Greek life at Samford is like no other community. Sororities & fraternities at Samford are purposeful — we serve our community & give to righteous causes because that’s what Samford is about.
The fraternity and sorority community at Samford has seen rapid growth, creating many opportunities of membership.

**Fraternities and sororities foster an environment where members can:**

- Live out the Christian values of Samford and the Greek organization
- Develop bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood
- Develop leadership and interpersonal skills
- Work together with others in an atmosphere of teamwork
- Support local and global philanthropies
- Perform community service projects
- Plan events for the student community

**FALL 2016**

- 1664 Samford Greeks
- 15 chapters
- 3 governing councils
- 3 NPHC
- 5 IFC
- 7 Panhellenic (1 Associate)
- 2 Honor Societies
The Office of Greek Life is committed to a quality fraternal experience encompassing service, scholarship, leadership, and personal development within a Christian values collegiate community.

**SERVICE**

Community service, philanthropy, and giving back to others drives many fraternity and sorority activities. From golf tournaments to 5K races to local school beautification projects, fraternities and sororities know how to have a servant’s heart while having a good time! Last year alone, our community raised over $133,000.00 for national and local philanthropic organizations and donated over 58,000 hours of time for community service.

We take pride in giving back. 100% of Samford fraternity and sorority chapters participate in Samford’s annual day of service, Samford Gives Back.

**SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship is a cornerstone of Samford University as well as the fraternity and sorority community. At Samford, you are a student before you are a Greek. A common concern for many students is the fact that joining a fraternity or sorority will take away from classes and study time. Truthfully, fraternities and sororities help keep students focused on academics. Being a successful scholar is the most important aspect of college life. Fraternities and sororities provide supportive environments to enhance a student’s ability to succeed in the classroom. Every fraternity and sorority has a faculty or staff advisor providing guidance to each member of the organization. Every chapter establishes strict guidelines for their members to set and achieve scholarship goals. Fraternities and sororities offer support, personal guidance, scholarships, tutoring, and incentives.
As student-led and self-governing organizations, sorority and fraternity membership offers a wide range of leadership opportunities and responsibilities from wise decision-making skills to crisis management projects. Each individual member can have a valuable experience seeking a leadership role while building confidence and impactful life skills. Students seeking these opportunities can find them as elected officials and as members of appointed committees and projects.

Fraternities and sororities were established on the value of brotherhood and sisterhood. Samford Greeks not only build close relationships with their brothers and sisters, but also develop well rounded friendships with other Greeks through intramural sports, community service, social functions, and philanthropy events. Being Greek at Samford provides numerous opportunities for networking throughout college and after graduation. Samford Greek alumni support continues to grow and thrive each year.

Greek students will develop talents and potential through personal and collaborative experiences. Fraternities and sororities strive to build one another up in every aspect of life. Joining a fraternity or sorority at Samford will create self-awareness and identity to then seek individual dreams and aspirations. Greek life can be a vital role in a student’s journey to success.

Samford prides itself on maintaining authentic Christian values and those values shape character and guide decision making. Many of the fraternity and sorority founding values are based on Biblical principles. Values such as hope, honor, loyalty, truth, and love guide the experiences and programs of all fraternal organizations on campus. Samford Greeks are able to take their spiritual growth to a new level by connecting Chapter ritual to daily practice.
50% of Samford students are Greek

The average Greek GPA is a 3.32

Chapters range in size from 10 to over 200
BENEFITS OF JOINING A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY

+ Lasting friendships are created because of the uplifting and supportive network fostered by a fraternity/sorority.

Academic success is the top priority for Samford Greeks. Joining a fraternity/sorority provides each member with a support group encouraging excellence in academics, but also holding one another accountable. Your brothers and sisters are here to encourage high achieving academic performance. Because first, you’re a student. The all-Greek grade point averages are traditionally higher than the all-university gpa.

Fraternity and sorority life is the premier leadership opportunity available nation wide. Samford Greeks gain leadership skills on campus and have opportunities to network with brothers and sisters across the United States and Canada. Members are able to gain skills including large scale budgeting, public speaking, networking with stakeholders and alumni, managing time, and marketing on a local, state, and national level.

+ Samford Student Life provides a wealth of extracurricular activities. Joining a fraternity or sorority plays an integral part into the student activities and events on campus. Greek students participate in Samford Ambassadors, Step Sing, Samford athletics, and more. Here at Samford your involvement has endless possibilities.

