

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Membership Requirements and Election**

Section 1. Membership is limited to all students who have paid fees and are enrolled with the University of West Georgia. No discrimination shall be made on the basis of gender, race, age, creed, religion, disability, sexual preference, national origin, marital status, or veteran's status. No hazing or discrimination will be used as a condition of membership into this organization. All groups, except those exempt by law, must have opportunities for male and female memberships. Sports clubs involving contact or competitive selection may limit participation to one sex, but must permit membership in the club to both sexes.

Section 2. All interested students must complete all of the pledge requirements.

Section 3. An interested student must apply for membership before the semester deadline for Alpha Psi Omega initiation. Each prospective member shall be required to complete the following before acceptance as a member in the fraternity.

1. Attend an orientation meeting and apply for membership.
2. Have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
3. Pay initiation dues of \$30.00. The \$30.00 goes to the National Chapter.
4. They must accumulate at least 75 Alpha Psi Omega Points prior to initiation.
5. Pledges are required to learn the names of the National and Local Officers.
6. Pledges are required to memorize a speech of at least 12 lines from the Shakespeare canon for presentation.
7. Pledges shall be expected to be active in all Alpha Psi Omega sponsored events unless excused by the President.

Section 4. To maintain membership in good standing, a member must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Maintain a 2.5 GPA.
3. Maintain 30 points each semester.
4. Must be an active participant in at least one committee each year.

Section 5. This organization may have affiliate members such as faculty, staff, UWG Alumni, student spouses, etc., that number twenty-five (25) percent of the total membership. At no time shall the UWG student membership fall below seventy-five (75) percent.

Section 6. The privileges of membership include benefiting fellow students, faculty, and the community with a quality theatre organization and support of worthwhile endeavors. Each member shall receive an Alpha Psi Omega membership card and lifelong membership.

Section 7. Membership may be revoked without mutual agreement for non-participation, misconduct, or violations of any provisions of the constitution. The member will be notified in writing by the Executive Committee of the possible revocation at least 72 hours prior to the vote, and will be allowed to address the organization in order to relate to members any relevant defense prior to the vote for removal. Membership can only be revoked upon a two-thirds majority vote of eligible members. The member in question shall be notified of the decision by official written correspondence.

Section 8. An inactive member is one that chooses not to attend meetings or participate in functions. To become an inactive member, the member must notify the Executive Committee in writing of their intent. To reinstate a member, there shall be a two-thirds vote of the chapter's active members.

Section 9. Honorary membership may be bestowed on those persons who have made special continued contributions to the theatre programs of the University of West Georgia. Some special consideration however can be given to honor those who have made special contributions to the theatre community nationally.