

Greek Alphabet

A - Alpha

B - Beta

Γ - Gamma

Δ - Delta

E - Epsilon

Z - Zeta

H - Eta

Θ - Theta

I - Iota

K - Kappa

Λ - Lambda

M - Mu

N - Nu

Ξ - Xi

O - Omicron

Π - Pi

P - Rho

Σ - Sigma

T - Tau

Υ - Upsilon

Φ - Phi

X - Chi

Ψ - Psi

Ω - Omega

Greek Vocabulary

Active -An individual who has completed the new member period, is in good standing financially and academically, and has been formally initiated into a lifelong membership with a Greek organization

Alumna -An initiated member of a sorority who has graduated from college and is no longer an active member (plural: Alumnae)

Alumnus -An initiated member of a fraternity who has graduated from college and is no longer an active member (plural: Alumni)

Badge -The pin of an initiated member

Bid -A formal invitation to join a particular fraternity or sorority

Big Brother or Sister (Bigs) -A special member of your organization who mentors you through your time in the fraternity/sorority

Chapter -A membership unit of a national or international fraternity or sorority, designated by a Greek name

Fraternity -A group of individuals bound together by ritual, common ideals, and a strong bond of friendship and brotherhood. The term "frat" should not be used when referring to a fraternity

Initiation -The traditional ritual or formal ceremony of induction, which marks the transition to full membership of a fraternity or sorority

Interfraternity Council -The governing body for all men's social fraternities on campus

Legacy -To be a legacy means that you have an older family member (brother, sister, mother, father, grandmother, or grandfather) who was a member of a Greek organization

New Member -An individual who has accepted an invitation to become a member of a Greek organization and who is working towards full membership, but is not yet initiated

Panhellenic Council -The governing body for all women's sororities on campus

Philanthropy -A term used to describe charitable events performed by Greek organizations

Potential New Member (PNM) -A student who is participating in recruitment

Recruitment -The process of mutual selection between a prospective member and active chapter

Sorority -A group of individuals bound together by ritual, common ideals, and a strong bond of friendship and sisterhood