HOW TO START AN ORGANIZATION

Are you interested in becoming a member of an organization that doesn’t exist yet at UNI?Outlined below are the necessary steps that will take you from being part of an interest group or to an officially recognized chapter.

• Inform the Office of Student Life of your desire to establish a chapter. They can help you navigate the process and also connect you with resources, including other interested students.

• Learn about the expansion process by contacting the national organization.

• Develop a group of interested students. All organizations have expectations for interested students such as GPA, year in school, etc.

• Starting a chapter takes a lot of commitment and hard work, but the effort is well worth it! To be a founding member of a chapter is a prestigious, once in a lifetime experience and allows you to leave a legacy for future members at UNI.

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CULTURALLY-BASED GREEK ORGANIZATIONS AT UNI
There are a lot of reasons to join a Greek organization!

As a member, you will develop an unbreakable bond with brothers and sisters, as well as be immersed into the history, values, and culture of an organization. These organizations have a commitment to raising awareness of and celebrating the cultures on which they were founded and provide a deep sense of belonging on campus for their members.

**Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.**
**Eta Alpha Chapter**
Lambda Theta Alpha’s mission is to establish a sisterhood based on unity, love and respect, and to serve as a support group catering to the needs of and empowering Latinas in higher education.

- **Nickname:** LTAs
- **Philanthropy:** St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- **Founding at UNI:** 2018
- **Motto:** “Latin by Tradition, not by Definition”
- **GPA Requirement:** 2.75 UNI GPA and 12 credit hours

**Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.**
**UNI Associate Chapter**
Lambda Theta Phi’s mission is to provide leadership in shaping the future of our Fraternity, deliver innovative solutions to help promote our brothers and fraternity achieve their goals, and to raise the social and cultural conscience of the Latino college student and community.

- **Nickname:** The Lambdas
- **Philanthropy:** Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute
- **Founding at UNI:** 2008
- **Motto:** “Chivalry Above Self”
- **GPA Requirement:** 2.50 UNI GPA and 12 credit hours

**Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**
**Chi Eta Chapter**
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is a professional organization of college-educated men with similar ideas and like attainments. The fraternity’s founders chose Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift as the cardinal principles that every prospective candidate must possess.

- **Nickname:** Omega
- **Philanthropy:** Uplifting the Waterloo community
- **Founding at UNI:** 1975
- **Motto:** “Friendship is Essential to the Soul”
- **GPA Requirement:** 2.50 UNI GPA and 36 credit hours

Interested in joining one of the organizations at UNI? Here’s what you need to do:

**Earn the Grades!**
It is important that you have a great academic start at UNI. Focus on exceeding the minimum GPA requirement of the organization.

**Learn More!**
Chapters will host informational sessions where students can learn about each organization, be informed about the intake process and get your questions answered. These sessions are open to all students.

**Service Hours!**
Giving back to the community is an important facet to culturally-based fraternal organizations. Chapters volunteer weekly, monthly, and annually in areas of need in the community. Volunteer with a group or on your own to earn service hours in advance of joining.

**Recommendations!**
Many of the chapters require letters of recommendation. These can come from mentors, employers, professors, as well as members from the organization. Be sure to remain in contact with people you know and develop key relationships with faculty and staff on campus.

**Involvement and Leadership!**
Another requirement, by some of the chapters, is your current involvement on campus or in the community. Find an organization to join and be an active participant by serving on a committee or in a leadership role.

**Save Up!**
All organizations require a new member fee. Depending on the organization, the fee can range from $250–$2,500. Begin saving money now so you are ready when the time comes. If you don’t join, at least you saved some money!