THE LAUREL
Guide to Fraternity and Sorority Life
at the University of West Georgia
2016
WHAT IS GREEK LIFE?

Going West provides you with many fantastic opportunities, including the opportunity to Go Greek. The University of West Georgia’s Fraternity and Sorority Life can improve your time at West Georgia in numerous ways. You will make new, lifelong friends, engage in meaningful service within your community, and join a group of leaders and change agents on your campus.

All of our organizations aim to embrace and promote excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and social development. First and foremost, fraternity men and sorority women are students. The Greek experience is meant to complement the undergraduate experience, and thus members of our community are required to be in good academic standing with West Georgia. Whilst maintaining expectations for academics, our members are also given the opportunity to develop as leaders and citizens through campus involvement and community service.

Finally, the fraternity and sorority experience is meant to be fun! You will create tons of lasting memories with lifelong brothers and sisters. We are excited for you to have a great college experience, to develop as a leader in your community, and to have a blast doing so! Go West! Go Greek!
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PANHELLENIC CHAPTERS
- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Xi Delta
- Chi Omega
- Delta Zeta
- Kappa Delta
- Phi Mu
- Sigma Kappa

INTERFRATERNITY CHAPTERS
- Chi Phi
- Kappa Alpha Order
- Kappa Sigma
- Phi Delta Theta
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Nu
- Tau Kappa Epsilon

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC CHAPTERS
- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Iota Phi Theta
- Kappa Alpha Psi
- Omega Psi Phi
- Phi Beta Sigma
- Sigma Gamma Rho
- Zeta Phi Beta

MULTICULTURAL CHAPTERS
- Lambda Theta Alpha
- Lambda Theta Phi

ALL UWG MALE AVERAGE GPA 2.66
ALL UWG FEMALE AVERAGE GPA 2.78
ALL UWG FRATERNITY AVERAGE GPA 2.95
ALL UWG SORORITY AVERAGE GPA 3.14
ALL UWG AVERAGE GPA 2.80
ALL UWG FRATERNITY/SORORITY AVERAGE GPA 2.96

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FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE BY THE NUMBERS
LEADERSHIP

Greek life encourages involvement in campus activities, promotes the making of new friends and broadens the development of each member’s potential as involved members of their community. Greek leaders are well respected by faculty and administrators. In addition, each chapter elects its own officers to fulfill organizational obligations and responsibilities. As a leader, you have an opportunity to practice and gain skills that may well be one of the most valuable experiences of your university career. By joining a sorority or fraternity, individuals are given opportunities to develop leadership skills that will be advantageous to them in the future.

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholastic achievement is among the values that fraternities and sororities were founded upon. Their overall grade point averages are consistently higher than averages of non-Greek students. Each organization promotes high academic standards through various means. Activities range from study hall to tutoring programs. The University of West Georgia requires each organization to maintain a minimum grade point average of a 2.4 to remain in good standing with the institution. Competition among members for scholastic achievement awards is encouraged, and campus-wide recognition is given to fraternities and sororities with the highest grade point average each semester. Most importantly, the Greek system develops a positive attitude towards learning among its members.

“My grades have improved tremendously along with my leadership skills. I have learned to better manage my time and accomplish more than I thought possible.”

“I realize that being a leader is difficult and challenging at times, but that there are others around me that I can lean on and who will help me in difficult times to push through and accomplish the goals I have set for myself and my fraternity.”

“My experience in Greek life at UWG has taught me leadership skills that I will use later in life with my job and family.”

“My fraternity has helped me grow as a man and a person, and I have enjoyed being a part of something that is bigger than me.”
SERVICE
Greek life is much more than socializing and studying. Each year Greeks raise thousands of dollars and contribute thousands of hours of service for local and national charities and nonprofit organizations. Fraternities and sororities promote numerous service projects that provide Greek men and women with the opportunity to help others less fortunate than themselves. A strong community service program gives members an opportunity to accept responsibility and to know the satisfaction that comes from helping others. Greeks at UWG know that service to our community promotes good citizenship beyond the university experience.

SOCIAL
Being Greek allows students to participate in social activities, such as intramural sports, Homecoming events, Greek Week, formals, step shows, BBQs, the Variety Show and individual chapter retreats and events. These programs all support the goal of bringing the Greek community together to develop the bonds of friendship. Every Greek organization maintains a responsible social policy and risk management program that promotes high standards for careful planning of social events. Greek students enjoy brotherhood and sisterhood and share the goal of becoming socially involved on campus and in the community.

“We raise money through philanthropy events; establish strong social connections, friendships, and relationships with other Greek life members to help our community grow.”

