Why go Greek?

1. **The high level of camaraderie with fellow members.** The friendships you build through a fraternity or sorority often have a different “feel” to them than other friendships you make during your time in school. Perhaps it’s because of your shared values or your shared experience as members of your Greek organization. Regardless, you’re likely to make strong, personal friendships that can last well past graduation day.

2. **Lots of community service opportunities.** Many Greek organizations are heavily involved in community service. Your Greek chapter may require a certain amount of volunteering each semester or may have an annual event that raises funds for a community non-profit. If you’re interested in giving back during your time in school, a fraternity or sorority can offer you a lot of different options for doing so.

3. **An academic support network.** Even the newest college student knows to ask around when it comes to getting the skinny on classes, professors, and majors. And with the wide range of students that are members of a fraternity or sorority, you instantly have access to all kinds of knowledge about which professors, classes, and departments are the best. Additionally, if you’re struggling in a class, your fraternity brothers or sorority sisters can be a great resource for tutoring and other academic advice.

4. **A professional network after graduation.** Many, if not most, Greek organizations offer networking opportunities to their members long after their college years. You can tap into alumni networks and make professional connections that might not have been available otherwise.

5. **A wide range of leadership opportunities.** Fraternities and sororities require a lot of work given their high levels of involvement and programs. Because of this, there are often multiple leadership opportunities available each year. Even if you’ve never held a leadership position before, testing out your leadership skills within your Greek house can be a great way to develop some skills and give back.

6. **An endless stream of learning opportunities.** One of the best benefits of going Greek is the wide range of learning opportunities you’ll be presented with. You’ll meet all kinds of new people; you’ll participate in all kinds of new experiences; you’ll be presented with all kinds of new ideas. From formal, structured events to casual conversations in the house kitchen, fraternities and sororities are always challenging their members to do, learn, and act more.

7. **An additional housing option.** Not sure if you should live on or off campus next year?

If your fraternity or sorority has a house on or near campus, the housing benefits alone might be one of the main reasons to join. You can have all of the benefits of being close to campus without all the chaos of living in a residence hall.

Additionally, you’ll be able to build even stronger connections with your fellow sisters or brothers if you choose to live in your Greek house. What’s not to like?

8. **There are often scholarships available.** If you’re a member of certain Greek organizations, you may be eligible for scholarships or other financial aid. Additionally, if you’re worried about the cost of joining a fraternity or sorority, many have scholarships available to members who have trouble paying annual dues.

9. **Becoming a part of a long-standing tradition.** If you’re on an older campus, your membership in a historic Greek fraternity or sorority might make you part of a very old, long-standing tradition.

And if you’re on a new campus or joining a new(er) fraternity or sorority, you’re lucky enough to be at the start of something great. Either way, there’s something to be said for having a role in a tradition that has -- or that hopefully will -- stand the test of time.

10. **The chance to prove stereotypes wrong.** The way fraternity and sorority members are portrayed in society is unfortunate, especially given the amazing things these students do each and every day. Your role as a fraternity or sorority member gives you a great opportunity to prove these stereotypes wrong. The friendships you make, community you build, volunteer work you do, and programs you put on can be part of a great college experience that embodies all that going Greek has to offer.

Kelci Lynn Lucier, ThoughtCo., March 2017
NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL, INC. (NPHC)

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated (NHPC) is composed of nine international Greek letter sororities and fraternities. NPHC promotes interaction through forums, meetings and other mediums for the exchange of information, and it engages in cooperative programming and initiatives through various activities and functions.

The National Panhellenic Council was formed as a permanent organization on May 10, 1930 at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The stated purpose and mission of the organization in 1930 was “unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations.”

Early in 1937, the organization was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois and became known as “The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated.”

TU is proud to host Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., on campus. If you are interested in joining, please contact the TU Greek Life Office at 918-631-3516 or greeklife@utulsa.edu for recruitment dates.

NPC

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is a premier advocacy and support organization for the advancement of the sorority experience. NPC is comprised of 26 international sororities/women’s fraternities and serves as the national voice on contemporary issues of sorority life.

Founded in 1902, NPC is one of the oldest and largest women’s membership organizations representing more than four million women at 655 college and university campuses and 4,500 alumnnae chapters in the United States and Canada. Each year, the NPC-affiliated collegians and alumnnae donate more than $5 million to worthy causes, provide $2.8 million in scholarships to women and volunteer over 500,000 hours in their communities.

