

# Discover

{THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN}

*Sorority Life at Texas!*



UNIVERSITY PANHELLENIC COUNCIL  
*twenty fifteen formal recruitment*

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# Welcome Class of 2019 TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN!



We would like to congratulate you on becoming a Longhorn and beginning your exciting time at The University of Texas at Austin. By choosing to go through recruitment, you will open yourself up to countless opportunities and will meet and connect with many unique individuals.

The Longhorn State of Mind is embodied in our university's core values of Individual Opportunity, Responsibility, Learning, Discovery, Freedom, and Leadership. Students should feel empowered to bring life to the core values that will help them succeed at UT Austin. We encourage you to read this guide to help you better understand what the Panhellenic community can offer and help you decide if going through recruitment is right for you. If you have further questions, feel free to visit [www.texaspanhellenic.com](http://www.texaspanhellenic.com) or email us at [texaspanhellenic.recruitment@gmail.com](mailto:texaspanhellenic.recruitment@gmail.com).

## Hook 'em!

# Sorority & Fraternity Life at Texas

The Sorority and Fraternity Community at the university is made up of 72 registered sororities and fraternities organized within six governing councils and representing 15% of the undergraduate student body at UT Austin. Joining a Panhellenic sorority will allow you to be part of this larger community that is strongly connected to the University and the Austin community.



## National Panhellenic Conference and University Panhellenic Council

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) was created in 1902 to promote sorority unity. Today there are 26 fraternal organizations affiliated with NPC which are represented on over 620 college campuses in the US and Canada.

When you join one of the 14 NPC sororities at Texas, you also become a member of the University Panhellenic Council (UPC) which has over 3,200 members, making us the largest women's organization on campus! UPC serves as the governing body for the fourteen NPC sororities and is run by a student executive board. UPC promotes equality and establishes guidelines that govern membership recruitment, social activities, publicity, and member responsibilities.

Alpha Chi Omega - AXΩ  
 Alpha Delta Pi - ΑΔΠ  
 Alpha Epsilon Phi - ΑΕΦ  
 Alpha Phi - ΑΦ  
 Alpha Xi Delta - ΑΞΔ  
 Chi Omega - ΧΩ  
 Delta Delta Delta - ΔΔΔ



Delta Gamma - ΔΓ  
 Kappa Alpha Theta - ΚΑΘ  
 Kappa Delta - ΚΔ  
 Kappa Kappa Gamma - ΚΚΓ  
 Pi Beta Phi - ΠΒΦ  
 Sigma Delta Tau - ΣΔΤ  
 Zeta Tau Alpha - ΖΤΑ



# About the University Panhellenic Council

## SCHOLARSHIP

Studies have shown that students who are members of sororities and fraternities are more likely to graduate compared to students who are not affiliated. Beginning as a new member all the way to graduation, sororities encourage, develop, and maintain academic success.

### Fall 2014 Chapter GPAs

All New Member GPA: 3.34

All Panhellenic GPA: 3.41

All University Women GPA: 3.24

All University GPA: 3.20

## ORDER OF OMEGA HONOR SOCIETY

This organization was created to recognize outstanding junior and senior sorority and fraternity women and men who have excelled in academics and leadership endeavors both in their chapters and on campus. UPC distributes \$14,000 in

scholarships to sorority members each year.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE & PHILANTHROPY

Helping people in need and doing things for the community is an integral part of Panhellenic life and is reinforced throughout your time as a sorority member. Through philanthropy, social awareness and community service, UPC member sororities have raised over \$225,000 each year for national and local charities.

In addition to hosting and sponsoring philanthropy events, sororities:

- Volunteer at local shelters.
- Tutor at elementary schools
- Host various donation drives



## FOURTEEN SORORITIES UNITE FOR ONE CAUSE

This year, the University Panhellenic Council partnered with the UT Men's Basketball to pack the student section in support of The Circle of Sisterhood.

## LEADERSHIP

One of the top priorities of our sorority community is giving members a number of positions to sharpen their leadership skills. Sororities provide a solid foundation in leadership training and networking to prepare members for the demands and responsibilities needed in their future careers.

Leadership Opportunities Include:

- Chapter Executive Board and Committees
- University Panhellenic Council Executive Board and Committees
- Order of Omega Honor Society Executive Council or Committees
- Texas Leadership Summit Executive Board or Facilitator
- The CHANGE Institute: Transforming Self And Community

Panhellenic Women are involved in recognized and respected groups on campus such as:

- Student Government and Senate of College Councils
- Orange Jackets and other spirit organizations
- Texas Cheer & Pom
- UT Athletics
- Professional and Academic organizations

## SISTERHOOD

The spirit of our sorority community makes our large campus seem smaller and more like home. Sorority chapters at Texas provide a diverse selection of events that will enrich your social life and take you beyond the daily routine of class, working and studying. Formals, casuals, date events, and chapter retreats support the goal of bringing members together to develop the bonds of friendship. Regardless of the chapter you join, the friendships that are formed within your sorority and with others in the community are life long.



## PROGRAMMING & EDUCATION

Panhellenic plans events for the Panhellenic Community to educate our members on topics such as leadership and risk management as well as, partner with other councils to encourage unity.

UPC brings an educational speaker to cover various topics relevant to college students each semester. A common theme has been safety where speakers have taught us how to be more aware of our surroundings with some simple selfdefense techniques.

Greek Grub - In the spring each governing council works together to create this lunch event for the sorority and fraternity community. It is a true community event with music, food, and socializing!