“Greek life gave me the opportunity to connect with like-minded people who despite our differences can come together for the betterment of the community and sorority.”

“Greek life is about unity. It’s about coming together on similar grounds to make the University and the community a better place for others.”

“Greek life is an amazing part of college because you learn more about yourself and are able to get out of your comfort zones now instead of waiting until after graduation.”
GOVERNING COUNCILS

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL
The Panhellenic Council (PC) serves as the governing body for the seven National Panhellenic Conference sororities at UWG. The Panhellenic Council executive board is comprised of women from different chapters who collectively promote the ideals of scholarship, leadership, service and brotherhood.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL
The goal of Interfraternity Council (IFC) and its officers is to serve as the governing body of the fraternity community, acting as a bridge between the fraternity community and the rest of UWG. Executive officers work alongside each organization to help promote a values-based community, one in which every fraternity man, past or present, would be proud. The Interfraternity Council Executive Board assists with the IFC conduct proceedings, recruitment, and programming surrounding scholarship, philanthropy, and brotherhood for the seven IFC fraternities on campus.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL
The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is the official coordinating board for the nine historically black Greek fraternities and sororities at UWG. The NPHC’s purpose is to foster cooperative actions of its members in dealing with matters of mutual concern. To this end, the NPHC promotes the well-being of its member organizations and provides leadership training for its constituents. The NPHC Board is committed to upholding the core values of scholarship, leadership, friendship and service by developing, implementing and supporting impactful and engaging programming designed to meet the needs of students on the UWG campus and residents of the Carrollton community.

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL
The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is the newest council at UWG, which is comprised of Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity and Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority. This council caters to organizations that are culturally based and aim to educate the UWG community about cultural awareness and traditions.

ORDER OF OMEGA
is a co-educational, social Greek honors fraternity. Members of the Greek community are selected based on their dedication to Greek life, overall scholastic record, outstanding character and leadership initiative. Order of Omega recognizes the top three percent of Greek leaders on campus, and is one of the greatest honors bestowed on a member of the Greek community that they can receive.

RHO LAMBDA
The Greek letters Rho Lambda stand for Panhellenic Leadership. Rho Lambda honors women within the sorority community who have exhibited the highest qualities of leadership and service to the community and to their sorority. The members of Rho Lambda have furthered the ideals and principles of the Greek community throughout their years of sorority affiliation. Rho Lambda was founded at the University of West Georgia on September 24, 2003.

HONOR SOCIETIES
Anyone interested in joining a fraternity or a sorority is encouraged to attend information sessions which occur during summer orientation and throughout the school year. This will provide prospective members an opportunity to find out more about the chapters on campus as well as the recruitment/intake process. All potential members must meet the minimum GPA requirements set by the university and the individual chapter they wish to join.

**SORORITY RECRUITMENT**
The seven sororities that are members of the National Panhellenic Conference participate in formal sorority recruitment, which gives potential new members a chance to visit with each chapter and follow a structured schedule of events.

**FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT**
The seven fraternities that are members of the North American Interfraternity Conference participate in informal fraternity recruitment, which gives men a chance to get a feel for fraternity life.

**MEMBERSHIP INTAKE**
The nine National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities and sororities as well as the two multicultural Greek organizations participate in membership intake. This is organized by each of the individual chapters.

**HOW DO I JOIN?**
SORORITY RECRUITMENT
August 12-16

Women planning on participating in fall recruitment will be able to move in on Friday, August 5. Once you register and pay for recruitment, details will be sent to you regarding your move in schedule and times.

The registration fee for fall recruitment is $65 before July 1, $80 between July 1- August 1, and $95 after August 1. The last day to register is August 10.
RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE

OPEN ROUNDS
Friday, August 12
The first day of recruitment you get to meet all seven sororities on campus. You will travel to each house with your Rho Gamma group and stay about 30 minutes in each house. Open Rounds is casual and you should wear your recruitment shirt provided by your Rho Gamma with comfortable shorts and shoes.

PHILANTHROPY DAY
Saturday, August 13
Today is all about learning how each chapter contributes to the UWG community and its respective national philanthropy. You will be able to visit up to six chapters and spend 40 minutes in each house. Since you will have a new schedule each day, you will not travel to each house with your Rho Gamma. You’ll want to make a good impression but this is the longest day so be comfortable!

FRATERNAL VALUES DAY
Sunday, August 14
Fraternal Values Day is where you will learn what sisterhood, friendship and tradition means to each chapter. You will be able to visit up to four houses for 50 minutes each. Today is a little more formal than the first two days of recruitment so a sun dress and comfortable heels or flats is appropriate.

