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GUIDE TO

Fraternity & Sorority Life

AT SAMFORD

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Greek Life

Fraternalities and sororities at Samford are like no other. Our community is welcoming to all Samford men and women interested in enhancing their collegiate experience. We are so excited you chose Samford University.

Greek Life at Samford

Purposeful, Faithful, Real.

Samford fraternities and sororities strive to make a difference in the lives of their members through fraternal and faith-based connections. Fraternities and sororities foster an environment where members can:

- Live out Christian values
- Form bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood
- Develop leadership and interpersonal skills
- Work together as a team
- Support local and global philanthropies
- Implement community service projects
- Plan events for the student community

Our Values

SERVICE

Giving back drives many fraternity and sorority activities. Last year alone, our community raised over \$155,000 and donated over 32,000 hours of time to philanthropic organizations.

SCHOLARSHIP

Fraternities and sororities provide supportive environments to help students succeed in the classroom and create guidelines for their members to achieve academic goals.

LEADERSHIP

As student-led and self-governing organizations, membership in a sorority or fraternity offers a variety of possibilities to explore.

FRIENDSHIP

We all need people to thrive. Samford fraternities and sororities develop well-rounded friendships and network with Samford's Greek alumni.

GROWTH

Fraternities and sororities strive to build one another up in every aspect of life and can be a vital role in a student's journey to success.

VALUES

Samford prides itself on maintaining authentic Christian values and those values shape character and guide decision making.



Fast Facts

- 53% of Samford students are Greek
- The fall 2021 average GPA was 3.39
- Chapters range in size from 10 to over 200
- Samford will add new fraternity to campus for Fall 2022, Welcome Beta Theta Pi.

Councils & Chapters

Samford University is home to 14 active fraternities and sororities, two honor societies and three governing councils: College Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council and the National Pan- Hellenic Council. The Office of Greek Life invests time, energy and resources for the chapters, councils and honor societies through leadership development, educational programming, event planning provision and guidance, risk management, along with financial assistance. The governing council's role is to serve the council member organizations as well as promote cross-council collaboration and support.

Chapter List

College Panhellenic (CPH)

- Alpha Delta Pi
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Chi Omega
- Delta Delta Delta
- Phi Mu
- Zeta Tau Alpha
- A new sorority (coming fall 2023)

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

- Alpha Tau Omega
- Lambda Chi Alpha
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Nu
- Beta Theta Pi (coming fall 2022)

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.*

**Plans to return fall 2022.*

New Member Expectations

You are a student first.

Membership in a fraternity or sorority can certainly enhance your time as a student, however, your first priority is your academic success. Keep your grades up to maintain the chapter minimum GPA.

There is a financial commitment.

It is important to know there is a financial commitment for every organization. Dues range depending on the chapter. See the financial page to learn more.

Timing is everything.

New member processes can range from two to six weeks. There are weekly educational meetings to learn the history, ritual and values of the organization.

Plan on it.

Members are required to attend mandatory events and so will new members. Expect to attend service and philanthropy events, general chapter meetings and community speakers.

Keep your standards high.

Every chapter has a set of bylaws and standards for their members. New members can expect to be held accountable by their brothers and sisters.

Greek Alphabet

A alpha

I iota

P rho

B beta

K kappa

Σ sigma

Γ gamma

Λ lambda

T tau

Δ delta

M mu

Υ upsilon

E epsilon

N nu

Φ phi

Z zeta

Ξ xi

Χ chi

H eta

O omicron

Ψ psi

Θ theta

Π pi

Ω omega



How to Join

The Samford fraternity and sorority community has three governing councils: College Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council and the National Pan-Hellenic Council. The councils are similar in values such as scholarships, leadership and community. Despite their similarities, there are a few distinctions between the three councils and how new members can join chapters.

To learn more about how you can join and register for recruitment or intake, visit

samford.edu/greeklife/recruitment



College Panhellenic (CPH)

Students interested in joining a Panhellenic sorority are invited to register for primary recruitment. Primary recruitment lasts one week and allows potential new members to meet all six chapters, ideally completing the week with an invitation of membership on Bid Day.

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

Students interested in joining an IFC fraternity are invited to register for prerecruitment events and a formal week of recruitment. Formal recruitment promotes mutual selection by the potential new members and chapters, ideally completing the week with an invitation of membership on Bid Day.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Students interested in NPHC could become a member after establishing a minimum of 12 Samford credit hours. Students are encouraged to research which organization best fits them and attend an interest meeting to learn more. Students submit applications, complete interviews and then receive an invitation for candidacy.

Important Dates

College Panhellenic (CPH)

Potential New Member Orientation: Sept. 7, 2022
Recruitment: Sept. 13-18, 2022

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

Pre-Recruitment: Aug. 29 – Sept. 17, 2022
Round Zero: Sept. 15, 2022
Recruitment: Sept. 18-21, 2022

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

Greek Speak Interest Meeting Sept. 7, 2022



Financial

Joining a fraternity and sorority is a financial commitment. The ranges below include both dues to the national organization and the local Samford chapter. If at any time you decide to relinquish your membership, you may still be responsible for fulfilling your financial commitments according to your contract with the national organization. For more information, including detailed breakdowns of different chapter costs, visit the finance tab of our website at samford.edu/greeklife/finances.

College Panhellenic (CPH)

New member semester:	\$746-\$915
Active sister semester:	\$378-\$640
Semesterly Samford Greek Fee:	\$75

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

New member semester:	\$330-\$800
Active brother semester:	\$460-\$650
Semesterly Samford Greek Fee:	\$75

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

A range of dues and fees are as low as \$1,000 and as high as \$3,000. Semesterly Samford Greek fee of \$75.

FAQ

Q. *What are health and safety procedures like?*

A. Your safety as a student is Samford's top priority. Samford fraternity and sorority members are educated on the topics of hazing, alcohol, mental health and sexual assault.

Q. *Do I have time?*

A. Being in a fraternity and sorority can be a large time commitment. You get out of it what you put in. We have student athletes, scholars and full-time working members all of which who are active in a fraternity or sorority. Time management looks different for each member depending on your role choice within the chapter.

Q. *Can I achieve personal growth?*

A. It is our mission as Samford fraternities and sororities, for members to graduate as a well-rounded men and women. Fraternities and sororities provide opportunities for personal, leadership and faith development during collegiate membership.

Q. *Can I be a leader?*

A. Chapters offer a wide range of leadership opportunities from serving on a committee to being on the executive board. Fraternity men and sorority women are also leaders in every aspect of Samford student life.

Q. *What is unique about NPHC?*

A. Commonly known as the Divine Nine, the National Pan-Hellenic Council serves as the collaborative umbrella council composed of nine historically Black fraternities and sororities but is home to many cultural identities. NPHC organizations pride themselves on promoting culture, education, service and social justice advocacy engagements for the community they were founded to support. Each organization's membership process, also known as intake, has its own selection process. You learn the organization's history and enhance one's personal/professional development—culminating with a new member presentation show.





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