# Membership Expectations

## STATEMENT ON ALCOHOL AND HAZING:

The University Panhellenic Council does not tolerate the use of illegal substances and expect all associated to abide by city, state, and federal laws.

*According to the UPC Constitution, alcohol is not to be served to minors under any circumstances (Article VXI. Social Affairs Guidelines, Section D, 2, d). No members, collectively or individually, shall purchase for, serve to, or sell alcoholic beverages to any minor (i.e., those under legal drinking age). Additionally, all UPC organizations have national policies that prohibit the use of alcohol at any and all recruitment and new member activities.*

Hazing is commonly defined as any action taken or situation created to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. The State of Texas, The University of Texas at Austin, National Panhellenic Conference, and every UPC organization has adopted anti-hazing legislation or policies. The fact that a person consented or acquiesced in a hazing activity is not a defense under the law. If you are subjected to hazing you must, according to state law, report it to the Office of the Dean of Students. Organizations that haze are not worth your consideration and are dangerous.



# NOT ON MY CAMPUS

Not on my campus is a completely student-led movement dedicated to breaking the silence surrounding sexual assault, providing support for survivors and educating students about the resources available for survivors at our University.

Not On My Campus aims to create a college community that stands together against sexual assault.



## Class of 2019, JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

#1.

Sign the pledge at the link:  
[tinyurl.com/NOMCTEXAS](http://tinyurl.com/NOMCTEXAS)

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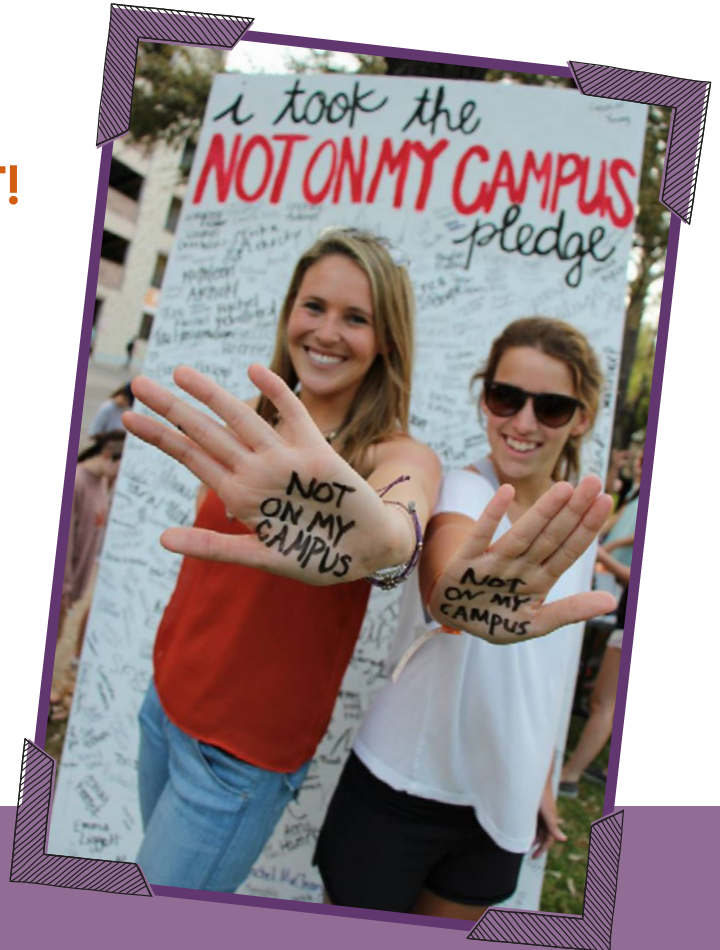
#2.

Take a picture with the words  
"Not On My Campus" written  
on your hand

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#3.

Post your picture on social  
media using the hashtag  
#notonmycampusUT



Follow us on social media

Facebook: Not On My CampusTheUniversity of Texas

Instagram: NotonmycampusUT



# Financial

## REQUIRED FEES

Chapter fees fund various activities of the organization such as academic programs, service activities, national dues and lifetime membership. The ranges below include dues, room, and board information:

- New Member Fall Semester \$1450.00 / \$2372.50
- New Member Spring Semester \$1231.80 / \$1921.00
- Active Member – In House \$4385.00 / \$6118.75
- Active Member – Out of House \$1185.70 / \$1635.00

## ADDITIONAL/OPTIONAL FEES

Additional costs throughout the semester may include:

- Parking at the chapter house
- Meal plans
- Gifts, merchandise
- Social events

\*parking availability and cost will vary by chapter

Please note that when you become a new member of a sorority, you are affiliating with that organization. If at any time you decide to disaffiliate, you may still be held responsible for fees or payments required to fulfill your contract with the organization

During formal recruitment, a potential member should ask sorority members about financial obligations, payment options, and if they offer scholarships. Each sorority sets its own fees, housing costs, and payment schedule.

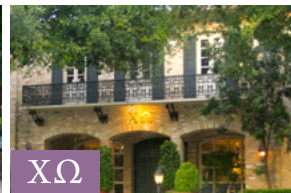


# Chapter Houses

Once you have accepted membership to a sorority at UT Austin, new members remain in the residence halls or apartments on or off campus during their first year of membership. Typically, sorority members do not move in the chapter house until their sophomore, junior or senior year. Nearly all groups have an expectation that members will live in the chapter facility at some point during their time as an active member.