PREFERENCE DAY
Monday, August 15
Preference Day is the most formal and final round of recruitment. You will be able to visit only two chapters today to participate in their special preference ceremony. Due to the more formal nature of Preference Day, please wear a cocktail dress with heels.

BID DAY
Tuesday, August 16
You made it! Bid Day is the grand finale of recruitment. You will gather on the lawn in Greek Village to open your bid. Once you receive your bid you will run to your new home, so wear comfortable shoes!

SORORITY RECRUITMENT ORIENTATION
Thursday, August 11
Interested in learning more about recruitment? This is your chance to learn more about sorority life at UWG from Panhellenic Council, which is composed of members from each chapter on campus. You will meet your Rho Gamma, who will be your recruitment counselor and guide through the whole process. Attendance is mandatory to participate in recruitment.

REGISTRATION
Register at westga.edu/gogreek
Registration opens May 15
Registration closes August 10 at 5:00pm

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Alpha Gamma Delta
Live with Purpose

UWG Founding Date: April 3, 1971
National Founding Date: May 30, 1904
Colors: Red, Buff and Green
Symbols & Flower: Squirrel, Pearl, Red and Buff Roses
National Website: alphagammadelta.org
National Philanthropy: Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation (Juvenile Diabetes)
Local Philanthropy: Carroll County Battered Women’s Shelter, Diabetic Children’s Camps
Campus Involvement: Intramurals, Orientation Leaders, SAC, Campus Outreach, University Ambassadors, Greek Council, Alpha Lambda Delta, Order of Omega, Rho Lambda, Rho Gamma, Greek Village House Aid, Cross-Country team, Dean’s List

Alpha Xi Delta
Inspiring Women to Realize Their Potential

UWG Founding Date: February 11, 1989
National Founding Date: April 17, 1893
Colors: Light Blue, Dark Blue and Gold
Symbol & Flower: BetXi Bear, Pink Rose
National Website: alphaxidelta.org
National Philanthropy: Autism Speaks
Local Philanthropy: Cystic Fibrosis
Campus Involvement: Student Government Association, Greek Council, Orientation Leaders, Campus Ambassadors, Campus Outreach, College Republicans, Student Judicial Board, Leadership To Go, Multiple honor sororities and academic fraternities, Intramural flag football, soccer and softball, RA’s, L3 Summit Participants
CHI OMEGA
Hellenic Culture and Christian Ideals

UWG Founding Date: May 29, 1971
National Founding Date: April 5, 1895
Colors: Cardinal and Straw
Symbol & Flower: Owl, White Carnation
National Website: chiomega.com
National Philanthropy: Make-A-Wish Foundation
Local Philanthropy: Carroll Parks and Recreation

Campus Involvement: UWG All Girls Cheerleading Squad; Intramural softball, basketball, soccer, and flag football, Rho Gamma, Rho Lambda, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Wolf Internet Radio, Honors College, Newspaper staff, SGA, CAPE, Orientation Leader, Leadership To Go Advanced, RAD Instructor, Peer Educator, SAC, BCM, Campus Outreach, University Ambassadors, UWG Tour Guides, Student Council for Exceptional Children, West Georgia Regional Science and Engineering Fair, RAs, Greek Village Aid
KAPPA DELTA
Let Us Strive for that which is Honorable, Beautiful and Highest

UWG Founding Date: April 23, 1971
National Founding Date: October 27, 1897
Colors: Olive Green and Pearl White
Symbols & Flower: Nautilus Shell, Teddy Bear, White Rose
National Website: kappadelta.org
National Philanthropies: Girl Scouts of USA, Prevent Child Abuse America, Children’s Hospital of Richmond Virginia, Orthopedic Research Awards
Local Philanthropy: Alice’s House, Local Girl Scout Troop, Toys for Tots
Campus Involvement: Panhellenic Exec, College Republicans, Rho Lambda, Campus Outreach, Campus Christian Fellowship, Student Government Association, RAs, Greek Council, Orientation Leaders, Order of Omega, Leadership Advisory Board, Dean’s List

PHI MU
The Faithful Sisters

UWG Founding Date: February 27, 1971
National Founding Date: January 4, 1852
Colors: Rose and White
Symbols & Flower: Lion, Ladybug, Rose Carnation
National Website: phimu.org
National Philanthropy: Children’s Miracle Network
Local Philanthropy: Stewart House
Campus Involvement: Rho Lambda, Panhellenic Exec, Rho Gamma, Leadership To Go, UWG Cheerleaders, UWG Tour Guides, Who’s Who, Alpha Lambda Delta Business Fraternity, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, UWG Honors College, EXCEL Mentor, Order of Omega, Orientation Leaders, UWG Ambassadors, Campus Outreach, College Republicans, College Democrats, Christian Campus Fellowship, Student Activities Council, Greek Council
**Sigma Kappa**

