

## Delta Sigma Pi Terminology

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| <b>Deltasig</b>            | The abbreviation for Delta Sigma Pi and the name of our magazine. (Delta Sigma Phi men's general Fraternity uses Delta Sig).   |
| <b>Fees</b>                | Monies charged to non-members (pledges) or monies charged for a service. Examples include initiation fees (national and chapter), badge lease fees, regalia maintenance, insurance, and interest on past due accounts. |
| <b>Dues</b>                | Monies charged to members to support various programs of the organization. (Pledges do not pay dues).  |
| <b>Recruiting</b>          | The process used by Delta Sigma Pi to promote membership and invite business and economics students to scheduled meetings and activities so they may be considered for an invitation to membership.                    |
| <b>Pledging Ceremony</b>   | The Delta Sigma Pi Ritual meeting preceding the pledge education period where invited students or faculty are presented with a pledge pin (not called the pinning ceremony).   |
| <b>Pledge</b>              | 1) An agreement or offer to fulfill a need or obligation.<br>2) A business/economics student or faculty who pledged to Delta Sigma Pi during a Pledging Ceremony, but is not yet an initiated member.                  |
| <b>Neophyte</b>            | A term used only during Ritual.  |
| <b>Collegiate Brother</b>  | An initiated member of Delta Sigma Pi who is enrolled in school and matriculating towards a degree in business or economics (or approved major).   |
| <b>Alumni Brother</b>      | An initiated member of Delta Sigma Pi who has graduated or withdrawn from school and is no longer in the collegiate chapter.   |
| <b>Pledge Educator</b>     | An abbreviation for Vice President-Pledge Education who administers membership information and requirements to pledges.  |
| <b>Executive Committee</b> | A standing committee of chapter officers (not an Executive Board).   |

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| <b>Inactive Status</b>      | A temporary removal from membership, for collegiate members during a specific academic term and may only be approved by Central Office staff, when extreme circumstances arise.   |
| <b>Voluntary Withdrawal</b> | A request by a member to be permanently removed from membership, which may only be approved by a Provincial Vice President, to accommodate the wishes of a member who, any time after initiation, experiences a change in belief systems or experiences extreme and permanent hardship. |
| <b>Startup Group</b>        | Group of students organized as a local fraternity with the specific purpose of petitioning Delta Sigma Pi for a chapter charter.  |
| <b>Bid</b>                  | An invitation given to a prospective member inviting them to join the Fraternity via the pledge education process.  |
| <b>Badge</b>                | Symbolic jewelry worn near the heart of members (member or Fraternity badge).   |
| <b>Pin</b>                  | Symbolic jewelry worn on the lapel or near the heart by pledges (pledge pin).   |

**Avoid Terms of Other Greek Organizations (not used in Delta Sigma Pi)**

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| <b>Rush</b>               | A series of open forum events conducted simultaneously by competing organizations where interested students go from one to the next in order to determine which group they may want to pursue. This only exists in Delta Sigma Pi when a campus has several competing business fraternities participating in a “Business Rush” (Alpha Kappa Psi, Phi Chi Theta, Phi Gamma Nu). |
| <b>Active</b>             | Common reference to participating student members in some social Greek organizations (not used in Delta Sigma Pi).   |
| <b>Induction</b>          | Process of installing or taking in new members, term often used by Honor fraternities. In Delta Sigma Pi, the similar procedures are the Pledging Ceremony (being pledged) and Initiation (being initiated).   |
| <b>Crossed / Crossing</b> | Term primarily used by cultural interest fraternities and sororities to indicate the initiation of pledges.  |

**Pledge Line/Line** Term primarily used by cultural interest fraternities and sororities to refer to a group of pledges.

**Legacy** The initiated child of a member. Some groups have special arrangements for relatives of members to become members regardless of chapter vote or pledging policies. Delta Sigma Pi does not have a legacy membership program.

**Avoid these slang or unauthorized terms**

**NIB, JI, Shiny Pin** Discriminatory slang referencing the newest members of the chapter.

**Reveal** Reference to the appointment or introduction of a Big Brother to a pledge. This mentor relationship is not intended to be a secret or suspicious introduction.