Benefits Include:

- Full time, live in House Directors
- Complete residential facilities, serving all meals during the week
- Alcohol-free policies exist for all sorority houses
- Regular fire and safety inspections
- Security provided in all houses
- Competitive with west campus living prices and location



# About Recruitment

Formal recruitment involves the 14 National Panhellenic Conference chapters at The University of Texas at Austin. A woman is eligible to participate in recruitment and join a sorority if she is enrolled at the university and has been granted full-time status. she must not be an initiated member of any National Panhellenic Conference sorority.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Visit [www.texaspanhellenic.com](http://www.texaspanhellenic.com) to register online and upload a photo so we can put a face to your name on the first day of recruitment! Pay online or by mail and make your check or money order payable to University Panhellenic Council and mail to:

University Panhellenic Council  
Attn: UPC President  
100 West Dean Keeton, A5800  
Austin, Texas 78712



## REGISTRATION TIMELINE:

#1.

\$95 if paid online  
by 11:59 p.m. or  
postmarked by  
*July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

#2.

\$125 if paid online or  
postmarked after  
*July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

#3.

*August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015*  
at 11:59 p.m.  
registration ends  
for The University  
Panhellenic Council  
Recruitment 2015



## RECRUITMENT AT A GLANCE

<b>OPENING CONVOCATION</b> Hogg Auditorium 6-7:30 pm 8-9:30 pm (Mandatory) 17	<b>OPEN HOUSE DAY 1</b> 10 am-7 pm 18	<b>OPEN HOUSE DAY 2</b> 9 am-2:30 pm <b>CHAPTER SELECTION</b> Concludes 4 pm 19	<b>MEET W/ RECRUITMENT COUNSELORS</b> 11 am <b>PHILANTHROPY DAY 1</b> 12 - 9:35 pm 20
<b>PHILANTHROPY DAY 2</b> 8:30am-4:15 pm <b>CHAPTER SELECTION</b> Concludes 5:30 pm 21	<b>MEET W/ RECRUITMENT COUNSELORS</b> 12:30 pm <b>SKIT NIGHT</b> 1:45-10:15 pm <b>CHAPTER SELECTION</b> Concludes 11:30 pm 22	<b>MEET W/ RECRUITMENT COUNSELORS</b> 3:30 pm <b>PREFERENCE NIGHT</b> 4:45 - 9:45 pm <b>CHAPTER SELECTION</b> Concludes 12 am 23	<b>BID DAY</b> Hogg Auditorium 5 pm 24

### MEETINGS WITH RECRUITMENT COUNSELORS:

Each round you will begin your day by meeting with your recruitment counselor group. This is the time when you will receive your invitations and event schedules for that day. Due to time limitations, it may be advisable for you to dress for the recruitment events prior to attending this meeting.

### CHAPTER SELECTION:

After you have attended all of the events on your schedule, you will participate in Chapter Selection. This process should be completed immediately after your last event without making any stops to change clothes or make phone calls. You will use this time to select the chapter(s) you would like to visit again the next day. This selection will first be filled out on a worksheet and then submitted on a computer after which you may return to your residence hall.

### IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. Register with the University Panhellenic Council in order to participate in Formal Recruitment at [www.texaspanhellenic.com](http://www.texaspanhellenic.com).
2. Attend Opening Convocation and all events to which you are invited. In the event of illness or other emergency, notify your Recruitment Counselor or a member of the recruitment team.
3. An unexcused absence from any event will result in **AUTOMATIC DISMISSAL** from the recruitment process.
4. Wear comfortable shoes or bring flip flops and change into heels when you reach your destination. It is Texas, so please expect it to be hot.
5. Cell phone use is not permitted during ANY scheduled Panhellenic recruitment event. Any usage outside of emergency purposes will result in removal for the day. We would prefer for you to **NOT** bring cell phones to events, as we will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items.

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Reference and recommendation letters must be written by sorority alumnae members. This allows each chapter to become familiar with potential new members and tells us all about a potential new members interests and involvement. Letters of recommendation are optional, but encouraged to allow the chapters to get to know you before formal recruitment begins!

Two ways to obtain a reference or recommendation:

**REGISTER WITH YOUR LOCAL ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC** - This will provide you with an opportunity to gain assistance in getting reference letters, possibly meet sorority alumnae in your area, and attend a recruitment information session. Most Alumnae Panhellenic Associations start collecting registration forms in early spring.

- Go to your local Panhellenic Alumnae chapter online. This will give you contact information for an alumna in each chapter to ask to write your recommendation.

**PERSONALLY ASK AN ALUMNA TO WRITE A LETTER OR FILL OUT THE NATIONAL FORM ON YOUR BEHALF** - Once an alumna has offered or been asked to write a reference, she may request some information from you.

- The alumna writing the reference is solely responsible for obtaining the appropriate form from her national organization, completing the form, and mailing it to the chapter.

Reference and recommendation letters **do not guarantee** a bid for membership. Many of our sororities require a reference from an alumna member of their sorority before a woman can join, however they are not essential for every sorority. **Please mail all letters directly to the chapter house.**

If you or a sorority alumna has questions regarding references, please direct them to contact their national headquarters or Sorority and Fraternity Life at (512) 471-9700.





## RECRUITMENT CONTACT & SILENCE POLICIES

UPC has strict policies throughout the summer which restrict contacting and being contacted by women currently in sororities at UT Austin. The following rules apply to any female interested in joining a Panhellenic sorority.