One Heart, One Way

- **UWG Founding Date:** April 2, 2011
- **National Founding Date:** November 9, 1874
- **Colors:** Maroon and Lavender
- **Symbols & Flower:** Heart, Dove, Wild Purple Violet
- **National Website:** sigmakappa.org
- **National Philanthropies:** Gerontology, Inherit the Earth, Maine Seacoast Mission
- **Campus Involvement:** Resident Assistants, Rho Gammas, Dean’s List, Honors College, Greek Week, Intramurals, Hall Councils, UWG Gospel Choir, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Alpha Lambda Delta, Wolf Guard, Theatre, College Republicans, College Democrats, Mock Trial, Pre-Law Society, Campus Outreach, Panhellenic Executive Board, Up ’Til Dawn, Kappa Delta Pi, The West Georgian Newspaper, Rho Lambda and Order of Omega

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**Delta Zeta**

Enriching

- **UWG Founding Date:** November 15, 2014
- **National Founding Date:** October 24, 1902
- **Colors:** Rose and Green
- **Symbols & Flower:** Turtle, Diamond, Pink Killarney Rose
- **National Website:** deltazeta.org
- **National Philanthropy:** Starkey Hearing Foundation
FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT

IFC Recruitment is 365 Recruitment or Open Recruitment. Open recruitment is defined as the ability of undergraduate chapters to recruit for membership of any male, who meets the minimum GPA requirement, without unnecessary restrictions on date, time and place of membership invitation and acceptance. This means that chapters are allowed to extend a bid to any interested man at any point in time throughout the year. At UWG, most recruitment events are done within the first three weeks of school each semester. Each fraternity will have recruitment events they plan on their own and will advertise per their own discretion.

All men interested in joining a fraternity must sign up to participate in the rush process. This form can be found on the West Georgia Fraternity and Sorority Life webpage. All chapters will have tables at the Welcome Back Blast so potential new members may meet all chapters. On August 15th there will be an IFC Recruitment event for potential members to attend. The rest of the week, chapters have ability to hold the events they wish to have. Bid nights will be decided by each fraternity and will be Thursday, Friday, or Saturday night of the first week of school.

In order to be eligible for rush, a perspective member must: be registered for classes and attended an official UWG Orientation, be currently enrolled in UWG classes have a 2.5 UWG adjusted GPA from high school or a 2.3 UWG GPA based on a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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Twitter @UWG_IFC
Chi Phi
Truth, Honor and Personal Integrity

UWG Founding Date: May 19, 1973
National Founding Date: December 24, 1824
Colors: Royal Blue and Scarlet
National Website: chi phi.org
National Philanthropy: Boys and Girls Clubs of America
Local Philanthropy: Keep Carroll Beautiful
Campus Involvement: College Republicans, IFC, SGA

Kappa Alpha Order
Dieu at Les Dames - God and the Ladies

UWG Founding Date: September 21, 1996
National Founding Date: December 21, 1865
Colors: Crimson and Old Gold
Flowers: Crimson Rose and Magnolia Blossom
National Website: kappaalphao rder.org
National Philanthropy: Muscular Dystrophy Association
Campus Involvement: IFC, Campus Outreach
Kappa Sigma
The Star and Crescent

UWG Founding Date: April 2, 1971
National Founding Date: December 10, 1869
Colors: Scarlet, White and Kelly Green
Flower: Lilly of the Valley
National Website: kappasigma.org
Local Philanthropies: Alzheimer’s Association and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
Campus Involvement: Interfraternity Council, Campus Outreach, Cheerleading, Greek Council, Greek Village Aid

Pi Kappa Alpha
Scholars, Leaders, Athletes, and Gentlemen

UWG Founding Date: April 29, 1972
National Founding Date: March 1, 1868
Colors: Garnet and Old Gold
Flowers: Lily of the Valley
National Website: pikes.org
National Philanthropy: Big Brothers of America
Campus Involvement: IFC, Campus Outreach
Phi Delta Theta
Become the Greatest Version of Yourself

UWG Founding Date: March 6, 2016
National Founding Date: December 26, 1848
Colors: Azure and Argent
Flower: White Carnation
National Website: phideltatheta.org
National Philanthropy: The ALS Association