The NPC chapters at TU are Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta, and Kappa Kappa Gamma.
COLORS  Salmon Pink, Apple Green  
PHILANTHROPY  American Heart Association  
NATIONAL FOUNDING  January 15, 1908  
LOCAL FOUNDING  March 2, 1974  
SYMBOL  Green Ivy  
FLOWER  Pink Tea Rose  
NATIONAL WEBSITE  aka1908.com  
LOCAL CHAPTER WEBSITE  tuakas.com  

“By merit and by culture”
COLORS
Cardinal, Straw

PHILANTHROPY
Make-A-Wish Foundation

NATIONAL FOUNDING
April 5, 1895

LOCAL FOUNDING
April 18, 1929

SYMBOL
Owl, Skull and Crossbones

FLOWER
White Carnation

NATIONAL WEBSITE
chiomega.com

LOCAL CHAPTER WEBSITE
tulsachiomega.com

“Sisters inspired by our values who serve the world while keeping Chi Omega ever at heart.”
COLORS
Cerulean Blue, Silver, Gold

PHILANTHROPY
St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital

NATIONAL FOUNDING
November 27, 1888

LOCAL FOUNDING
May 9, 1931

SYMBOL
Pearl, Pine, Trident

FLOWER
Pansy

NATIONAL WEBSITE
tridelta.org

LOCAL CHAPTER WEBSITE
utulsa.tridelta.org

“Let us steadfastly love one another.”
Delta Gamma

COLORS: Bronze, Pink, Blue
PHILANTHROPY: Service for Sight, Joining Forces
NATIONAL FOUNDING: December 25, 1873
LOCAL FOUNDING: March 22, 1947
SYMBOL: Anchor
FLOWER: Cream-Colored Rose
NATIONAL WEBSITE: deltagamma.org
LOCAL CHAPTER WEBSITE: utulsa.deltagamma.org

“Do good.”
“Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, Kappa Alpha Theta exists to nurture each member throughout her college and alumnae experience and to offer a lifelong opportunity for social, intellectual, and moral growth as she meets the higher and broader demands of mature life.”
COLORS
Pearl White, Olive Green

PHILANTHROPY
Prevent Child Abuse America, Girl Scouts of the USA, Parent Child Center of Tulsa (local)

NATIONAL FOUNDING
October 23, 1897

LOCAL FOUNDING
September 11, 1937

SYMBOL
Nautilus Shell, Dagger, Teddy Bear

FLOWER
White Rose

NATIONAL WEBSITE
kappadelta.org

LOCAL CHAPTER WEBSITE
utulsa.kappadelta.org

“Let us strive for that which is honorable, beautiful, and highest.”
COLORS Dark Blue, Light Blue
PHILANTHROPY Reading is Fundamental
NATIONAL FOUNDING October 13, 1870
LOCAL FOUNDING October 31, 1946
SYMBOL Golden Key, Fleur-de-Lis, Owl
FLOWER Fleur-de-Lis
NATIONAL WEBSITE kappakappagamma.org
LOCAL CHAPTER WEBSITE utulsa.kappa.org

“Aspire to be.”
NPC Recruitment

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What to Wear

Open House – Casual - Jeans, shorts, etc. T-shirt will be provided
Philanthropy Day – Business Casual – Capris, skirts, summer dresses, etc.
Preference Day – Dressy Casual – Dresses, skirts, comfortable dress shoes
Bid Day – Casual – Shorts, jeans, t-shirts

Recruitment Counselors

Meet your Recruitment Counselors!
Recruitment Counselors will lead your group to and from all parties.

Bottom Row (l-r): Autumn McBride, Maria Franzetti, Brooke Ackerman, Jenni Jurgensen, Julia Matchett, Jennifer Shelton, and Careen Gahzau; Top Row (l-r): Katie Ritchie, Jacqueline Boggs, Audrey Wise, Meghan Harrison, Madison Dallenbach, Caitlyn San Pablo, and Alex Isaack
North American Interfraternity Council (NIC)

Founded in 1909, the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) is the trade association representing 75 international and National Men’s Fraternities with approximately 350,000 undergraduate members. The NIC serves to advocate the needs of its member fraternities through enrichment of the fraternity experience - advancement and growth of the fraternity community and enhancement of the educational mission of the host institutions.

The NIC is also committed to enhancing the benefits of fraternity membership through its relationship with Interfraternity Councils.

Interfraternity Councils (IFC) exist where two or more NIC member fraternities exist on a campus. This affiliation with the NIC provides direct resources and services to IFC officers and fraternity advisors to further the health and success of their respective fraternity communities. NIC chartered IFCs will receive resources and services throughout the academic year.

The IFC chapters at TU are Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu.
“Dieu et Les Dames”, means “God and the ladies” and reflects our commitment to the ideals of modern chivalry as a contemporary order of knights.