- Potential new members (PNMs) may not attend any organized sorority function outside of formal recruitment events.
- No oral or written invitations can be made to a potential new member by a sorority member or representative (alumna or other) to attend any activity or social function.
- PNMs may not be contacted in any way by active or alumna members. This includes telephone calls, letters, facebook messages, and gifts of any sort.
- PNMs are strongly discouraged from attending any fraternity activities throughout the summer.
- Attendance at fraternity parties is not allowed during recruitment in August.

Strict silence is enforced between the time of the last preference event on Sunday, August 24th until the end of Bid Day on MONDAY, August 25th. Any contact made between a sorority member (active or alumna) is strictly forbidden and will lead to dismissal from the recruitment process. This includes alumnae relatives.



# Recruitment Counselors

Women participating in formal recruitment will be assigned to a recruitment group led by four recruitment counselors. A recruitment counselor is a current sorority member and unbiased mentor during formal recruitment. Recruitment counselors are women chosen from each of our sorority chapters. They will not be able to reveal which sorority they belong to. Because of this, they will be able to answer any questions you may have throughout the week of recruitment in order to help you decide which sorority is the best fit for you!



## Potential New Members Bill of Rights

1. The right to ask questions and receive true objective answers from recruitment counselors and members.
2. The right to ask how and why and receive straight answers.
3. The right to have and express opinions to recruitment counselors.
4. The right to have unbreakable confidentiality when sharing information with recruitment counselors.
5. The right to make one's own choices and decision and accept full responsibility for the results of the decision.
6. The right to have a positive, safe, and enriching recruitment and new member experience.

*If at any time you feel that you are not being treated according to the precepts outlined here, contact your Recruitment Counselor at once. With your permission, your Recruitment Counselor should then inform the Panhellenic Council of the issue and take immediate and appropriate action to rectify the situation.*







# Opening Convocation

RECRUITMENT WEEK: ROUND BY ROUND

MONDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> • START TIME: 6PM OR 8 PM



**WHAT HAPPENS:** This is the time where you will meet your Recruitment Counselor and the Panhellenic Recruitment Team. We will go over the entire week's schedule, and you will receive your t-shirts for the open house round. Each consecutive day you will have convocation meetings with your recruitment counselors. At these meetings you receive your event schedules for that round.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Casual attire on August 17th. As the week continues you will want to dress for your recruitment events prior to the scheduled meeting.



# Open House

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> & WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>

EVENT LENGTH: 25 MINUTES EACH



**WHAT HAPPENS:** This round of events focuses on the importance and excitement of "Going Greek!" Every PNM will visit 14 chapters over two days. You will walk from house to house with your Recruitment Counselors and recruitment group and become acquainted with each house.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Recruitment T-shirts (you will receive these at Opening Convocation), Khaki shorts and tennis shoes are suggested.



# Philanthropy Day

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> & FRIDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>  
EVENT LENGTH: 35 MINUTES EACH



**WHAT HAPPENS:** This round of events focuses on each chapters' community service or philanthropy. You may attend up to ten events over these two days. At each chapter you visit, you will participate in a small project that will benefit each chapter's local or national philanthropy. Chapters will provide information about their philanthropy and chapter community service events.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Comfortable daytime dress or skirt, comfortable sandals, wedges, or flats. NO denim or flip flops.

Dresses provided by:

*c.jane*

# Skit Night

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>

EVENT LENGTH: 45 MINUTES EACH



**WHAT HAPPENS:** This is where each chapter is able to share their personality through entertainment. You may attend up to six events this day. Each chapter will perform a skit that will showcase their personality and values.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Attire is a little more dressy than daytime dresses but not formal.

Dresses provided by:

*c.jane*

# Preference Night

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>

EVENT LENGTH: 1 HOUR EACH



**WHAT HAPPENS:** This round is the most formal and personal round in the recruitment process. You may attend up to three events this day. These events focus on the core aspects of sorority life, including sisterhood, friendship and ritual. This is your last chance to interact with chapter members.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Cocktail dress (typically black)

Dresses provided by:

*c.jane*

# Bid Day

MONDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>  
START TIME: 5PM



**WHAT HAPPENS:** All potential new members will gather at Hogg Auditorium on campus to receive their sorority bid. You will then be invited back to the house of your sorority to participate in fun activities such as pictures, dinner, and "get-to-know-you" games. These activities vary by chapter.

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Comfortable daytime dress or skirt, comfortable sandals, wedges, or flats. NO denim or flip flops.

Dresses provided by:

*c.jane*



# ALPHA CHI OMEGA



Nickname: Alpha Chi

National Website: [www.alphachiomega.org](http://www.alphachiomega.org)

Local Website: [texasaxo.com](http://texasaxo.com)

Founded: October 15, 1885

DePauw University, Greencastle, IN

UT Chapter Founded: Alpha Phi Chapter, 1924

New Member Program: 8 weeks

Flower: Red Carnation

Symbol: Lyre

Colors: Scarlet and Olive Green

Motto: *Together let us seek the heights*

Mascot: Koala Bear

Philanthropy: Domestic Violence Awareness



# ALPHA DELTA PI



Nickname: A-D-Pi

National Website: [www.alphadeltapi.org](http://www.alphadeltapi.org)

Local Website: [www.texasadpi.com](http://www.texasadpi.com)