Sigma Chi
In Hoc Signa Vinces - In this sign you will conquer

UWG Founding Date: December 7, 2013
National Founding Date: June 28, 1855
Colors: Blue and Old Gold
Flower: White Rose
National Website: sigmachi.org
National Philanthropy: Huntsman Cancer Institute, Children’s Miracle Network
Campus Involvement: Summer Orientation Leaders, PRSSA, Intramural Sports, Campus Outreach, PAWS, American Medical Student Association, The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society, UWG Relay for Life Committee, UWG Honors College
**Sigma Nu**

_**UWG Founding Date:** April 14, 1972  
**National Founding Date:** January 1, 1869  
**Colors:** Black, Old Gold and White  
**Symbol & Flower:** Serpent, White Rose  
**National Website:** sigmanu.org  
**National Philanthropy:** The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation  
**Local Philanthropy:** Children’s Miracle Network  
**Campus Involvement:** Campus Center employment, Intramural Sports, Orientation Leaders, Head Staff Orientation Leaders, Ambassadors, Finance Club, Accounting Club, College Republicans, SGA, Campus Outreach, Relay for Life, Soup Kitchen, Stewart House, UWG Football, IFC Executive Council

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**Tau Kappa Epsilon**

_**UWG Founding Date:** June 5, 1971  
**National Founding Date:** January 10, 1899  
**Colors:** Cherry Red and Pure Silver  
**Symbol & Flower:** Eagle, Red Carnation  
**National Website:** tke.org  
**National Philanthropy:** St. Jude Children’s Hospital  
**Local Philanthropy:** Art Mecca, Alzheimer’s Foundation, Relay for Life  
**Campus Involvement:** SGA, Intramural sports, R.A.O., Marketing club, Up ‘til Dawn, Dean’s List, Excel mentors, RA’s, BCM, Leadership to Go, Hall Councils, Enactus Business program.
The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated (NPHC) is composed of nine International Greek letter Sororities and Fraternities: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The nine NPHC organizations are sometimes collectively referred to as the “Divine Nine”.

The council promotes interaction through forums, meetings and other mediums for the exchange of information and engages in cooperative programming and initiatives through various activities and functions.

Bringing new members into the NPHC affiliate organization is based upon the aspirant’s possession of specific qualifications. Individual chapters must be guided by membership identification and selection standards that will promote the building of a strong and effective chapter.

Each affiliate organization implements the guidelines and details of its own membership intake process. Any violations of an organization’s set program should be referred directly to that organization’s leadership or national headquarters. The final pledge is the oath of allegiance taken by a candidate from which he/she cannot withdraw. No person who has resigned from a sorority or fraternity may hold membership in any other Greek organization. Each organization has its own ceremony and ritual, with the objective that this rite is intended to be impressive.

**NPHC Convocation**

Follow us to learn when the next NPHC Convocation will be held!

**GPA Requirement**

All NPHC organizations require a 2.5 GPA and at least 12 completed hours.

Facebook: University of West Georgia NPHC

Twitter: @uwgnphc
**Alpha Kappa Alpha**  
*By Culture and By Merit*

- **UWG Founding Date:** March 22, 1976  
- **National Founding Date:** January 15, 1908  
- **Colors:** Salmon Pink and Apple Green  
- **Symbol & Flower:** Ivy Leaf, Tea Rose  
- **National Website:** aka1908.com  
- **National Philanthropy:** Emerging Young Leaders  
- **Local Philanthropies:** Canned Food Drive, raised relief money for Japan, Shoe Drive, picked up trash, Reading Bowl, Boys and Girls Club, Parade Walk, Relay for Life, American Heart Association  
- **Campus Involvement:** Black Student Alliance, University of West Georgia Softball, Dance Team, Student Government Association, Resident Assistants, Phi Sigma Pi, Alpha Kappa Psi, Women of Diversity, Gamma Sigma Sigma and Student Council, Greek Council, Kappa Delta Pi, Tour Guide, Orientation Leaders

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**Alpha Phi Alpha**  
*First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All*

- **UWG Founding Date:** July 21, 2008  
- **National Founding Date:** December 4, 1906  
- **Colors:** Black and Old Gold  
- **Symbol & Flower:** Great Sphinx of Giza, Yellow Rose  
- **National Website:** alpha-phi-alpha.com  
- **National Philanthropies:** Project Alpha, A Voteless People is a Hopeless People, Go-To-High School, Go-to-College, March of Dimes, and Brother’s Keeper  
- **Local Philanthropy:** Carrollton Boys and Girls Club  
- **Campus Involvement:** Student Government Association, Student Activities Council, Black Men With Initiative, Peer Educator, Students in Free Enterprise, Management Club, Phi Sigma Pi, MAP, Greek Council, African Student Association, AMSA, Sports Management Society, Student Ambassadors, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Who’s Who, Alpha Lambda Delta, chemistry workshop leaders, SIFE, Up ‘Til Dawn, Order of Omega
Delta Sigma Theta
Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom

