Guide to Greek Life at Samford

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Greek Life

Greek Life at Samford is like no other. Our community is welcoming to all Samford men and women interested in enhancing their collegiate experience. We are so excited you chose Samford University!
Greek Life at Samford: Purposeful, Faithful, Real.

Samford fraternities and sororities strive to make a difference in the lives of their members through fraternal and faith based connections. Fraternities and sororities foster an environment where members can:

- Live out Christian values
- Form bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood
- Develop leadership and interpersonal skills
- Work together as a team
- Support local and global philanthropies
- Implement community service projects
- Plan events for the student community
Our Values

**Service.** Giving back drives many fraternity and sorority activities. Last year alone, our community raised over $155,000 and donated over 32,000 hours of time to philanthropic organizations.

**Scholarship.** Fraternities and sororities provide supportive environments to help students succeed in the classroom and create guidelines for their members to achieve academic goals.

**Leadership.** As student-led and self-governing organizations, membership in a sorority or fraternity offers a wide range of leadership opportunities and responsibilities.

**Friendship.** Samford Greeks develop well rounded friendships with other Greeks and network with Samford’s Greek alumni.

**Growth.** Fraternities and sororities strive to build one another up in every aspect of life and can be a vital role in a student’s journey to success.

**Values.** Samford prides itself on maintaining authentic Christian values and those values shape character and guide decision making.
Fast Facts

• 45-48% of Samford students are Greek
• The Fall 2019 average GPA was 3.39
• The Spring 2020 GPA was 3.57
• Chapters range in size from 10 to over 200
Samford University is home to 14 active fraternities and sororities, two honor societies, and three governing councils: College Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council. The Office of Greek Life invests time, energy and resources for the chapters, councils, and honor societies through leadership development, educational programming, event planning provision and guidance, risk management, along with financial assistance. The governing council’s role is to serve the council member organizations as well as promote cross-council collaboration and support.
Chapter List

College Panhellenic (CPH)
- Alpha Delta Pi
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Chi Omega
- Delta Delta Delta
- Phi Mu
- Zeta Tau Alpha
- Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.*

Interfraternity Council (IFC)
- Alpha Tau Omega
- Lambda Chi Alpha
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Chi
- Sigma Nu

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. **
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.**

*Associate Member  **Plans to Return Fall 2020
New Member Expectations

You are a student first. Greek Life can certainly enhance your time as a student, however, your first priority is your academic success. Keep your grades up to maintain the chapter minimum GPA.

There is a financial commitment. It is important to know there is a financial commitment for every organization. Dues range depending on the chapter. See our financial page to learn more.

Timing is everything. New member processes can range from 2 to 8 weeks. There are weekly educational meetings to learn the history, ritual, and values of the organization.

Plan on it. Just as active members are required to attend mandatory events, so will new members. Expect to attend service and philanthropy events, general chapter meetings and Greek speakers.

Keep your standards high. Every chapter has a set of bylaws and standards for their members. New members can expect to be held accountable by their brothers and sisters.
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The Samford fraternity and sorority community has three governing councils: College Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council. The councils are similar in values such as scholarships, leadership, and community. Despite their similarities, there are a few distinctions between the three councils and how new members can join chapters within them.

To learn more about how you can join and register for recruitment or intake, visit:

www.samford.edu/greeklife/recruitment
College Panhellenic (CPH). Students interested in joining a sorority are invited to register for primary recruitment. Primary recruitment lasts one week and allows potential new members to meet all six chapters, completing the week with an invitation of membership on Bid Day.

Interfraternity Council (IFC). Students interested in joining an IFC fraternity are invited to register for pre-recruitment events and a formal week of recruitment. Formal recruitment promotes mutual selection by the potential new members and chapters, ideally completing the week with an invitation of membership on Bid Day.

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). Students interested in NPHC have the opportunity to become a member after establishing 12 Samford credit hours. Students are encouraged to research which organization best fits them and then attend an interest meeting to learn more. Students submit applications, complete interviews, and then receive an invitation for candidacy.

Delta Xi Phi (DXP). Students interested in joining DXP can join through an informal recruitment process both fall and spring semesters. Recruitment is filled with interest meetings and events to learn more about the sorority. Interested students must attend 2 events and submit an application for the chapter to review.
Important Dates

**College Panhellenic (CPH) Recruitment**
September 8-13, 2020

**Interfraternity Council (IFC) Recruitment**
September 14-18, 2020

**National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Greek Speak Interest Meeting**
September 9, 2020

**Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. Interest Meeting**
September 13-18, 2020
Joining a fraternity and sorority is a financial commitment. The ranges below include both dues to the national organization and the local Samford chapter. If at any time you decide to relinquish your membership, you may still be responsible for fulfilling your financial commitments according to your contract with the national organization. For more information, including detailed breakdowns of different chapter costs, visit the Financial Transparency page of our website at www.samford.edu/greeklife/finances.

**College Panhellenic (CPH)**
New Member Semester: $694-$955  
Active Sister Semester: $483-$680  
Semesterly Samford Greek Fee: $75.00

**Interfraternity Council (IFC)**
New Member Semester: $330-800  
Active Brother Semester: $460-$850  
Semesterly Samford Greek Fee: $75.00

**National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)**
A range of dues and fees are as low as $1,000 and as high as $3,000. Semesterly Samford Greek fee of $75.00.

**Delta Xi Phi (DXP)**
New Member Semester: $235  
Active Sister Semester: $215  
Semesterly Samford Greek Fee: $75.00
Q. What are health and safety procedures like?
A. Your safety as a student is Samford’s first priority. Samford Greek members are educated on the topics of hazing, alcohol, mental health, and sexual assault.

Q. Do I have time?
A. Being in a fraternity and sorority can be a large time commitment. You get out of it what you put in. We have student athletes, scholars, and full-time working members all of which who are active in the Greek community. Time management looks different for each member depending on your role choice within the chapter.

Q. Can I be a leader?
A. Chapters offer a wide range of leadership opportunities from serving on a committee to being on the executive board. Greek members are also leaders in every aspect of Samford student life.
Q. Can I achieve personal growth?
A. It is our mission as Samford Greeks, for members to graduate as a well rounded individual. Fraternities and sororities provide opportunities for personal, leadership, and faith development during your time as a collegiate member.

Q. What is unique about Delta Xi Phi?
A. DXP is Samford’s only multicultural sorority on campus. DXP has an informal recruitment process each semester. Multicultural awareness and the empowerment of women in higher education are important aspects of Delta Xi Phi.

Q. What is unique about NPHC?
A. Commonly known as the Divine Nine, the National Pan-Hellenic Council serves as the governing body for the member organizations. NPHC organizations have culturally based foundations, but are inclusive to all students. The membership process is discreet until revealing affiliation during the new member presentation.
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