Founded: May 15, 1851

Wesleyan Female College, Macon, GA

UT Chapter Founded: Delta Chapter, 1906

New Member Program: 10 weeks

Mascot: Lion

Flower: Woodland Violet

Symbol: Diamond

Colors: Azure Blue and White

Motto: *We live for each other*

Philanthropy: The Ronald McDonald House

# ALPHA EPSILON PHI



Nickname: A-E-Phi, Phi

National Website: [www.aephi.org](http://www.aephi.org)

Founded: October 24, 1909  
Barnard College, New York, NY

UT Chapter Founded: Omega Chapter, 1925

New Member Program: 8 weeks

Mascot: Giraffe

Flower: Lily of the Valley

Symbol: Pearl

Colors: Green and White

Motto: *Multa Corda, Una Causa*  
(Many Hearts, One Purpose)

Philanthropy: The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric  
AIDS Foundation & Sharsheret



# ALPHA PHI



Nickname: A-Phi (A-Phee)

National Website: [utalphaphi.org](http://utalphaphi.org)

Local Website: [www.texasalphaphi.com](http://www.texasalphaphi.com)

Founded: October 10, 1872

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

UT Chapter Founded: Omega Chapter, 1920

New Member Program: 8 weeks

Mascot: Phi Bear

Flower: Forget-Me-Not

Symbol: Ivy Leaf

Colors: Silver and Bordeaux

Motto: *Union hand in hand*

Philanthropy: Cardiac Care for Women



# ALPHA XI DELTA



Nickname: A-Xi-D

National Website: [www.alphaxidelta.org](http://www.alphaxidelta.org)

Local Website: [texasalphaxidelta.com](http://texasalphaxidelta.com)

Founded: April 17, 1893

Lombard College, Galesburg, IL

UT Chapter Founded: Beta Alpha Chapter, 1929

New Member Program: 8-10 weeks

Mascot: BetXi Bear

Flower: Pink Rose

Symbol: Quill

Colors: Double Blue and Gold

Motto: *Inspiring women to realize their potential*

Philanthropy: Autism Speaks

# CHIΩMEGA



Nickname: Chi-O

National Website: [www.chiomega.com](http://www.chiomega.com)

Local Website: [www.texaschiomega.com](http://www.texaschiomega.com)

Founded: April 5, 1895

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

UT Chapter Founded: Iota Chapter, 1904

New Member Program: 10 weeks

Mascot: Owl

Flower: White Carnation

Symbol: Skull & Cross Bones

Colors: Cardinal & Straw

Motto: *Hellenic Culture & Christian Ideals*

Philanthropy: Make a Wish Foundation



# DELTA DELTA DELTA



Nickname: Tri-Delt(a)

National Website: [www.tridelta.org](http://www.tridelta.org)

Local Website: [www.utexas.trideltas.org](http://www.utexas.trideltas.org)

Founded: November 27, 1888

Boston University, Boston, MA

UT Chapter Founded: Theta Zeta Chapter, 1912

New Member Program: 8 weeks

Mascot: Dolphin

Flower: Pansy

Symbol: Trident, Pearl, Pine Tree

Colors: Silver, Gold and Blue

Motto: *Let us steadfastly love one another*

Philanthropy: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



# DELTA Δ GAMMA



Nickname: D-G

National Website: [www.deltagamma.org](http://www.deltagamma.org)

Local Website: [www.texasdeltagamma.com](http://www.texasdeltagamma.com)

Founded: December 25, 1873

Lewis School for Girls, Oxford, MS

UT Chapter Founded: Beta Eta Chapter, 1939

New Member Program: 8 weeks

Mascot: Hannah (Raggedy Ann)

Flower: Cream-Colored Rose

Symbol: Anchor

Colors: Bronze, Pink and Blue

Motto: *Do Good*

Philanthropy: Service for Sight

# KAPPA ALPHA THETA



Nickname: Theta

National Website: [www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org)

Local Website: [www.texastheta.org](http://www.texastheta.org)

Founded: January 27, 1870  
DePauw University, Greencastle, IN

UT Chapter Founded: Alpha Theta Chapter, 1904

New Member Program: 6 weeks

Flower: Black and Gold Pansy

Symbol: Kite

Colors: Black and Gold

Philanthropy: Court Appointed Special  
Advocates (CASA)



# KAPPA DELTA



Nickname: K-D

National Website: [www.kappadelta.org](http://www.kappadelta.org)

Local Website: [www.utexas.kappadelta.org](http://www.utexas.kappadelta.org)

Founded: October 23, 1897,  
State Female Normal School, Farmville, VA  
UT Chapter Founded: Sigma Epsilon Chapter, 1921

New Member Program: 6 weeks

New Member Program: 8 weeks

Mascot: Teddy Bear

Flower: White Rose

Symbols: Dagger, Nautilus Shell, Katydid

Colors: Olive Green and Pearl White

Motto: *Let us strive for that which is honorable,  
beautiful and highest.*

Philanthropy: Prevent Child Abuse America  
& Girl Scouts of the USA



# KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA



Nickname: Kappa

National Website: [www.kappakappagamma.org](http://www.kappakappagamma.org)

Local Website: [utexas.kappa.org](http://utexas.kappa.org)