UWG Founding Date: May 26, 1973
National Founding Date: January 13, 1913
Colors: Crimson and Creme
Symbol & Flower: Fortitude, African Violet
National Website: deltasigmatheta.org
National Philanthropy: Delta Research and Educational Foundation
Campus Involvement: MAP award winners, Student Activities Council, Women of Diversity

Iota Phi Theta
Building a Tradition, Not Resting Upon One

UWG Founding Date: July 27, 2004
National Founding Date: September 19, 1963
Colors: Charcoal Brown and Guilded Gold
Symbol & Flower: Centaur, Yellow Rose
National Website: iotaphitheta.org
National Philanthropy: IOTA Youth Alliance
Local Philanthropy: Positive Response
Campus Involvement: H.I.V. Awareness, NPHC, NAACP, Freeverse, Positive Response, UTV
**Omega Psi Phi**

Friendship is Essential to the Soul

UWG Founding Date: December 19, 1976
National Founding Date: November 17, 1911
Colors: Royal Purple and Old Gold
Symbol & Flower: Bulldog, African Violet
National Website: omegapsiphifraternity.org
National Philanthropies: National Merit Scholarship, NAACP, National March of Dimes
Local Philanthropies: Boys and Girls Club, Carroll County Housing Authority
Campus Involvement: Clothes drive, Safe Treat, Yard Show, Step Show

**Phi Beta Sigma**

Culture for Service and Service for Humanity

UWG Founding Date: March 28, 1982
National Founding Date: January 9, 1914
Colors: Royal Blue and Pure White
Symbol & Flower: Dove, White Carnation
National Website: phibetasigma1914.org
National Philanthropy: Bigger and Better Business, Social Action and Education
Local Philanthropy: March of Dimes
**Sigma Gamma Rho**
Greater Service, Greater Progress

- **UWG Founding Date:** February 24, 1989
- **National Founding Date:** November 12, 1922
- **Colors:** Royal Blue and Antique Gold
- **Symbol & Flower:** French Toy Poodle, Yellow Tea Rose
- **National Website:** sgho1922.org
- **National Philanthropy:** March of Dimes
- **Local Philanthropies:** Vision Walk

**Zeta Phi Beta**
A Community-Conscious, Action-Oriented Organization

- **UWG Founding Date:** May 8, 1987
- **National Founding Date:** January 16, 1920
- **Colors:** Royal Blue and Pure White
- **Symbol & Flower:** Dove, White Rose
- **National Website:** zphib1920.org
- **National Philanthropy:** March of Dimes
- **Local Philanthropy:** Ladies of the Dove Mentor Program
- **Campus Involvement:** Along with monthly community service and informative programs, SAC, NAACP, Mass Communications Society, Residence Life and BSA
Kappa Alpha Psi
Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor

UWG Founding Date: March 29, 2016
National Founding Date: January 5, 1911
Colors: Crimson and Cream
Symbol & Flower: Diamond, Red Carnation
National Website: kappaalphapsi1911.com
National Philanthropy: Guide Right
Local Philanthropies: The Big Event

UWG GREEK HISTORY

Fall 1967 – Phi Sigma Delta was the first local social sorority to be established at West Georgia (later became Delta Delta Delta)

January 1968 – The Cavaliers became the first local social fraternity at West Georgia (later became Pi Kappa Alpha)

December 1970 – Delta Kappa (local fraternity) became an official colony of Sigma Nu, establishing them as the first fraternity at West Georgia to accept a bid from a national social fraternity.

February 1971 – Phi Mu chartered (Gamma Phi Chapter)

April 1971 – Kappa Sigma chartered (Lambda Delta Chapter) from Sigma Alpha Omega (local fraternity)

April 1971 – Alpha Gamma Delta chartered (Gamma Tau Chapter)

April 1971 – Kappa Delta chartered (Delta Psi Chapter)

April 1971 – Delta Delta Delta chartered, stemming from the colony Phi Sigma Delta, (Beta Iota Chapter)

May 1971 – Chi Omega chartered (Phi Kappa Chapter)

June 1971 – Tau Kappa Epsilon chartered (Xi Theta Chapter) (re-chartered on May 7, 1988)

November 1971 – Alpha Tau Omega chartered (Eta Phi Chapter)

March 1972 – Phi Beta Sigma chartered (Phi Chi Chapter)