+ As the largest and most visible values-based organization on Samford’s campus, fraternities and sororities apply learned leadership skills to worthwhile causes in the Birmingham community. Samford sorority women and fraternity men organize and participate in in a multitude of events such as Relay for Life, Samford Gives Back, Birmingham Zoo, The Lakeshore Foundation, Christ City Church, Love Lady Thrift Store, Cornerstone Schools of Alabama, Magic City Wood Works, Mobile Pantry, First Light, North Star Youth Ministries, CHIPS Center, Christian Service Mission, Lakeshore Trail Clean ups, Walk M.S. Birmingham, Julia’s Place Donation Drive, Boys and Girls Club of America Tutoring, Ronald McDonald House, Birmingham Community Kitchen, American Heart Association, SafeHouse of Shelby County, and Dance Away Diabetes. Samford is a giving institution and instills value within its students. Also, it is evident fraternity and sorority members prioritize service and giving back to others at the top of their list.
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**SAMFORD CHAPTERS**

At Samford, we are proud to host 15 National Greek Organization Chapters on our campus. Whether you’re looking for a social, academic, or cultural-based organization, you will find your fit here.
Several fraternities and sororities have facilities where members live together on Samford’s West Campus. Freshmen members are not allowed to move from freshmen residence halls to fraternity or sorority housing. Students joining chapters with housing opportunities typically move in their second or third year of membership. Each chapter has its own policies for living in the facility, with overall governing policies from the Office of Residence Life. Greek housing is comparable to other living facilities on campus and the sign-up process takes place in the spring with collaboration between the chapter housing manager and the Office of Residence Life. All dining and meal plans are through the Office of Residence Life and available to all Samford students. Several fraternities and sororities do not have living facilities, and their members do not have obligations to live in a particular place.

The membership process varies by each council. For Panhellenic sororities and Interfraternity Council chapters, a formal recruitment process occurs. Registration for both fraternity and sorority recruitment is on the recruitment page of the Samford Greek Life website. Visit www.samford.edu/greeklife/recruitment.

NPHC membership intake is a delayed process. Students seeking NPHC membership must have 12 hours of Samford credit. Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. also has a less formal membership intake process. More details on these three delayed processes is on our website. Check it out to learn more!

Once a student has been issued a bid or invitation for membership, the student will begin a new member education or an intake process. During this time, students learn about the history, traditions, values of the organization, and get to know other members. At the end of the new member education period, the new members are initiated into the organization with a formal ritual ceremony. The new member process is a time for learning and building relationships.

Hazing is contrary to the missions and values of fraternities, sororities, and Samford University. The state of Alabama, Samford University, and all inter/national fraternities and sororities have a strict policy against hazing.

+ Do all members live in the house?
+ How can you join a fraternity or sorority?
+ What happens when you decide to join?
+ What about hazing?
Joining a fraternity or sorority is a significant time commitment. Members are typically expected to attend weekly chapter meetings as well as several special events each year such as recruitment, philanthropy events, and ritual ceremonies. These larger signature events, if missed, may have fines assessed to the individual member if not excused. New members will have additional new member education meetings, typically held weekly for a 6-8 week new member process. Members can choose to take on leadership positions that require further time. Fun social activities are also optional such as intramural sports and formals. Education is the first priority as a Samford student. Therefore, classes and any academic obligation will always take precedence over fraternity and sorority activities. Many Greek members find time to participate in other student organizations and/or have a job, in addition to being a Greek and Samford student.

What is the time commitment of a fraternity or sorority?

What is different about the multicultural sorority, Delta Xi Phi?

Delta Xi Phi is Samford’s only multicultural sorority that focuses on multicultural education and community service throughout the seven week associate member process. Due to smaller chapter membership numbers, most members have leadership positions within their second year of membership.

What opportunities are available to fraternity & sorority members?

The Samford fraternity and sorority experience provides a wide range of opportunities for leadership and personal development! Samford students hold leadership positions in their own chapter but also on the governing council delegation or executive board casting vision for the entire community. Students gain opportunities to attend conferences to learn and grow as a leader and individual. Samford also has the blessing to truly develop students spiritually as well through partnerships with the Office of Spiritual Life that provide dedicated pastoral care resources to chapter chaplains. Joining the Greek community can bring about endless opportunities.

What do you need to know about joining a National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) sorority or fraternity?

NPHC fraternities and sororities have culturally based foundations, but are inclusive to all students. Students who have previously initiated with other fraternities and sororities are not eligible to seek membership in NPHC.
Chapter fees fund various activities and events of the organization such as academic programs, service events, national dues, and lifetime membership. The ranges below include dues to the local chapter and to the national organization headquarters.

### Interfraternity Council
- **New Member Semester**: $450 - $1200
- **Active Brother Semester**: $350 - $600
- **Semesterly Office of Greek Life fee**: $75.00

### Panhellenic
- **The fees for a Panhellenic chapter range and are listed below**
  - **New Member Fall Semester**: $800 - $1,000
  - **Active Member Fall & Spring**: $500 - $700
- **Semesterly Office of Greek Life fee**: $75.00

### National Pan-Hellenic
- **Delta Xi Phi**
  - **Dues per semester average around**: $225 for new members and $200 for initiated members.
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For more information, visit Samford.edu/GreekLife.