Founded: October 13, 1870

Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL

UT Chapter Founded: Beta Xi Chapter, 1902

New Member Program: 6 weeks

Mascot: Owl

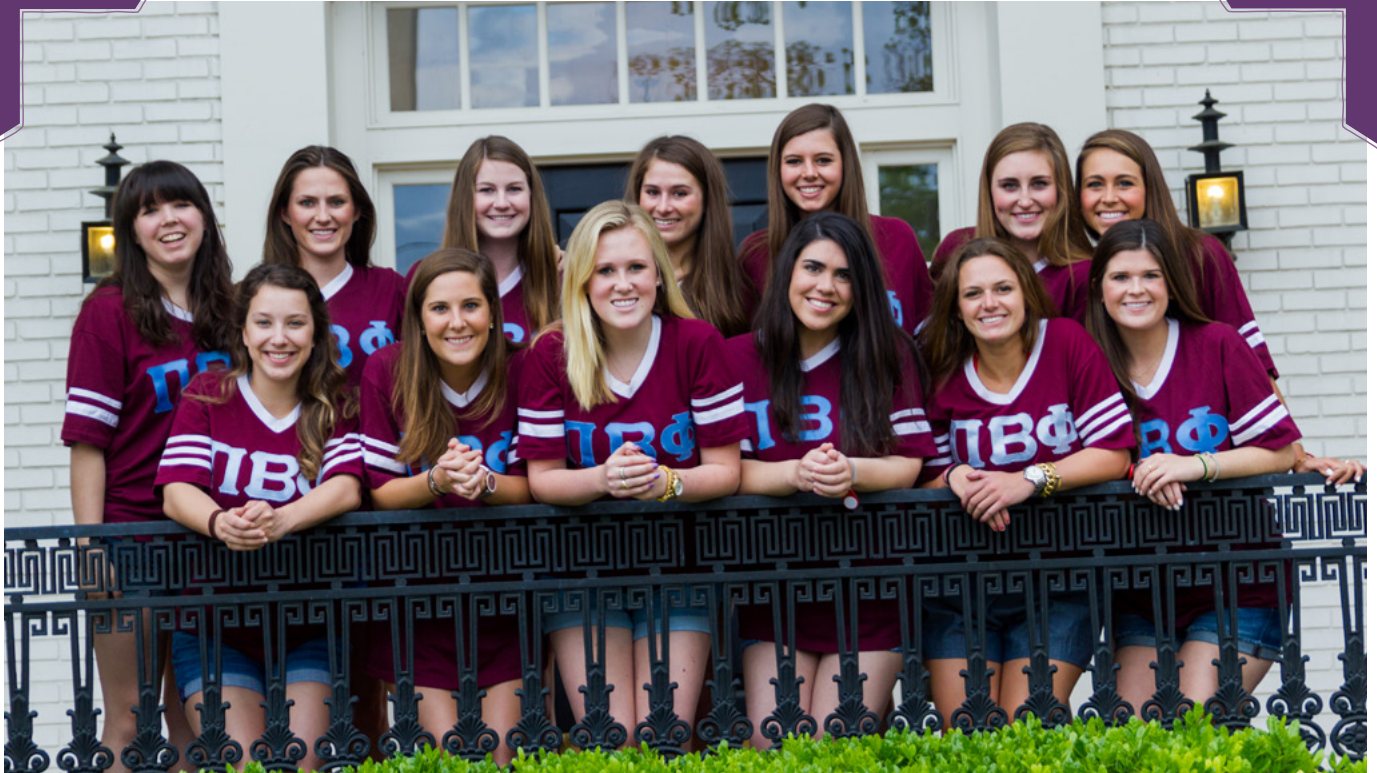
Flower: Fleur-de-lis

Symbol: Key

Colors: Dark and Light Blue

Philanthropy: Reading Is Fundamental

# PI BETA PHI



Nickname: Pi Phi

National Website: [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org)

Local Website: [www.pibetaphi.org/utexas/](http://www.pibetaphi.org/utexas/)

Founded: April 28, 1867

Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL

UT Chapter Founded: Texas Alpha Chapter, 1902

New Member Program: 8 weeks

New Member Program: 8 weeks

Mascot: Angel

Flower: Wine Carnation

Symbol: Arrow

Colors: Wine and Silver Blue

Philanthropy: Literacy



# SIGMA DELTA TAU



Nickname: Sig-Delt

National Website: [www.sigmadeltatau.com](http://www.sigmadeltatau.com)

Local Website: [www.facebook.com/SDTatTexas](http://www.facebook.com/SDTatTexas)

Founded: March 25, 1917

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

UT Chapter Founded: Tau Chapter, 1939

New Member Program: 6 weeks

Mascot: Teddy Bear

Flower: Golden Tea Rose

Symbol: Torch

Colors: Café au Lait and Old Blue

Motto: *Patriae multae spes una*  
(One hope of many people)

Philanthropy: Prevent Child Abuse America



# ZETA TAU ALPHA



Nickname: Zeta

National Website: [www.zetataualpha.org](http://www.zetataualpha.org)

Local Website: [www.utexas.zetataualpha.org](http://www.utexas.zetataualpha.org)

Founded: October 15, 1898

State Female Normal School, Farmville, VA

UT Chapter Founded: Kappa Chapter, 1906

New Member Program: 8 weeks

Mascot: Bunny

Flower: White Violet

Symbols: Crown and Strawberry

Colors: Turquoise Blue and Steel Gray

Motto: *Seek the Noblest*

Philanthropy: Breast Cancer Education and Awareness

# Sorority & Fraternity Terminology

**ACTIVE** – An initiated member of a sorority chapter.

**ALUMNA (PLURAL-AE)** – Any initiated member of a sorority who has graduated from college.

**BADGE** – The pin of an initiated member.

**BID** – A formal invitation to pledge or associate with a chapter.

**BID DAY** – The final day of formal recruitment when the potential new member receives an invitation to join a chapter.