April 1972 – Sigma Nu chartered (Theta Pi Chapter) from Delta Kappa

April 1972 – Pi Kappa Alpha chartered the Eta Sigma Chapter (previously Cavaliers)

May 1973 – Chi Phi chartered (Alpha Zeta Chapter)

May 1973 – Delta Sigma Theta chartered (Kappa Delta Chapter) (re-chartered 2010)

May 1975 – Kappa Alpha Psi chartered (Theta Kappa Chapter)

May 1976 – Alpha Kappa Alpha chartered (Kappa Tau Chapter) (re-chartered November 2010)

March 1976 – Order of Omega founded (Theta Epsilon Chapter)

May 1976 – Zeta Phi Beta chartered (Epsilon Xi Chapter)

February 1979 – Alpha Xi Delta chartered (Zeta Omega Chapter)

February 1989 – Sigma Gamma Rho chartered (Lambda Epsilon Chapter)

September 1979 – Kappa Alpha Order chartered (Theta Kappa Chapter)

April 2000 – Pi Kappa Phi chartered (Theta Beta Chapter)

September 2003 – Phi Lambda Lambda founded (Theta Delta Chapter)

July 2004 – Iota Phi Theta chartered (Epsilon Xi Chapter)

April 2005 – Delta Chi chartered (West GA Chapter)

July 2008 – Alpha Phi Alpha chartered (Eta Chi Chapter)

August 2009 – The Greek Village opens!

April 2011 – Sigma Kappa chartered (Kappa Tau Chapter)

December 2013 – Sigma Chi chartered (Sigma Chi Pi Colony)

November 2014 – Delta Zeta chartered (Pi Phi chapter)

March 2015 – Phi Delta Theta chartered (Georgia Eta Colony)

March 2016 – Phi Delta Theta chartered (GeorgiaEta Colony)
The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is the newest council to join Fraternity and Sorority Life. MGC consists of two organizations: Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc. (known as the Lambdas), and Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc (known as LTA).

Lambda Theta Phi is the first and largest Latin Fraternity founded on December 1st, 1975 and Lambda Theta Alpha is the first Latin Sorority, also founded in 1975. Respectively, these organizations partake in many events on campus such as community service, strolling, saluting (a form of dance that is unique to these organizations), and educating the campus about Latin culture. Don’t worry, you don’t have to be of Latin descent to join these organizations! Both organizations welcome those from all walks of life to join. Typically, Lambda Theta Alpha and Lambda Theta Phi do not allow first semester freshmen to join so that you are able to become accustomed to college life and academics first.

Meet The Lambdas
Follow us on social media for upcoming dates!

Facebook UWG Multicultural Greek Council
Twitter @UWGMGC
Lambda Theta Alpha

Unity, Love and Respect

UWG Founding Date: April 12, 2014
National Founding Date: December 1975
Colors: Burgundy and Grey
Symbol & Flower: La Luna, La Concha, La Perla, La Palma
National Website: lambdalady.org
National Philanthropy: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

Lambda Theta Phi

Chivalry Above Self

UWG Founding Date: July 8, 2012
National Founding Date: December 1, 1975
Colors: Brown and White
Symbol & Flower: Conquistador, White Carnation
National Website: lambdal1975.org
National Philanthropies: American Heart Association
Local Philanthropy: Keep Carroll Beautiful
Greek Village
Building Traditions Together

The University of West Georgia is fortunate to have a beautiful Greek Village right on campus. Residents in the Village are perfectly placed steps from class while living with their fellow brothers and sisters. The Greek Village features 15 facilities and houses over 250 students and is managed by Housing and Residence Life and the various fraternity and sorority house corporations. The Village is a place where Greek organizations can create a unique community that helps create stronger bonds both between members and their respective organizations.

westga.edu/housing

Cost to Join
Membership Dues

Please note that there is a financial commitment associated with joining a fraternity or sorority. In order to operate, chapters charge membership dues once a month or once a semester. During your new member or pledge period, you may be asked to pay an initiation or pledge fee. Don’t worry, this is a one time fee and secures your membership with the chapter’s national headquarters. Fraternity and sorority members with houses in the Greek Village have the opportunity to live in the chapter house after you have completed your freshman residency requirement. A comprehensive fee is charged to all initiated greek members not living in Greek Village per semester by Housing and Residence Life. This fee is $225 a semester and will appear on your tuition, fees and charges from UWG. This fee will allow access to your organization’s house and support the cost of all common living spaces inside your house such as the chapter room, kitchen, office, etc.
The right to...