COLORS
Crimson, Old Gold

PHILANTHROPY
Muscular Dystrophy Association

NATIONAL FOUNDING
December 21, 1865

LOCAL FOUNDING
May 8, 1937

SYMBOL
Gentility and a reverence for God

FLOWER
Crimson Rose, Magnolia Blossom

NATIONAL WEBSITE
kappaalphaorder.org

LOCAL CHAPTER WEBSITE
katulsa.com
Kappa Sigma

COLORS: Scarlet, White, Emerald Green
PHILANTHROPY: Military Heroes Campaign, The Little Lighthouse (local)
NATIONAL FOUNDING: December 10, 1869
LOCAL FOUNDING: December 11, 1948
SYMBOL: Star and Crescent
FLOWER: Lily of the Valley

National Website: kappasigma.org
Local Chapter Website: tulsakappasigma.org

“Bononia Docet”
Lambda Chi Alpha

COLORS: Purple, Green, Gold
PHILANTHROPY: Feeding America, Special Olympics of Oklahoma (local)
NATIONAL FOUNDING: November 2, 1909
LOCAL FOUNDING: October 29, 1937
SYMBOL: Cross and Crescent
FLOWER: White Rose
“Vir Quisque Vir; (Every Man a Man)”
NATIONAL WEBSITE: lambdachi.org
LOCAL CHAPTER WEBSITE: lambdachitulsa.com
COLORS          Garnet, Old Gold
PHILANTHROPY   Tulsa Fire Department, Cystic Fibrosis
               Foundation, Crosstown Learning Center
NATIONAL FOUNDING  March 1, 1868
LOCAL FOUNDING    June 1, 1936
SYMBOL           Dagger and Sword, Shield and Diamond
FLOWER           Lily of the Valley
NATIONAL WEBSITE pikes.org
LOCAL CHAPTER WEBSITE tulsapika.org

Scholars, Leaders, Athletes, Gentlemen (SLAG)
SIGMA CHI

COLORS  Blue, Old Gold
PHILANTHROPY  Huntsman Cancer Foundation
NATIONAL FOUNDING  June 28, 1855
LOCAL FOUNDING  February 3, 1951
SYMBOL  White Cross
FLOWER  White Rose
NATIONAL WEBSITE  sigmachi.org
LOCAL CHAPTER WEBSITE  tulsasigmachi.com

In Hoc Signo Vinces “In This Sign, You Will Conquer”
Sigma Nu

COLORS  Black, White, Gold
PHILANTHROPY  Helping Hand
NATIONAL FOUNDING  January 1, 1869
LOCAL FOUNDING  1952
SYMBOL  Snake
FLOWER  White Rose
NATIONAL WEBSITE  sigmanu.org
LOCAL CHAPTER WEBSITE  tulsasigmanu.com

“Excelling with Honor”
TU Anti-Hazing Policy

The University of Tulsa’s Student Code of Conduct defines hazing as the following:

“Doing, requiring or encouraging any act, whether or not the act is voluntarily agreed upon, in conjunction with initiation or continued membership or participation in any group, that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm or humiliation. Such acts may include, but are not limited to, use of alcohol, creation of excessive fatigue, and paddling, punching or kicking in any form.”

Participation in hazing is prohibited and consent to being hazed is not an acceptable defense.

TU Alcohol Policy

The University of Tulsa’s Alcohol Policy, like other standards of conduct applicable to the university community, is intended to further the educational mission of the university. The university is committed to the welfare of its students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community. When individuals misuse alcohol, academic performance, health, personal relationships and safety are compromised. The university neither encourages or condones the legal consumption of alcoholic beverages, but recognizes such legal consumption occurs in a campus environment in which the majority of undergraduate students are below the legal drinking age.

Therefore, the university’s alcohol policy has been created in the spirit of emphasizing individual and shared responsibility, healthy and informed decision making and maintaining a caring environment. This includes providing medical and therapeutic responses to individuals with alcohol-related concerns. It is for these reasons a university-wide commitment to alcohol education prevails and why members of the university community are assured that the absence of alcoholic beverages from social events is an acceptable practice.

For more information regarding TU’s policies, visit utulsa.edu/campus-life/student-affairs/student-handbook-policies.

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Day One – Business/Business Casual – Collared shirts, tie, khakis/slacks
Day Two – Business Casual – Collared shirt, khakis, etc.
Day Three – Casual – T-shirts, shorts, jeans, etc.
Bid Day – Casual – T-shirts, shorts, jeans, etc.

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**Greek Terminology**

**Active** - The term used to indicate a sorority woman or a fraternity man who has been formally initiated by his or her chapter.

**Alumna (Plural: Alumnae)** - An initiated sorority member who is no longer an undergraduate student.

**Alumnus (Plural: Alumni)** - An initiated fraternity member who is no longer an undergraduate student.

**Bid** - An invitation extended by only one fraternity or sorority per potential new member on Bid Day-last day of recruitment; this is the formal invitation to become a new member of that fraternity or sorority.

