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**FRATERNITY
& SORORITY
GUIDE**



FSL
Fraternity and
Sorority Life

A Note From Our Director

Hey Blue Raider! I am so glad you are taking the time to learn more about fraternity and sorority life at MTSU. As a graduate of this community myself, I know firsthand all the lifechanging opportunities membership in one of our 22 organizations has to offer.

There truly is no other experience on a college campus like being a fraternity man or sorority women. Our members constantly support, challenge, and motivate one another to being the best version of themselves and pour so much into serving not only the MTSU community, but Murfreesboro, Rutherford County and beyond! When you take the first step to joining one of these lifelong brother and sisterhoods, you are agreeing to be a part of something bigger than yourself. Nothing sounds more exciting than that!



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Welcome to Middle Tennessee State University!

On behalf of the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life at MTSU, welcome to campus! As an undergraduate student, joining a fraternity or sorority is one of the best decisions you can make. Fraternity and sorority membership offers one of the most dynamic and memorable experiences available to you as a college student. Enjoy this preview of what fraternity and sorority life has to offer!

VALUES



LEADERSHIP

The fraternity and sorority community offers leadership opportunities both within chapters and on council executive teams. Student leaders learn how to manage budgets, network with alumni, and educate chapter members on important topics.



FRIENDSHIP

By joining a fraternity or sorority, students get the chance to make lifelong friendships created through brotherhood or sisterhood. There will also be social opportunities through mixers, intramurals, formals, and more.



SERVICE

Philanthropy is one of the fundamental parts of fraternity and sorority life. Fraternities and sororities give back to local and national charities through fundraisers and special events. Students also get the chance to give back to the community through service activities such as volunteer opportunities.



SCHOLARSHIP

Academics are a priority for fraternities and sororities, and students are academically supporting through tutoring programs, study hours, academic success workshops, scholarship opportunities, and more.



RESPONSIBILITY

Fraternities and sororities are values-based organizations, meaning that students put their chapter's values into action. Through participation in chapter programming, members get to lead by example, empower others, act with integrity, and overall deepen their understanding and put into practice their organization's values.



SOCIAL

While an undergraduate member of a fraternity or sorority, students have the chance to take part in various social events. These events are planned with safety, MTSU's policies, and state laws in mind to ensure a safe yet fun event. Social events can include date parties, formals, mixers, parent weekends, and more.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC)

The Interfraternity Council serves as the governing body for the 10 fraternities at MTSU. IFC is committed to building men of character, developing leaders, promoting scholarship, and enriching lives through community involvement.

How to Join: IFC fraternities hold recruitment events throughout the school year as part of their open structure recruitment process. Men interested in joining an IFC fraternity can attend recruitment events that typically take place in the first few weeks of both the fall and spring semesters.



Alpha Gamma Rho (ΑΓΡ)
Alpha Sigma Phi (ΑΣΦ)
Alpha Tau Omega (ΑΤΩ)
Kappa Alpha Order (ΚΑ)

Phi Delta Theta (ΦΔΘ)
Phi Kappa Tau (ΦΚΤ)
Phi Mu Alpha (ΦΜΑ)
Sigma Alpha Epsilon (ΣΑΕ)

Sigma Chi (ΣΧ)
Sigma Pi (ΣΠ)

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NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC)

The National Pan-Hellenic Council of MTSU is a self-governing body that represents the nine nationally recognized historically Black fraternities and sororities known as the Divine 9. The emphasis of the council is to contribute to the political, economic, spiritual, social, intellectual, moral welfare, and multicultural life at MTSU and the surrounding community.

How to Join: Each NPHC fraternity and sorority brings in new members at various times of the year through a process called membership intake. Typically, an organization looking to expand membership will hold information sessions to discuss membership requirements.

Fraternities: Alpha Phi Alpha (ΑΦΑ)
Kappa Alpha Psi (ΚΑΨ)
Omega Psi Phi (ΩΨΦ)
Phi Beta Sigma (ΦΒΣ)

Sororities: Alpha Kappa Alpha (ΑΚΑ)
Delta Sigma Theta (ΔΣΘ)
Sigma Gamma Rho (ΣΓΡ)

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PANHELLENIC COUNCIL (CPH)

The Panhellenic Council is the governing body of the National Panhellenic Conference organizations on campus. CPH is an organization that values academic enhancement, friendship, development of leadership skills, and the opportunity to serve the community.

How to Join: Most women join CPH sororities through the formal recruitment process that takes place every fall semester. There are also often continuous open bidding opportunities that take place throughout the school year. Information about CPH recruitment can be found at the council's website and on social media.



Alpha Chi Omega (ΑΧΩ)
Alpha Delta Pi (ΑΔΠ)
Alpha Omicron Pi (ΑΟΠ)

Chi Omega (ΧΩ)
Kappa Delta (ΚΔ)
Zeta Tau Alpha (ΖΤΑ)

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COUNCIL PROGRAMS

CRASH THE COMMONS



At this event, fraternities and sororities team up with each other to participate in a friendly competition of fun yard games. Free food and fair attractions are also provided, and the entire MTSU community is invited to come participate. After the games, there is a glow dance party with a DJ to end the night. Crash the Commons is the perfect event to attend if you are a new student at MTSU and are interested in joining a fraternity or sorority.



GREEK WEEK

Greek Week is a time for the fraternity and sorority life community to come together and celebrate their shared values and goals. Usually taking place over a week in the spring semester, Greek Week's schedule includes values-based activities, volunteer opportunities, friendly competitions, and fun activities that allow fraternities and sororities to grow closer together.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

FSL ACADEMY

The Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Academy is a one-day program designed specifically for chapter executive board members. Each participant has the opportunity to attend specific sessions that focus on his or her leadership position.



