

Allegheny College Expansion Policy for the establishment of a fraternity or sorority

- I. Expression of Interest
 - A. A national organization must receive written permission from the President of Allegheny College in order to recruit Allegheny students for membership in a new or reconstituted fraternity or sorority chapter. An organization must be affiliated with a national fraternity or sorority.
 - B. A group of Allegheny students interested in forming a fraternity or sorority must be formally affiliated with one of the above organizations in order to operate at Allegheny. This interest group shall contact national organizations in conjunction with the Office of Student Involvement and the Interfraternity or Panhellenic Council.

- II. Request for Colony Status
 - A. When a national organization has established a relationship with a group of Allegheny students in accordance with Article I, the group may petition for colony status.
 - B. A request for colony status must be submitted in writing to the President of Allegheny College, with a copy to the Dean of Students, Office of Student Involvement, and the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council Presidents. This request must include:
 1. The constitution and bylaws of the national organization. This material must include the following statements:
 - a. All chapters must abide by state laws, college policies, and Interfraternity or Panhellenic Council regulations.
 - b. No chapter may discriminate on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, ability, or sexual orientation.
 2. The constitution and bylaws of the local organization. This material must include a mission statement that is supportive of the aims and purposes of Allegheny College.
 3. A roster of all colony members and officers. All colony members and officers must be Allegheny students in good standing. All colony members must meet the membership criteria established by the national organization and the Interfraternity or Panhellenic Councils.
 4. The name of one member of the Allegheny College community who has agreed to serve as an advisor.
 5. The name of one alumnus of the national organization who has agreed to serve as an advisor.
 6. A statement signed by all colony members and advisors which confirms the organization's willingness to abide by all federal, state, and local laws; college policies; and Interfraternity or Panhellenic Council regulations.
 7. Written permission from the Allegheny College Interfraternity or Panhellenic Council to form a colony at Allegheny College and to participate in Interfraternity or Panhellenic Council activities.
 - C. The President of Allegheny College may grant or refuse colony status to the petitioning organization on the basis of this written request. The President may consult with other parties as necessary and may consider other matters such as the state of the fraternity and sorority community, the characteristics of the national organization, and the potential for the colony to contribute positively to the college community. The President may impose conditions on the colony. The decision of the President is final. A group whose petition is rejected must wait one

full semester before reapplication will be considered.

III. Colony Status

- A. A colony must fulfill the following responsibilities in order to be considered for college recognition:
 - 1. All activities must conform to federal, state, and local laws; Allegheny College policies; Interfraternity or Panhellenic Council regulation; and the organization's constitution and bylaws.
 - 2. The colony must be in good standing with the Interfraternity or Panhellenic Council, and must participate fully in Interfraternity or Panhellenic activities.
 - 3. The colony must maintain a grade point average equal or greater than the all-fraternity or all-sorority average.
 - 4. The colony must be in sound financial condition.
 - 5. The colony must hold regular meetings and keep accurate minutes of the meetings.
 - 6. The colony must maintain a membership size great enough to ensure the continued existence of the organization.
 - 7. The colony and the national organization must maintain regular contact with the Office of Student Involvement.
- B. The colony's performance of these responsibilities shall be assessed upon application for college recognition. The colony must document all activities during the colonization period.
- C. A colony shall have the following privileges:
 - 1. Participation in Interfraternity and Panhellenic programs, including membership recruitment and membership education programs, dues assessment, voting privileges, Greek Week, and intramurals. Other issues related to Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council membership shall be subject to the discretion of the Interfraternity or Panhellenic Council.
 - 2. Participation in all events open to student organizations.
 - 3. Use of college facilities, including sorority suite space if appropriate and available.
 - 4. Maintenance of academic records and membership rosters by the Office of Student Involvement.

IV. Request for College Recognition

- A. The colony may apply for college recognition following a minimum of two academic years of fulfillment of the responsibilities of a colony as specified in Article III, Section A.
- B. As an application for college recognition, the colony shall submit the following to the President of Allegheny College, with copies to the Dean of Students, Office of Student Involvement, and the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council Presidents:
 - 1. A current copy of the local constitution and bylaws.
 - 2. A recent financial audit performed by an accredited independent agency.
 - 3. Minutes of all colony meetings.
 - 4. A comprehensive summary of all colony activity, including social, philanthropic, academic, recruitment, and membership education programs.
 - 5. A statement from the national organization confirming good standing for the colony, and expressing their wish that the colony be granted college recognition.
 - 6. A statement from the Interfraternity or Panhellenic Council confirming good standing of the colony, and expressing their wish that the colony be granted college recognition.
 - 7. Verification from the Office of Student Involvement that the group has fulfilled the responsibilities of a colony as specified in Article III, Section A.

- C. The President of Allegheny College will make a recommendation to the Allegheny Board of Trustees regarding college recognition for the colony. The President may recommend that certain conditions (i.e. substance-free housing) accompany the granting of recognition.
- D. A colony may operate for no more than three academic years. If the colony has not been granted college recognition at the end of that period, it shall be disbanded and shall lose colony privileges as specified in Article III, Section C.

V. College Recognition

- A. When granted college recognition by the Allegheny College Board of Trustees, the chapter shall have all of the privileges of a colony as specified in Article III, Section C, as well as the following privileges:
 - 1. Rent collection if appropriate.
 - 2. Use of the Allegheny College name in reference to the chapter.
 - 3. Use of the Alumni Office for maintenance of records and communication with alumni.
 - 4. Use of college materials and services for membership recruitment in accordance with college policy and Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council regulations.
 - 5. Inclusion in college publications which list the members of the fraternity and sorority community.
- B. No group shall operate at Allegheny College without colony status or college recognition.
- C. The Board of Trustees may remove college recognition from a chapter in accordance with their regulations.