**CONTINUOUS OPEN BIDDING (COB)** – A term for ongoing, informal recruitment. COB bids may be extended and accepted at any time during the school year other than formal recruitment. Not all UPC organizations participate in COB so it is recommended to participate in formal recruitment in order to interact with all sororities.

**FORMAL RECRUITMENT** – A designated membership period during which each NPC sorority holds a series of organized events. Formal Recruitment is implemented and organized by the University Panhellenic Council.

**FRATERNITY** – A social Greek letter brotherhood; the term “fraternity” also applies to some sororities.

**INITIATE** – A fully initiated member of a chapter.

**INITIATION** – A ritual or ceremony in which a new member begins full membership in that specific organization.

**INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC)** – The central governing body for 25 men's fraternities; the IFC holds chapters accountable for the policies and procedures of the council and the University.

**LATINO PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (LPHC)** – The central governing body of the eight predominantly Latino/a based fraternal organizations.

**LEGACY** – A woman whose mother, sister, or in some cases grandmother is an alumna or active member of a sorority. Legacy status varies from one chapter to another.

**MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL (MGC)** – The central governing body for the six organizations that are multicultural by mission.

**NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC)** – The central governing body for the nine historically African American Greek organizations.

**NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC)** – NPC is a conference body composed of 26 national women's fraternities.

**NEW MEMBER** – A member of a Greek letter organization who has not yet been initiated.

**NEW MEMBER PROGRAM** – The time when new members of an organization learn about the chapter.

**PHILANTHROPY** – A charitable project to raise money and awareness for a particular cause sponsored by each chapter on campus.

**POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER (PNM)** – A term used to describe a woman seeking membership in a Panhellenic organization.

**RECOMMENDATIONS AND REFERENCES** – A written letter recommending a potential member for membership signed by an alumna of that particular chapter.

**RECRUITMENT COUNSELOR** – A member of a Panhellenic sorority who disaffiliates during Formal Recruitment and assists PNMs through the recruitment process.

**TEXAS ASIAN PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (TAPC)** - The governing body for the seven Asian-interest Greek organizations.

**UNIVERSITY PANHELLENIC COUNCIL (UPC)** – The central governing body of the 14 NPC sororities on campus that offers services to chapters and the community as a whole.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## *Where do I live during Recruitment Week?*

You will live where you plan to reside during the school year. If living on campus or in an off campus residence hall, you will need to contact your residence hall to make arrangements for an early move in. There may be a prorated cost associated with early move-in.

## *If I am a sophomore, should I go through formal Recruitment?*

We encourage anyone to register and attend Formal Recruitment! The Panhellenic Community has a sophomore quota, which is a process that allows for an increased placement of sophomores in all chapters during formal recruitment.

## *If I am asked to go to dinner or out with a sorority over the summer, should I attend?*

This is called summer recruitment and the UPC policy is that no chapter should engage in summer recruitment activities of any kind. Chapters that do not abide by this policy are breaking the rules and will be subject to sanctions by their national organization. It is wise to think twice about joining a chapter that would knowingly break the rules.

## *What is the time commitment?*

There is a required meeting once a week where you will exchange information on chapter events and fraternity education. Weekly chapter study sessions are a programming option for all members, in addition to events like sisterhood activities, community service projects, and social events. Remember, the more you put into the sorority the more you will get out of it.

## *How long will it take to be initiated?*

Most chapters have moved to a period that ranges from six to ten weeks. The new-member period affords opportunities to meet other members, learn fraternity history and feel at home in the chapter. Each chapter establishes its own new-member program and initiation dates. This is a great question to ask the active members as you meet them during recruitment.

## *What is Spring Recruitment?*

The University Panhellenic Council does not organize a formal spring recruitment, however some chapters continue to recruit and pledge women throughout the school year. Events are organized and scheduled at each chapter's convenience and UPC can keep you updated on the details of these events. If you want the opportunity to interact with all fourteen of our sororities before making your sorority choice, then you should participate in fall formal recruitment.





# DISCOVER AUSTIN!

*{A Bucket List for your Free Time}*

- BASK IN THE LIVE MUSIC
- BEAT THE HEAT AT BARTON SPRINGS
- EAT BRAKFAST TACOS
- CATCH A MOVIE AT THE ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE
- CHECK OUT THE BATS ON THE CONGRESS AVE. BRIDGE
- EAT BARBEQUE
- GET ACTIVE ON TOWN LAKE
- HIKE THE GREENBELT
- MOSEY AROUND SOUTH CONGRESS
- ENJOY ZILKER PARK
- LEARN SOME HISTORY AT THE TEXAS STATE CAPITOL
- WATCH THE SUNSET AT MOUNT BONNELL
- SHOP AT WHOLE FOODS
- TRY FOOD TRAILERS
- HOPDODDY, HOMESLICE, AMY'S ICE CREAM!

