Best in Class:
Success in Academics

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Session Overview

Overview
- Outcomes
- Current and Past Academic Standing Reports
- Campus Resources
- Motivation, Incentives, and Rewards
- Scholarship Policies
- Order of Omega
Session Outcomes

Outcomes

- Understanding of academics across chapters and campus
- Increased awareness of campus resources
- Develop incentive-based programming for chapters or community
- Higher level understanding of individual chapter scholarship policies
- Develop an understanding of Order of Omega
Scholarship

Academic excellence is a vital aspect of fraternity and sorority membership. All chapters require a minimum GPA to be considered for membership. Initiated members must maintain that GPA in order to remain active and in good standing.

Chapters also provide support and resources to new members which can help them transition academically from high school to college:
+ Educational programs and workshops
+ Academic Learning Center partnership
+ Tutoring programs
+ Proctored study sessions

View each chapter’s average GPA at uni.edu/involvement/fsl.

Service

Service is an essential pillar of fraternity and sorority involvement at UNI. Chapters sponsor a variety of fundraising events called philanthropies for both national and local charitable organizations. Chapters also come together as a community to participate in campus-wide philanthropy and service events such as Dance Marathon, MLK Day of Service, blood drives and much more! In 2016, fraternities and sororities raised over $30,000 to contribute to Dance Marathon’s fundraising total of $372,248.06.

In the last year, UNI Fraternity & Sorority Life contributed more than 6,000 hours of service and donated over $50,000 to various organizations, including:
- Ronald McDonald House
- Autism Speaks
- House of Hope
- American Heart Association
- Cedar Bend Humane Society
- Girls on the Run
- American Red Cross

Leadership

Developing leaders for life is an important part of Greek involvement. Members have the opportunity to hold executive positions within their chapters and on governing councils. Additionally, many students regularly hold leadership positions in a variety of student organizations across campus. Greek students can be found on Northern Iowa Student Government (NISG), Dance Marathon Executive Board, Campus Activities Board (CAB), Connecting Alumni to Students (CATS), Orientation Leaders and Car Crew.

Friendship

Joining a Greek organization is about building lifelong relationships that extend beyond the boundaries of ordinary friendships. Bonds of brotherhood/sisterhood provide UNI Greeks with a home away from home, mentorship, career networking and a sense of community at a large university.

But why is this important? Because you all said it is!
Academic Reports
Academic Reports

New Member Verification Form
- Gives access to run reports on GPA when entering chapter
- Access to mid-term reports (D/F)
- Access to final semester GPA

Semesterly Based Chapter Comparison Handouts
Academic FSL and Community Reports

NPC Sorority Chapters - Spring 2016

Chapter Avg GPA
New Member GPA

uni.edu/studentlife > Fraternity & Sorority Life > Academic Reports
Academic FSL and Community Reports

ICF Fraternity Chapters - Spring 2016

- Kappa Sigma
- Pi Kappa Alpha
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- Sigma Phi Epsilon
- All Fraternity Men
- UNI Campus

ICF Fraternity Chapters - Spring 2016

- Chapter Avg GPA
- New Member GPA

Graph showing GPA trends for different fraternity chapters.
Academic FSL and Community Reports
Chapter Policies
Individual Chapter Policies

What is your policy?
How can you access it?
Who can help you in understanding your chapter’s policy?
Who are your allies in enforcing that policy?
What are some potential barriers with your policy?
How does that impact the entire FSL community?
Academic Learning Center

Services
College Reading & Learning Center
Math & Sciences Services
Writing Center
Supportive Seminars & Supplemental Instruction (SI)
Presentations/Outreach
Workshops and Examination Prep

uni.edu/unialc
319-273-6023
Office of Academic Advising

Services
Changing and Exploring Majors
Major Events
Peer Advisors

uni.edu/advising
319-273-3406
Other Campus Resources

Career Services
Resume Critiques
Interview Prep
Mock Interviews
Career and Internship Fair

Rod Library
Wellness & Recreation
Counseling Center
Center for Violence Prevention
Dean of Students
Order of Omega
Top 3%

Number of Greeks at UNI who are a part of Order of Omega: 29
Order of Omega

To **RECOGNIZE** those fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in interfraternity activities,

to **ENCOURAGE** them to continue along this line, and

to **INSPIRE** others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment;

To **UNITE** outstanding fraternity men and women to create an organization which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate fraternity affairs;

To **BRING TOGETHER** members of the faculty, alumni, and student members of the institution's fraternities and sororities on a basis of mutual interest, understanding and helpfulness;

To help **CREATE** an atmosphere where ideas and issues can be discussed openly across fraternity and sorority lines and to help work out solutions.
How do you get there?
Motivation and Rewards

Some Ideas:

- “Smarty Pants” - gift card
- Bulletin Boards with “. . . of the . . .” or great papers/assignments
- Academic Draft - Fantasy Football with best GPA
- Check-Ins
- Hosting Office Hours

What have you all done that has been successful?
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(and what it’s going to take)

Holding one another accountable
Being proactive for you, your members, and your leadership
Know your resources and allies throughout campus
Making it fun along the way