

Panhellenic Recruitment

———— Guide 2018 ————



Picture Yourself Greek

Greetings!

Hello! My name is Daana Rodriguez, and I am serving as the Vice President of Recruitment for the Panhellenic Council here at Texas Woman's University. It is such an honor to serve in this position as I strive to guide women like you to seek an organization that will bring exceptional experiences. I am originally from Dallas, TX, classified as a senior, and majoring in Child Development (Pre-OT).

Joining Greek Life in Fall 2015 has not only helped me become a leader, but it has allowed me to find a voice that I never imagined. Greek Life does not make you better than everyone else, but helps you become a better person. We welcome you to 2018 Formal Recruitment and can't wait to meet you all!

Go Greek!

Daana Rodriguez

Sign up for Panhellenic Recruitment here: bit.ly/twupcrecruitment



Panhellenic 101

Who can go through Panhellenic recruitment?

Any woman enrolled full time at TWU may participate in recruitment with Panhellenic. The Office of Greek Life has a minimum GPA requirement of 2.5 for membership. Some chapters may have a higher GPA requirement.

* Please note that any hours, including dual credit and your transfer GPA, will be considered instead of your high school GPA to determine eligibility.

What are the benefits from membership?

Along with intangible benefits such as friendship, support, and encouragement, sorority membership offers many benefits. Each organization offers scholarships to their members. There are numerous opportunities to develop leadership and interpersonal skills through attending seminars, conferences, and holding officer and committee positions within the chapter. Collegiate involvement in one's community sets a pattern of life-long service to others. In addition, sororities also offer a lifetime of networking with women of all ages throughout the world.

What kind of events does each Panhellenic sorority host?

Activities include mixers, dances, recreational sports, and much more! Each Panhellenic sorority has a specific philanthropy that they support by hosting various events both locally and nationally.

Are academics important to sororities?

Yes! Greek Life promotes and requires academic success. In order to remain in good standing with the Office of Greek Life, you must maintain a 2.5 minimum GPA (semester and cumulative). Some organizations' GPA requirements are higher. Each sorority understands that academics are a student's first priority. Individual Panhellenic sororities recognize their members for outstanding academic achievements by giving individual awards and scholarships.

What is the hazing policy at TWU?

Each organization allocates significant resources to educate its members about hazing and alcohol and substance abuse. Hazing is strictly prohibited at Texas Woman's University. Greek women strive to reach their highest potential and do not want to see any member subjected to emotional or physical harm. Hazing policies and reporting can be found on the TWU website.

What makes Greek Organizations different from any other club or organization?

Greek Life is not something you do; it is something you are. Membership in a fraternity or sorority is a cherished learning experience for members with shared values and objectives. These friendships last beyond the college years and are nurtured by alumni activities and networking programs that provide opportunities for continued camaraderie, service, and personal development.

Panhellenic Council Formal Recruitment

Thursday September 6, 2018 – Sunday, September 9, 2018

Formal Recruitment is a mutual selection process where potential new members explore the Panhellenic Chapters at Texas Woman's University. Potential new members have the opportunity to become familiar with current sorority members and their chapters, meet other potential new members, and become acclimated to the collegiate experience. Texas Woman's University currently recognizes three Panhellenic sororities:

- Alpha Gamma Delta Women's Fraternity
- Alpha Omicron Pi Women's Fraternity
- Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority

This year, Formal Recruitment will take place on September 6th - 9th, 2018. It will begin with a Potential New Member Orientation on Thursday, September 6, 2018 and will end with Bid Day on Sunday, September 9, 2018. Bid Day is the day that women participating in Recruitment receive an invitation to join a specific Panhellenic sorority.

Dates to Remember

August 29, 2018	PC Interest Meeting
September 6, 2018	Potential New Member Orientation
September 6 - 9, 2018	Panhellenic Recruitment Weekend

Financial Obligations

When joining a sorority, financial responsibility is extremely important to every chapter on campus. The expenses of belonging to a sorority vary, and the first semester of membership is often the most expensive. The three chapters at TWU range in cost of membership and also offer different opportunities to pay these dues. All sororities offer payment plans to financially assist members. These dues that are expected from each individual are used toward different expenses including risk management and sisterhood activities. The Panhellenic Council encourages anyone interested in going through Formal Recruitment to strongly consider the importance of these financial obligations to you and your family before committing to Panhellenic membership.