# Notes

**Α** ALPHA  
(al-fah)

**Ι** IOTA  
(eye-o-tah)

**Ρ** RHO  
(roe)

**Β** BETA  
(bay-tah)

**Κ** KAPPA  
(cap-ah)

**Σ** SIGMA  
(sig-mah)

**Γ** GAMMA  
(gam mah)

**Λ** LAMBDA  
(lam dah)

**Τ** TAU  
(taw)

**Δ** DELTA  
(delta)

**Μ** MU  
(mew)

**Υ** UPSILON  
(oop si lon)

**Ε** EPSILON  
(ep-si-lon)

**Ν** NU  
(new)

**Φ** PHI  
(fie/fee)

**Ζ** ZETA  
(azay tah)

**Ξ** XI  
(zz-eye)

**Χ** CHI  
(k-eye)

**Η** ETA  
(ay-tay)

**Ο** OMICRON  
(om-e-cron)

**Ψ** PSI  
(sigh)

**Θ** THETA  
(thay-tah)

**Π** PI  
(pie)

**Ω** OMEGA  
(oh-may-gah)



# Let's Reflect!

Are these members interested in the same things I am? \_\_\_\_\_

Are the financial requirements within my means?  
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Do I like their philanthropy? Would I be happy working with it? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the chapter seem to be open to new ideas and care about individual members?  
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Does the amount of time they require from a member seem reasonable to me with what I wish to do in college? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a commitment to academic excellence? Can they help me with my studies? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the chapter provide an environment that will encourage me to grow, learn new skills and develop as an educated woman?  
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Are there members with whom I can share things important to me? \_\_\_\_\_

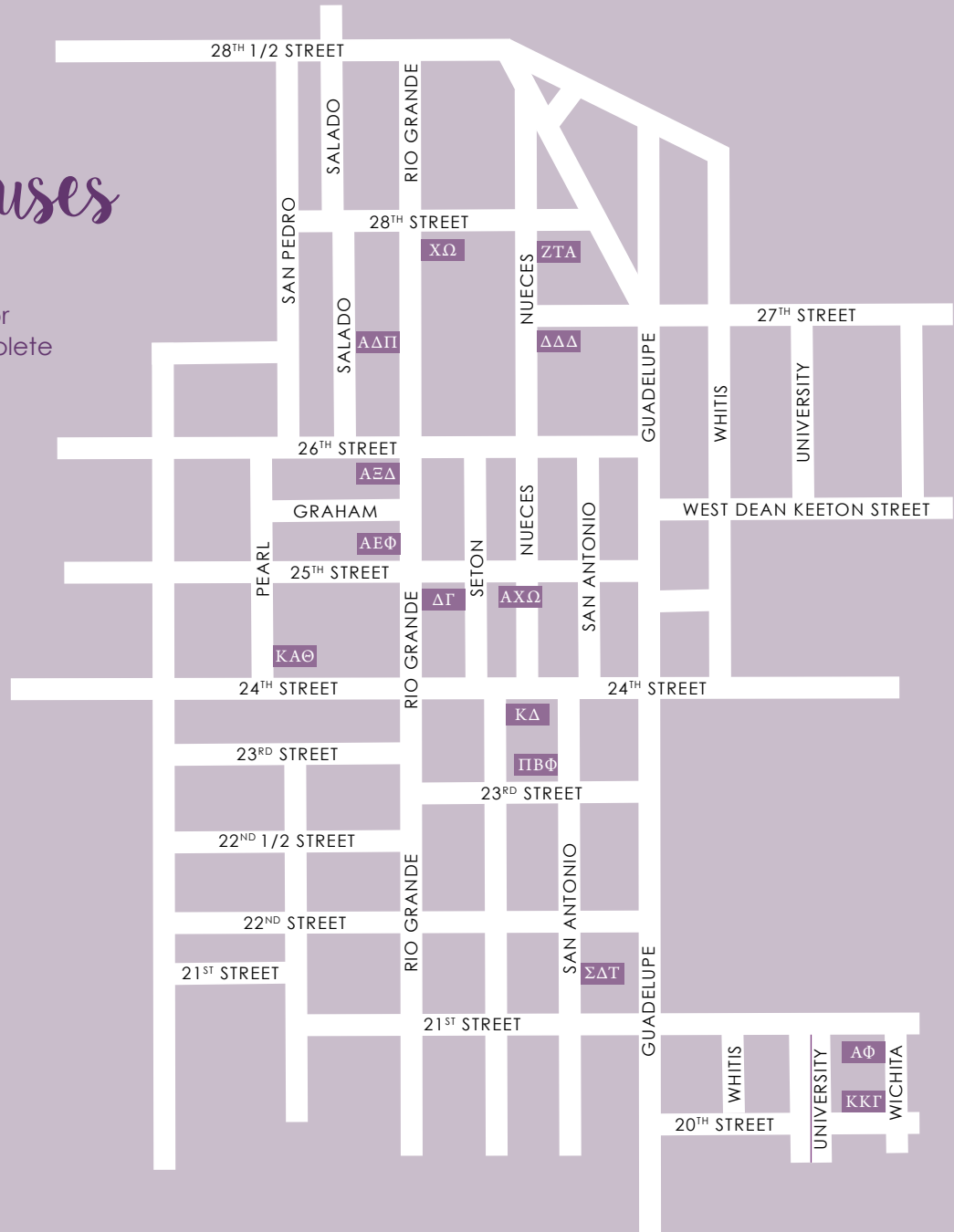
Do I feel at home with this group of women?  
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Do I see myself as a member of this chapter?  
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Would I be happy to be a lifetime member of this chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

# MAP OF Sorority Houses

Please visit our website at [www.texaspanhellenic.com](http://www.texaspanhellenic.com) for more information and to complete the online registration form.



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