

## Bylaws Membership Issues

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- ▲ All pledges must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree from the College or Department of Business or other approved program and regularly enrolled in good academic standing on a part or full-time basis.
- ▲ Members of Alpha Kappa Psi, Phi Chi Theta, or Phi Gamma Nu may not pledge Delta Sigma Pi. Other clubs, organizations, fraternities, honor societies, etc. do not compete with Delta Sigma Pi and membership in other groups is permissible.
- ▲ If a pledge withdraws from school or changes major to outside of business or other approved program, they are no longer eligible for membership.
- ▲ Before the Pledging Ceremony, the chapter must vote on each individual prospective before inviting them to pledge. If a prospective gets 20% or five (whichever is greater) unfavorable votes, the prospective does not get an invitation to pledge.
- ▲ Fraternity Ritual, which requires the pledge education program to be at least 30 days in length, begins with the Pledging Ceremony and concludes with Initiation. The final pledge exam must be at least 24 hours prior to Initiation. Faculty and honorary candidates are not required to go through the pledging process, but must attend Initiation.
- ▲ If a motion is made to remove a pledge from the program, a majority vote of the chapter is required if held at least three days before initiation. If the motion/vote to remove a pledge is less than three days (72 hours) before initiation, a 4/5 vote of the chapter is required.
- ▲ A vote on pledges during the pledge education program period is NOT required or expected, except when a motion is made to remove a pledge.
- ▲ Fraternity policy prohibits any pledge event within the 24 hours prior to initiation.
- ▲ There cannot be any pledge punishments, reprimands, probation, etc. for poor performance. The pledging period itself is probationary in nature and is a time for the chapter to provide information and assistance so the pledge fully understands Fraternity operations and is ready to take an active member role after initiation.

- ▲ Once initiated, membership is for life. Dues are charged until graduation and all alumni participation is on a voluntary basis. Under extreme circumstances, the following procedures may be taken:
- [Inactive Status](#) – temporary approval of inactivity
    - Member granted inactive status shall not be responsible for paying national dues or fulfilling the requirements of an active brother
    - Member granted inactive status shall assume active status at beginning of next academic term
  
  - [Voluntary Withdrawal](#) – permanent removal of membership
    - When a member has unavoidable cause to end membership with the Fraternity
    - Matters of time and finances are not considered in withdrawal application