- be treated as an individual.
- be fully informed about the recruitment process.
- ask questions and receive true and objective answers from recruitment counselors and chapter members.
- be treated with respect.
- be treated as a capable and mature person without being patronized.
- have and express opinions about recruitment counselors.
- have inviolable confidentiality when sharing information with recruitment counselors.
- make informed choices without undue pressure from others.
- be fully informed about the binding agreements implicit in the acceptance and card signing.
- make one’s own choice and decision and accept full responsibility for the results of that decision.
- have a positive, safe and enriching recruitment and new member experience.

Potential New Member Bill of Rights

In order to participate in recruitment or intake, a first-time university student must have a 2.0 UWG adjusted GPA from high school, and UWG (or transfer) students must have a 2.0 University GPA based on a minimum of 12 hours of non-developmental University work. However, both the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils suggest that students have a minimum of 2.2 GPA because some fraternities and sororities cannot extend bids to students who have below a 2.2 UWG adjusted GPA. Each chapter has its own guidelines however, and some have requirements as high as a 2.7 GPA. The average GPA required by NPHC chapters is a 2.5; however, some also require a higher GPA. A student must maintain full-time student status (minimum of 12 credit hours, 9 for summer) during his/her new member period.

The Center for Student Involvement administers these policies. If you have questions or would like to receive a copy of the complete policy governing Greek Organizations, contact the Center for Student Involvement in the Campus Center.

Georgia law requires that individuals be 21 years of age or older in order to possess or consume alcoholic beverages. The University of West Georgia enforces this law. For additional information on a student’s personal responsibility regarding alcoholic beverages, see the Student Conduct Code, Appendix A. The university’s complete alcoholic beverage policy is available at westga.edu/health/index_4659.php

Academic Requirements for Social Greeks

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Hazing Statement
Doesn’t fraternity and sorority life take up a lot of time? Greek membership takes as much time as you are willing to invest. Whether it be a community service project, social event, or sporting event you will have choices outside of mandatory events as decided by each chapter. Members have learned to balance their time wisely along with school work, a job and significant others.

Will being in a Greek organization affect my grades negatively? UWG prides itself on high standards of academic achievements. Each organization has GPA requirements above adequate levels recommended by the university. Fraternities and sororities also hold study sessions, academic award ceremonies and more. Half of our Greek chapters are above the all-university average.

What are the benefits of joining? Supportive friends, leadership opportunities, philanthropic projects, community service, career opportunities and becoming a part of a worldwide network are just a few of the wonderful opportunities that you will have as a Greek at UWG. This only begins to describe how a fraternity or sorority will positively affect your life...and membership is for life!

FAQS

MORE QUESTIONS?
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678-839-6526
westga.edu/gogreek

IT’S ALL GREEK TO ME
Greek Glossary

Alumn(i)ae An initiated fraternity or sorority member who has graduated from college or withdrawn from the campus.

Bid A formal invitation to membership in a fraternity or sorority.

Chapter The local collegiate group of a national fraternity or sorority.

COB (Continuous Open Bidding) The period outside of formal recruitment when a fraternity or a sorority with membership may extend bids.

Collegian/Collegiate A formally initiated member of a fraternity or sorority.

Formal Recruitment A period of structured membership selection at the University of West Georgia.

Fraternity A name applying to all Greek Letter organizations by ritual, pin and strong ties to friendship and moral principles. This is more geared to the men.

Greek Any member of a Greek Letter organization (fraternity or sorority).

IFC (Interfraternity Council) The governing body of fraternities at UWG.

Informational (NPHC) When an individual goes to a meeting to gain insight about an organization.

Intake A process that an individual goes through to become a recognized member of a NPHC organization.

Initiation A formal ceremony that brings about the transition from new members to initiated members.

Legacy A sister, daughter or granddaughter of a sorority member.

Line An NPHC term somewhat equal to a pledge class.


Neophyte New member of an NPHC or MGC organization.

New member (Aspirant) A person who has promised to join a fraternity or sorority, but has not been initiated.

MGC (Multicultural Greek Council) The newest council at UWG catered to culturally based organizations.

Panhellenic (National Panhellenic Council) The governing body of the sororities at a college or university, consisting of representatives from each sorority on campus.

Philanthropy A service project or charity undertaken by sorority/fraternity chapters on a campus, community or national level.

Pin/Badge The active pin is worn on the chest designating an initiated member of a certain chapter. A new member pin is similar and is used to designate a new member of a chapter.

Quota The specified number of new members each sorority can accept.

Recommendation A letter written by a member of the fraternity or sorority recommending men or women for membership. Also known as reference.

Sorority A Greek organization of women that emphasizes leadership and personal development, banded together for education, philanthropic, civic and social purposes.
LEAVE YOUR LEGACY.