

Fraternity and Sorority Life

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Academic Policies

Academic Requirements:

In an effort to better emphasize the academic focus and mission of both the University and the fraternity and sorority community, the following minimum chapter academic standards were developed by Fraternity & Sorority Life.

All chapters below the all-male or all-female GPA must meet with Fraternity & Sorority Life to review their current academic programs and formulate ideas on how to make adjustments/improvement to their scholarship program.

Minimum Chapter Academic Standing:

- 2.50 semester chapter GPA (chapter defined as actives and new members combined)
- Failure to maintain the minimum GPA will result in the chapter being placed in Poor Standing with Fraternity
 & Sorority Life for all campus and Inter/National reporting and the following will result

Failure to achieve minimum chapter academic standards will result in the following:

1st Semester:

The chapter may **NOT** host/co-sponsor **ANY** social event (defined as date parties, mixers, formals, semi-formals, Parties or any event with alcohol) for the following semester.

- The chapter leadership (president and scholarship chairman) will schedule a meeting with the appropriate FSL advisor to outline a scholarship action plan.
- Additional sanctions as outlined in the councils' scholarship policy may also apply.

2nd Consecutive Semester:

- The chapter may **NOT** host/co-sponsor **ANY** social event (defined as date parties, mixers, formals, semi-formals, Parties or any event with alcohol) for the following semester.
- The chapter leadership (president and scholarship chairman) will schedule a meeting (by phone) with the appropriate FSL advisor AND a representative from the regional or inter/national office to discuss the chapter academic performance.
- The chapter will not be allowed to participate in Homecoming events or Greek Week the following semester (whichever is appropriate).
- All chapter programs will need to be approved by Fraternity & Sorority Life. A full calendar of events will be submitted by the 10th business day of the following semester.
 - Could result in chapter not participating in certain large-scale university events (Greek Week, Homecoming, Patriots Day, etc.) as determined by FSL and Chapter Advisors
- Additional sanctions as outlined in the councils' scholarship policy may also apply.

3rd Consecutive Semester:

- The chapter will lose all university recognition. The chapter will have no rights or privileges of being a registered student organization.
 - In order to apply for re-recognition, a chapter's GPA must be at or above the minimum 2.5. They must submit a written request for re-recognition to the Associate Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life. The request must include a thorough academic plan. Upon reviewing the materials, the officers of the organization will meet with the Associate Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Leadership Positions:

(Governing Council officers and other FSL Office positions)

All members in a Fraternity and Sorority Life Leadership position must achieve a 2.7 cumulative GPA & term GPA, and must maintain these standards throughout their term. Member who's cumulative and/or term GPA drops below a 2.7 while in office will forfeit any and all positions held. Once a member's GPA falls below the required 2.7 cumulative and/or term GPA Fraternity & Sorority Life will notify the student in writing; thus the student will have 5 business days from the date of the letter to resign his/her position.

Governing Council Academic Recommendations:

In addition to these academic requirements, it is strongly advised that each governing council develop, implement, and enforce a substantial academic scholarship plan and/or policy which should, at minimum include the following:

- General purpose statement on academic achievement
- A short and/or long term plan which addresses minimum academic standards (specific to each council)
- An outline of council specific awards/incentives for chapters that exceed the minimum standards
- An outline of council specific sanctions/interventions for chapters not meeting the minimum standards
- A list of resources available to both the chapter, as well as individual members

Notes

1. Fraternity & Sorority Life will make the final determination of what activities are deemed as "social" in reference to this policy.