



Dear Student,

Thanks for your interest in Fraternity and Sorority Life at New Paltz! Here, we are proud of our Fraternity and Sorority community that fosters the development of leadership skills and enhances members' personal lives. Through the Office of Student Activities & Union Services, you may have the opportunity of joining a Fraternity or Sorority.

**New Members of a Fraternity or Sorority must fit into the following requirements:**

1. Only full-time (12 credit hours or more), matriculated, undergraduate students with at least 12 credit hours at SUNY New Paltz completed, and at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average are eligible to become a New Member. Part-time students and students on Academic Probation are ineligible to become New Members.
2. First-semester first-year students are ineligible to become New Members.
3. A first-year student is eligible to become a New Member during his/her second semester, only after having successfully completed at least 12 credit hours at SUNY New Paltz and having attained at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average.
4. A first-semester transfer student is eligible to become a new member with at least a 2.70 cumulative grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale) from his/her previous undergraduate institution. A minimum of 12 credits must matriculate to SUNY New Paltz. A transcript (official or unofficial) indicating the student's cumulative GPA must be submitted with the New Member Roster in order for the transfer student to be eligible.
5. Students must meet the requirements as outlined by each individual chapter's National/Local Offices.

The decision to join a Fraternity or Sorority deserves careful consideration and attention. There is a wide range of organizations to choose from within our diverse Fraternity and Sorority community. Together we strive to create unity and excitement on our college campus. Membership in a Fraternity or Sorority is often one of the most positive and rewarding experiences of a student's college experience. Through the participation in these social organizations, students make academic success a priority, form lasting friendships, improve leadership skills, and have opportunities to unite their community to the larger world community through philanthropy activities. Please learn all you can about what Fraternity and Sorority Life has to offer by attending our programs and visiting our website [www.newpaltz.edu/sub](http://www.newpaltz.edu/sub).

At the current time, we are aware that unrecognized organizations do exist and operate very much like our recognized organizations. Please be aware that the University does not support student involvement in these organizations due to the lack of training, supervision, and oversight they receive. Please be advised that currently, the University does not recognize the following organizations that are known to students as:

- Kappa Sigma (Fraternity)
- MALIK (Fraternity)
- Delta Phi Epsilon (Sorority)

If you are seeking a Fraternity/Sorority experience while you are a student here, it is essential that you confirm recognizes the group that you wish to join. When in doubt, feel free to contact our office at (845) 257-3025. We look forward to your support and partnership as we strive to ensure that you have a safe and enriching co-curricular experience.

Remember, **first-year students are not eligible to participate in recruitment events or affiliate in any way with a Fraternity or Sorority during their first semester.** Look for details in the Fall regarding Spring Recruitment activities and events. Our office is always available if there are any questions or concerns on your part.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emily Spilman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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