization Registration
- Maintain Greek Council Meeting Attendance
- Schedule & Attend President's Monthly Meetings
- Submit additional required documentation to Greek Life Office, including new member education plan, academic action plan, liability insurance, etc.
- Members must attend at least two personal/professional development events hosted by one of the areas of Student Affairs

### Friendship.

An important part of fraternities and sororities creating fellowship. Brotherhood/Sisterhood is the basis for which organizations are able to sustain their existence and foster a supportive network of individuals. To be complete in this area, chapters must complete the following:

- Host one (1) fellowship event internally with brothers/sisters of the chapter and one (1) externally with other chapters/organizations to build relationships/community
- Attend, or maintain organization's presence, at other organizations' events
- Attend mandatory programs: AODA, sexual assault awareness, anti-hazing, etc. as determined by the advisor and council with 75% attendance
- If holding membership intake or recruitment, Greek life Office must be notified with New Member Notification Form and new members must attend or schedule Greek 101 meeting

**Scholarship.**

Students involved in a Greek organization are expected to meet a minimum set of academic standards. The purpose of this standard is reinforced by the common goal of obtaining a college degree and the primary focus of education. To be complete in this area, chapters must complete the following:

- 2.5 Chapter GPA Requirement
- If holding membership intake or recruitment, 2.5 new member GPA

**Diversity.**

UNT Dallas is proud of the various cultures represented on our campus. The purpose of this standard is to continue to be

- Attend with 75% chapter attendance or host one(1) multicultural/diversity event per semester

**Mentorship.**

As an honor to the university mission to strengthen communities, members of Greek-lettered organizations serve as role models to their peers on campus and to individuals within their community. The purpose of this standard is to promote outreach to surrounding communities and promote the pursuit of a higher education to youth within the southern sector of Dallas.

- Attend or host one (1) event per year that promotes mentoring youth.

### STANDARDS ITEMS CHECKLIST

#### SERVICE (20 points)

✓	ITEM	DUE	POINTS	DEDUCTIONS
	Meet the service hour requirement of 15 hours a semester per member	5/1	___/10	
	Chapter attendance at two (2) #JAGSGIVEBACK projects per semester	5/1	___/10	
	Exceeding Service Requirements	N/A	+___/5	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>____/20</b>

#### LEADERSHIP (30 points)

✓	ITEM	DUE	POINTS	DEDUCTIONS
	<b>Chapter completes Student Organization Registration/Renewal</b> ___ membership roster, bylaws/constitution, risk management policy, and executive board contact information to complete registration renewal form ___ attend student organization orientation ___ complete risk management training ___ submit executive briefing	9/29	___/5	
	<b>President schedules &amp; Attend President's Meetings</b> Fall Semester: ___ September ___ October ___ November Spring Semester: ___ February ___ March ___ April	5/1	___/10	
	<b>Greek Council Meeting Attendance:</b> Fall Semester: ___ September ___ October ___ November Spring Semester: ___ February ___ March ___ April	N/A	___/10	
	<b>Chapter Submits Required Documents to Greek Life Office:</b> ___ Certificate of Liability Insurance ___ New Member Education Plan ___ Academic Action Plan	9/29	___/15	
	Members attended personal/professional development event at least twice a semester (i.e. attending Career Fair, attending LGBTQ 101, etc.)	N/A	___/5	
	Collaboration with other organization or departments on campus at least twice a semester.	N/A	+___/5	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>____/45</b>

#### FRIENDSHIP (20 points)

✓	ITEM	DUE	POINTS	DEDUCTIONS
	<b>Built Internal/External relationships:</b> hosted fellowship events internally with brothers/sisters and externally with other chapters/organizations	5/1	___/10	
	<b>Attended Mandatory events with 75% chapter attendance:</b> ___ (1) AODA Event ___ (1) Sexual Assault Awareness Event ___ (1) Anti-Hazing Event	5/1	___/15	

	If participated in intake/recruitment, __ submitted New Member Notification Form __ New Members attended Greek 101 meeting	N/A	+___/5	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>____/25</b>

**SCHOLARSHIP (30 points)**

✓	ITEM	DUE	POINTS	DEDUCTIONS
	<b>Chapter GPA:</b> Meets requirement for Chapter Cumulative of a 2.5 GPA	5/1	___/30	
	If participated in intake/recruitment, new member GPA 2.5 or above	N/A	+___/10	
	Exceeding GPA/academic requirements.	N/A	+___/10	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>____/30</b>