Per Semester Estimated Costs

New Member	\$790 Average
Active Member	\$516 Average

The registration fee for Formal Recruitment is \$30. This fee covers your t-shirt and a meal provided during Panhellenic Recruitment weekend. You are able to pay your fee with a debit/credit card online with the registration form.

Recruitment Counselors

Panhellenic provides recruitment counselors to help you navigate the formal recruitment process. They are members of the Panhellenic organizations that choose to disassociate from their chapter and serve as a guide and mentor for interested women. When you register for recruitment, you will be assigned to a color group that has three recruitment counselors. They will be there to answer any questions you have on your sorority journey!



Potential New Member Orientation - Thursday, September 6, 2018

Join us for Orientation to learn more about the Panhellenic Recruitment Weekend. You will get a chance to meet the recruitment counselors, ask questions, and get your recruitment t-shirt.

Attire for Orientation: Wear your favorite TWU apparel!

Meet & Greet - Friday, September 7, 2018

On this day, potential new members will see more of the individuality and spirit of each sorority chapter. More information on finances, traditions, history, and socials that make each Panhellenic sorority unique will be discussed. Be sure to ask plenty of questions!

Attire for Meet & Greet: The recruitment shirt provided at Orientation and your choice of bottoms. Comfortable shoes should be worn.

Philanthropy - Saturday, September 8, 2018

This day focuses on each Panhellenic sorority's national/local philanthropy. This round will feature a presentation and activity specific to explaining the chapter's chosen philanthropy and history within the sorority. You will have an opportunity to become more familiar with the members in each chapter.

Attire for Philanthropy: Business casual. Comfortable shoes should be worn.

Preference/Bid Day - Sunday, September 9, 2018

This is the final round of recruitment. This day is more intimate than the previous rounds. Sororities will give presentations that convey the core values and ideals held in esteem by its members. Potential new members will get further insight into each chapter's sisterhood and should use this round to evaluate which chapter(s) are her preferred choices.

Attire for Preference Day: Banquet or business professional.

Bid Day occurs after Preference in the afternoon. At that time, you will receive a bid from your new sorority!

Attire for Bid Day: Choice of bottoms and casual top. Your new sorority will provide a new shirt for you!

Panhellenic Council (PC)

The Panhellenic Council at TWU is the governing body for the three PC chapters on campus. Being the governing body, they are responsible for setting all policies and regulations that concern the Panhellenic sorority system. The PC chapters coordinate several events on campus such as educational and professional development programs, Formal Recruitment, various philanthropies, and community service projects. The three Panhellenic organizations that are currently chartered at TWU are Alpha Gamma Delta Women's Fraternity, Alpha Omicron Pi Women's Fraternity, and Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority.



Alpha Gamma Delta (ΑΓΔ)

Founding Date: May 30, 1904

Syracuse University

Colors: Red, Buff & Green

Mascot: Squirrel

Website: www.alphagammadelta.org

With over 175 chapters on campuses throughout the United States and Canada, Alpha Gamma Delta is dedicated to scholarship, leadership and community service. Alpha Gamma Delta supports hunger relief.



Alpha Omicron Pi (ΑΟΠ)

Founding Date: January 2, 1897

Barnard College

Colors: Cardinal

Mascot: Panda

Website: www.alphaomicronpi.org

Friendship is forever and with over one hundred years of successful work under its belt, Alpha Omicron Pi has earned considerable influence and admiration in the Greek world.

Among its many activities and community service, Alpha Omicron Pi supports the Arthritis Research Foundation, which awards scholarships and research grants annually for the study of arthritis and related diseases.



Sigma Sigma Sigma (ΣΣΣ)

Founding Date: April 20, 1898

Longwood University

Colors: Royal Purple and White

Symbol: Sailboat

Website: www.sigmasigmasigma.org

The ladies of Sigma Sigma Sigma encourage high scholastic achievement and campus involvement as well as promote strong character and a lifetime of sisterhood. Sigma Sigma Sigma has its own foundation, The Robbie Page Memorial

Fund, which sponsors play therapy rooms at North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill and Children's Medical Center of Dallas.





Panhellenic Interest Meeting

Wednesday, August 29th at 5PM

Come join us for the Panhellenic interest meeting to see what Formal Recruitment is all about! You will have the opportunity to meet all three Panhellenic chapters at TWU and our recruitment counselors. This is also the last day you can sign up for Formal Recruitment so make sure to bring your friends!

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