NEW MEMBER EDUCATION

New members participate in an educational series hosted by the Fraternity & Sorority Life office that focuses on what it means to be a member of the FSL community. New members meet multiple times during their new member period to cover topics such as time management, hazing prevention, alcohol and drug education, sexual assault prevention, and bystander intervention.



TRUE BLUE ACCREDITATION

The True Blue Accreditation was designed to allow chapters to create goals within their fraternity/sorority that promote the ideals of their organization and of MTSU. Chapters meet in the fall semester to present a detailed outline of how the organization worked to achieve their goals and how they will change or continue those goals.



A WEEK IN THE LIFE



MONDAY - THURSDAY

The week typically consists of sisterhood and brotherhood events, study hours, and leadership meetings. Philanthropy events and other organizational events also take place during the week. Fraternities and sororities prioritize academics by hosting study parties and providing academic support for students.

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

Weekends are filled with community service, social, and chapter events. Some of these activities might include mixers, date parties, chapter formals, and chapter retreats. Chapter programming also often collaborate with campus or local resources. You will also see many of our FSL members at MTSU athletics events over the weekend. Go Blue Raiders!



SUNDAY

Most chapters on campus hold individual chapter meetings during the evening on Sundays. Chapter meetings typically last for a few hours and consist of important chapter updates, sisterhood and brotherhood activities, guest speakers, and chapter business.



FAMILY GUIDE

IS YOUR STUDENT INTERESTED IN FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE?

There are many myths about fraternities and sororities, but the reality is men and women that join these organizations are committed to their academics, volunteer in the community, develop leadership skills, and form a campus network with other students and campus officials. Keep an open mind and consider all of the benefits that fraternity and sorority membership has to offer!

HELPFUL HINTS:

- Be supportive of your student.
- Learn more about the organization or council that your student is thinking about joining by checking out the national organization's website.
- Talk to your student! Phone calls, texts, and care packages can remind your student that you are supporting them in their collegiate journey!



“Sorority life at MTSU has exceeded my expectations. When my daughter decided to join a sorority, it was primarily to meet people on campus and make new friends. It has turned out to be so much more than that! The Panhellenic organization has given her not only a campus family but valuable experience in community service, leadership, navigating personal and business relationships, public speaking, and so much more! There is something for everyone in sorority life, and I would encourage everyone to take the time to learn more. It has been a huge opportunity for my daughter and just another way our family is True Blue!”

-Marisa Buchanan, mom of 2024 CPH President Lily Buchanan

FAQ

HOW WILL MY STUDENT BENEFIT FROM JOINING A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY?

Your student will have many advantages from joining the FSL community, including a support system of sisters or brothers, academic resources and support, leadership opportunities, encouragement to get involved on campus, and opportunities to give back to MTSU and the Murfreesboro community.

HOW WILL MY JOINING A FRATERNITY/SORORITY AFFECT MY STUDENT ACADEMICALLY?

Academic success is a priority for fraternities and sororities. As student organizations, our chapters know that academic achievement is the number one priority for students in college. Organizations support scholarship by providing academic resources such as advisor support, study group, scholarship opportunities, and recognition.

WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATION?

Chapters collect dues and membership fees from every member. Most organizations have initiation/new member fees as well as semester dues, which go towards philanthropic events, education events, social events, membership recruitment, and parent/alumni events, to name a few. Many chapters offer payment plans and scholarship opportunities to help members meet financial obligations.

WHAT ABOUT HAZING?

Hazing is contrary to the missions and values of fraternity and sorority life, and there is a no tolerance policy for hazing on MTSU's campus. The state of Tennessee, MTSU, and all national fraternity and sororities have policies against hazing.

GLOSSARY

ACTIVE: A member of a fraternity or sorority who has been initiated and is currently in college.

ALUMNUS/ALUMNI: An initiated member of a fraternity or sorority who has received their undergraduate degree.

BID: A formal invitation to join a fraternity or sorority.

CHAPTER: A chartered undergraduate or alumni group that is recognized by the international fraternity.

COLONY: A fraternal membership which has received approval from the university and recognition from one of the Greek governing councils but is in a trial period with their national organization and their governing council.

FRATERNITY: A Greek letter sisterhood or brotherhood

INFORMAL/OPEN RECRUITMENT:

The unstructured recruitment process by which fraternities and sororities take members throughout the academic year

LEGACY: A prospective member whose grandparents, mother/father, or sister/brother is an alumni of a fraternity/sorority

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE (NPC): An organization composed of 26 national women's sororities; the organization that our CPH operates under

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL (NPHC): A collaborative organization of 9 historically Black Greek letter organizations, commonly referred to as the "Divine Nine"

NEW MEMBER: Any person who has accepted an invitation for membership to a fraternity or sorority but has not yet been initiated

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM/PERIOD: The period of time before an initiation when new members learn about their fraternity or sorority

NORTH-AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (NIC): An organization composed of more than 50 national men's fraternities; the organization that our IFC council operates under

PHILANTHROPY:

Fundraising projects for local and national charitable organizations that are supported by fraternities and sororities

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS: Any person who is not a current, initiated member of a fraternity or sorority

RECRUITMENT: The process of active members recruiting potential new members to become members of fraternity and sorority life

SORORITY: A Greek letter sisterhood

GREEK ALPHABET

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ALPHA
(AL-FAH)

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BETA
(BAY-TAH)

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GAMMA
(GAM-AH)

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DELTA
(DEL-TAH)

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EPSILON
(EP-SEH-LAHN)

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ZETA
(ZAY-TAH)

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ETA
(AY-TAH)

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THETA
(THAY-TAH)

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IOTA
(EYE-O-TA)

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KAPPA
(CAH-PAH)

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