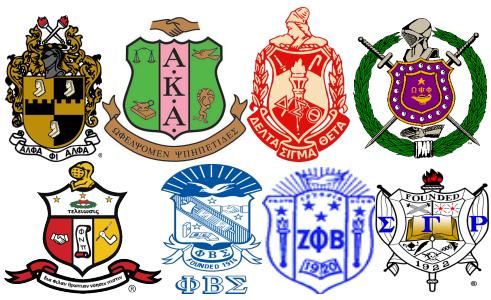




MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™ NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

What organizations are on campus?

Sororities	Fraternities
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.	Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.



Steps to Membership:

- ✓ Attend Meet the Greeks: Aug. 19th - Union Ballroom
- ✓ Meet members of the chapters at their events and on campus (advertised on social media, Cowbell Connect, and flyers on campus)
- ✓ Research each organization
- ✓ Visit www.greeks.msstate.edu for updates and easy access to chapter information
- ✓ Attend chosen organization's interest meeting or rush (flyers are in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life)

What is NPHC?

The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated (NPHC) represents the 9 historically Black Greek-letter fraternities and sororities, also referred to as the Divine Nine. NPHC promotes interaction through forums, meetings and other mediums for the exchange of information and engages in cooperative programming and initiatives through various activities and functions.

What is Membership Intake?

NPHC organizations use variations of a process known as membership intake to gain new members.

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

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

What are the requirements for membership?

MSU Requirements:

- ✓ Earned at least 12 credit hours at Mississippi State (does not include transfer hours)
- ✓ 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 NPHC Interest Meeting hosted every semester

Organization Requirements:

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

- ✓ Recommendation letters
- ✓ Community service hours
- ✓ Higher grade point average requirement
- ✓ Attendance at interest meeting or rush
- ✓ See organization's national website for specifics

Follow Us!

Social Media:

Instagram: @nphc_msstate

SnapChat: @nphc_msstate

Twitter: @nphc_msstate

For more information:

Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life

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How much does it cost?

Depends! The average range to join an NPHC organization is anywhere from \$1000.00 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.
- ✓ **PRESENTATION 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 prophyte 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.