



Samford University Recognition of Fraternities and Sororities

Recognition

Any recognized student organization carrying the classification of fraternity or sorority but is not recognized as a professional, service or honorary society/organization will be supported by the Office of Greek Life. This includes but is not limited to those organizations belonging to any of the nationally recognized "umbrella" organizations such as the North-American Interfraternity Conference, National Panhellenic Conference, National Pan-Hellenic Council, National Association of Latino/a Fraternal Organizations, etc. These organizations will be referred to as fraternities and sororities.

Student Leadership and Involvement

Any Samford University fraternity/sorority must be recognized through the student organization recognition processes as established by the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement. All chapters are to meet and uphold requirements and policies that exist for Samford student organizations.

Membership

Among the prerequisites for recognition is requirement that all fraternities and sororities have a minimum of five (5) members. A chapter failing to meet the minimum standards for University recognition will face the following tiered program to help increase membership:

Semester 1:

- Chapter will be required to submit official rosters by the assigned deadlines for proper reporting.
- Chapter will be asked to submit recruitment/intake action plan outlining events, marketing, programming, and alumni support in relation to recruitment/intake activities and chapter promotion to the Office of Greek Life.
- Chapter leadership will meet with Office of Greek Life to discuss and examine recruitment/intake action plan.
- Greek Life will request plan of action for chapter from regional/national organization representatives to assist with recruitment/intake activities.

Semester 2:

- Chapter will submit an enhanced recruitment/intake plan to Office of Greek Life.
- Chapter will attend mandatory recruitment/intake intensive workshop given by Office of Greek Life.
- Meeting to be conducted with regional/national organization representatives concerning future of the chapter on the Samford University campus.

Semester 3:

- Chapter recognition will be reviewed and determined at the discretion of the Office of Greek Life.

Advisors

All Samford Fraternity and Sorority chapters are required to have a fully functioning advisory board to be recognized as an active organization. All advisors must be five years post their graduation date. Advisors do not have to be alumni of the Samford chapter to be on the advisor board.

The following advisors are required:

- Chapter Advisor: This advisor serves as the main advisor for the chapter and serves as the liaison between the local chapter and Samford University. This advisor is usually selected by the chapter or inter/national organization and is expected to attend all general advisor meetings hosted by the Office of Greek Life. This advisor will also be expected to guide the chapter on the topics of risk management, social event planning and approval, and t-shirt submission and approval. Lastly, this advisor is expected to lead the advisory team and assist the chapter to fulfill the requirement of a fully-functioning board of advisors.
- Faculty/Staff Advisor: This advisor serves as a resource to the chapter regarding academic and campus resources. This advisor does not have to be a member of a Greek organization to serve in this role, but must be a full-time Samford employee.
- Membership Advisor: This adviser serves as a guide for the chapter regarding all Samford and national organization membership policies. This advisor would be expected to assist the chapter with recruitment of new members and continue guidance for the new member education process.
- Financial Advisor: This advisor serves as a guide to the chapter regarding all financial related operations. This advisor would be expected to assist the chapter treasurer regarding establishing an annual budget and collection of chapter dues.
- Housing Advisor: If applicable, this advisor serves as the liaison between Samford University Facilities, Office of Residence Life, and Office of Greek Life and the national organization and local chapter. This advisor would attend all Greek Housing meetings, be involved in the Greek Housing Agreement renewal process, and assist the chapter with all related resident hall operations and facility needs (*Only required for chapters with a living facility).