



# MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™ MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL

## What organizations are at MSU?

Sorority	Fraternity
Delta Xi Phi	Sigma Lambda
Multicultural Sorority	Beta International Fraternity, Inc.



## What is MGC?

The Multicultural Greek Council at Mississippi State University recognizes the need for coordination and cooperation in activities of intercollegiate Greek-letter organizations. With this, the Multicultural Greek Council serves as a formal organization to establish rules and regulations, guidelines, and provisions for all organizations involved.

The primary purpose of the MGC is to unite its member organizations in order to share ideas and resources, promote mutual respect and equality, and provide a support network for involved students.

## What is Recruitment?

MGC organizations use variations of a process known as recruitment to gain new members.

Each organization will decide when it will host a recruitment process. This is typically once every calendar year. The organization will post flyers and other forms of notification advertising the interest meeting or intake process. Flyers are posted in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at least 2 weeks prior to the process.

These processes are discrete. Therefore, you will be informed of the timeline of the process, if you are selected for membership.

### Multicultural Greek Council Requirements

- ✓ Be currently enrolled in at least 12 credit hours
- ✓ Earned at least 2.5 MSU grade point average
- ✓ Be in good standing with the University
- ✓ Attend the MGC Interest Meeting

### Organization Requirements

All organizations have requirements outside of the university's. These include:

- ✓ Recommendation letters
- ✓ Community service hours
- ✓ Higher GPA requirement
- ✓ Attendance at interest meeting
- ✓ See organization's national website for specifics

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### Steps to Membership:

- ✓ Attend Shades of Starkville: Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> - The Drill Field
- ✓ Attend MGC Interest Meeting: Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> - Dawg House
- ✓ Meet members of the chapters at their events and on campus (advertised on social media, OrgSync, and flyers on campus)
- ✓ Research each organization
- ✓ Visit [www.greeks.msstate.edu](http://www.greeks.msstate.edu) for updates and access to chapter information
- ✓ Attend chosen organization's interest meeting (flyers are in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life)

### How much does it cost?

The average range to join a MGC organization ranges from \$1,000.00 to \$3,000 for one-time initiation fees. After your initiation dues, you will have to pay semester dues to remain active. These dues range from \$75-\$300 per semester depending on the organization.

Dues cover:

- ✓ Chapter programs and events
- ✓ Conference participation
- ✓ National and regional expenses
- ✓ Other operating costs as outlined by the organization



### For your information:

- ✓ **CALL:** A vocal sound used by members of NPHC and MGC organizations to acknowledge one another.
- ✓ **CHAPTER:** The local group of a larger national organization designated by a special name or Greek letters.
- ✓ **INITIATION:** The formal ceremony that marks the beginning of active membership. Each chapter has a different set of initiation requirements.
- ✓ **LEGACY:** A prospective member whose grandparent, parent, or sibling is an alumnus of, or active in, a particular fraternity or sorority. (Please note that most organizations are not obligated to extend membership to legacies.)
- ✓ **LINE:** Term used to describe the members of a new member class in NPHC and MGC organizations.
- ✓ **NEOPHYTE:** A member of the last line to cross in the local chapter of a NPHC or MGC organization.
- ✓ **NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR/MEMBERSHIP INTAKE COORDINATOR:** The liaison between new members and the chapter. This person is responsible for implementing and monitoring the new member program and preparing new members for initiation.
- ✓ **NEW MEMBER EDUCATION PROGRAM:** A period of education when new members learn the history, ideals, and values of fraternity and sorority life. The timeframe varies.
- ✓ **ORDER OF OMEGA:** Order of Omega is a leadership honor society for members of Greek organizations.
- ✓ **PHILANTHROPY:** A charitable fundraiser sponsored by a sorority or fraternity.
- ✓ **PRESERVATION SHOW:** The introduction of a line to campus. This is usually the first full step show/exhibition performed by members of the new member class of a MGC or NPHC organization.
- ✓ **PROPHYTE:** A neophyte becomes a prophete after another line is initiated.
- ✓ **STROLL OR PARTY HOP:** A line dance by members of NPHC or MGC organizations.
- ✓ **STEP:** Synchronized stomping of feet and clapping hands rooted in the African history of NPHC organizations. Commonly done for the purpose of entertainment on campus.

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