**Brother/Sister** - Term used by active members in a fraternity/sorority when referring to each other.

**Calls** - A unique vocal expression attributed to an NPHC’s organization. Calls are special to members and should not be replicated by non-members.

**Chapter** - The men or women comprising each local collegiate group of an inter/national fraternity or sorority.

**Colony** - A new fraternity or sorority that is working to receive a charter from the inter/national organization to which it is affiliated. When a charter is received, they become a chapter of that inter/national organization.

**Continuous Open Bidding (COB)** - The period other than fully-structured recruitment when Panhellenic sororities acquire new members.

**Crossing** - A term used to indicate that a new member has been fully initiated into an NPHC fraternity or sorority.

**Divine Nine** - There are nine historically Black Greek-letter organizations (BGLOs) that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Collectively, these organizations are referred to as “The Divine Nine.” Each of these fraternities and sororities is rich in history.

**Formal Recruitment** - The process by which IFC fraternities and PHC sororities select new members.

**Frater** - An NPHC term used to refer to one’s fraternity brother.

**Fraternity/Sorority** - A group of men/women bonded together for educational and social purposes. Each strives to provide a point of reference from which each individual can evaluate his/her own desires and achievements as well as his/her own feelings of worth as a contributing member.

**Hand Sign** - A symbol or gesture made with the hands to signify an NPHC’s organization. Hand signs are special to members and shouldn’t be replicated by non-members.

**Hazing** - A negative form of conduct that focuses on mistreating, demeaning or otherwise degrading the personal worth of another individual. Hazing is prohibited by all inter/national fraternities and sororities, the State of Oklahoma, The University of Tulsa and the Greek Life community.

**Informational** - A forum for individuals interested in seeking more information about a particular NPHC fraternity or sorority.

**Initiation** - The formal ceremonies, or ritual, by which new members complete membership into a chapter and receive full membership privileges.

**Intake or Membership Intake** - The term NPHC groups use to bring new members into an organization. Each NPHC group determines when they will conduct intake. Each group can be assisted in this process by their graduate chapter and/or graduate advisor. In general, NPHC groups require sophomore status and a 2.5 cumulative GPA for someone to go through intake.

**Interfraternity Council (IFC)** - An organization composed of representatives of each IFC chapter who act as the central governing body of all IFC fraternities.

**Legacy** - Someone whose father/mother, brother/sister or, in some cases grandfather/grandmother is an alumnus/alumna or active member of a fraternity or sorority. A fraternity or sorority is not obligated to offer a bid to a legacy, and a potential new member is completely free to choose the fraternity or sorority of their individual preference.

**Line** - Group of individuals going through the NPHC membership intake process. Another term is new member class.

**National Panhellenic Conference (NPC)** - One of the largest organizations advocating for women and is the umbrella group for 26 inter/national sororities (women’s fraternities) that are autonomous social organizations.

**National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)** - The governing organization of the nine historically African-American Greek-letter organizations.

**Neophyte Show/New Member Presentation/Probate** - Interchangeable terms used by NPHC groups to describe the public announcement of the newest members’ crossing (initiation).
**New Member** - A potential new member who has accepted the bid of a fraternity or sorority and has taken the first step toward full membership but has not yet been initiated.

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**Philanthropy** - Charitable projects or donations sponsored by a fraternity or sorority.

**Potential New Member (PNM)** - An unaffiliated man or woman who attends formal recruitment or membership intake or participates in Continuous Open Bidding.

**Quota** - The number of new members that each Panhellenic sorority may select during formal recruitment.

**Rec Letter** - A recommendation letter written by a Panhellenic alumna. These letters are not required for participation in recruitment. However, it is highly recommended that if you know an alumna, you ask them to write a recommendation letter on your behalf.

**Recruitment Counselor (RC)** - A Panhellenic representative who assists PNMs during the recruitment process. This woman completely disassociates from her sorority to provide objective advice and support.

**Recruitment Task Force (RTF)** - An IFC representative who assists PNMs during the recruitment process. This man completely disassociates from his fraternity to provide objective advice and support.

**Ritual** - The activity by which a fraternity or sorority brings into membership its new members who have met initiation requirements; these are traditionally secret ceremonies of a fraternity or sorority.

**Soror** - An NPHC term used to refer to one’s sorority sister.

**Strolling** - NPHC members move together in a line expressing pride for their organization. In this line, members may express their pride through use of their organization’s call, sign or historical information, ritual/custom dances, etc. All of this is done through movements that are unique to a particular organization and should not be mimicked.

**Total** - The allowable chapter size as determined by the Panhellenic Council that includes both new and active members. Chapter total is the total number of members that a chapter may recruit to during Continuous Open Bidding. If a chapter has less than total, they may participate in COB. The Panhellenic Council evaluates this number each semester. It usually reflects average or median chapter size.