**DIVERSITY (30 points)**

✓	ITEM	DUE	POINTS	DEDUCTIONS
	75% of the chapter attends multicultural/diversity event per semester	5/1	___/20	
			+___/0	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>____/20</b>

**MENTORSHIP (30 points)**

✓	ITEM	DUE	POINTS	DEDUCTIONS
	Attend or host one(1) event per year that promotes mentoring youth	5/1	___/10	
			+___/0	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>____/10</b>

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<b>SERVICE TOTAL:</b>	____/20
<b>LEADERSHIP TOTAL:</b>	____/45
<b>FRIENDSHIP TOTAL:</b>	____/25
<b>SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL:</b>	____/30
<b>DIVERSITY TOTAL:</b>	____/20
<b>MENTORSHIP TOTAL:</b>	____/10
<b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>	____
<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>	<b>____/150</b>

## POINT SYSTEM SCORING & DEDUCTIONS

**Total Points Possible.** The total amount of points possible is 100 points.

**Scoring.** Each of the items on the checklist has a point value. Meeting the standard will award the chapter with the maximum amount of points. Chapters who do not meet the standards will still have opportunities to earn partial credit, if it meets these exceptions:

- **GPA:** If the chapter cumulative GPA falls below a 2.5, chapters do not earn any points. However, if the chapter GPA is higher than it was last year, chapters earn partial credit of 20 points.
- **Service Hours:** If the member average of service hours falls below 15 hours, chapters earn partial credit of 10 points.

**Extra Credit Points.** There are opportunities where chapters are eligible to receive extra points towards their standards total points. Descriptions of each are in the list below:

- **Exceeding Expectation:** Organizations that exceed the service requirements receive an additional 5 points per item.
- **Chapter Cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or higher:** Organizations that achieve a 3.0 cumulative chapter GPA will receive an additional 5 points.
- **Collaboration:** Chapters that have hosted collaborative events at least twice a semester with another Greek organization, student organization, or department will receive an extra 10 points towards the chapter's total accumulated points.

**Deductions.** Chapters can lose up to 15 points for the following reasons:

- **Late Submissions:** Any items submitted after the due date, such as the registration and renewal documents, will result in a 5-point deduction.
- **Incomplete:** Any items left incomplete (i.e. unexcused absences to meetings, failure to submit insurance, etc.) will result in a 1-point deduction, per item.

**LEVELS OF EXCELLENCE**

Chapters that meet the Standards of Excellence and achieve 68-100 points receive the corresponding standards level and reward:

<b>Gold Chapter.</b> Meets or exceeds 100-90 total points.	<b>Silver Chapter.</b> Meets or exceeds 80-89 total points.	<b>Bronze Chapter.</b> Meets or exceeds 70-79 total points.
<p><u>Incentives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of recommendation from Greek Life Coordinator to chapter’s national organization.</li> <li>• Planning assistance for one event</li> <li>• Recognition on Greek Life Website in Greek Hall of Fame</li> <li>• Priority placement in JAG Fest and Greek events</li> <li>• Gold Chapter Certificate</li> </ul>	<p><u>Incentives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning assistance for one event</li> <li>• Letter of recommendation from Greek Life Coordinator to chapter’s national organization.</li> <li>• Silver Chapter Certificate</li> </ul>	<p><u>Incentives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning assistance for one event</li> <li>• Bronze Chapter Certificate</li> </ul>

## LEVELS OF DEFICIENCY

If a chapter accumulates less than 68 total points based on standards, or if the chapter violates university policy or student code, they receive one of the following statuses and/or deficiencies.

- Warning. Chapters that fall between 50-69 points.
- Intervention. Chapters that obtain 49-30 points.
- Probation. Chapters are placed on probation in one of three ways:
  1. Chapters that obtain less than 30 points
  2. Chapter's progress decreased or did not improve while on intervention.
  3. Violations of a university policy or the student code of conduct.

**Deficiencies.** The following deficiencies may be applied to chapters, if they fall in the range of deficiency.

- Must meet with the Greek Life Coordinator to create a plan of action.
- Must sponsor an all-Greek Educational event with 100% of its chapter in attendance.
- If deficient in Scholarship area, chapter president and academics/scholarship chair must meet with Greek Life Coordinator to implement changes to their current academic plan.
- Referral to the Office of Community Standards
- If a chapter is placed on intervention or probation, the following will also apply:
  1. No member can serve on the council executive board.
  2. Its council voting rights are suspended



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