LIVE YOUR [GREEK] LIFE
GREEK SPEAK

ACTIVE: A member who has been initiated or crossed into a lifelong fraternity or sorority membership, and is “active” in the collegiate level.

BID - An invitation to join a fraternity or sorority. Used mostly by Interfraternity Council (IFC) organizations.

CHAPTER - An individual organization comprised of UNM students that call the University of New Mexico home.

CROSSING/CROSSING OVER - The point in the membership intake process when pledges, or new members, officially become “active” members. Used exclusively by Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) organizations.

FORMAL RECRUITMENT - A structured period (typically one week before the fall semester begins) when potential members participate in a mutual selection process in order to be matched with Panhellenic Council (CPH) chapters.

INITIATION - A ceremony where new members become active.

INFORMAL/OPEN RECRUITMENT - The process of acquiring membership into a MGC organization. Similar to the recruitment process for IFC and CPH organizations.

NEW MEMBER/PLEDGE - A member of a Greek organization who has not yet been initiated.

NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION - A show/ceremony used to introduce new members of the organization.

PLEDGE CLASS - The potential new members who were initiated together. Primarily used in IFC and CPH organizations.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER (PNM) - A person participating in recruitment or intake.

RECRUITMENT - The mutual selection process prospective members and chapter members go through to get to know one another.

STEP - A series of complex, synchronous, and precise rhythmic body movements performed with stomps, songs, or chants created by organization members.

STROLL - The traditional dance or “line walk” performed by culturally-based fraternities and/or sororities.

UNM’S GREEK COMMUNITY CONSISTS OF 3 COUNCILS:

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL FRATERNITIES:
IFC is the governing body of the nationally recognized fraternity chapters at UNM. IFC provides programming and leadership opportunities within the Greek community and works on issues such as personal responsibility, diversity, health and wellness education, academic support, housing, and chapter programming initiatives.

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES:
MGC is the governing body for the multicultural fraternity and sorority chapters comprised of members from a diverse range of backgrounds, including American Indian, African American, and Latina/Latino. Cultural pride serves as a foundation by providing support, strength, and sense of purpose.

COLLEGE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL SORORITIES:
CPH serves as the governing body for the four nationally recognized sororities at UNM. The council supports sorority members in areas such as recruitment, personal responsibility, diversity, health and wellness education, academic support, housing, and chapter programming initiatives.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY?
A fraternity or sorority is a group of students with a common purpose. It is a network of friends that help support and challenge students in their University experiences. It is an organization that holds a historically significant Greek letter name, a ritual, and a tradition to develop lifelong relationships, promote service, and academic excellence.

WHAT IS THE RECRUITMENT (IFC AND CPH) AND INTAKE (MGC) PROCESS LIKE?
Recruitment and intake are when interested parties can learn about the Greek community. They are opportunities to ask questions, learn about organizations, and meet students that are a part of each group. Ultimately, both offer interested students the chance to get to know the members of an organization to gauge the best fit.

WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OF JOINING?
While the cost to join each fraternity and sorority varies by chapter, you can expect to pay some fixed amount each semester (dues). Collecting dues funds an operating budget that covers the costs of community functions, international fees, chapter events, and other social functions. Specific financial information can be found on page 11.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT FOR JOINING A GREEK ORGANIZATION?
Time commitment varies from chapter to chapter and member to member. You can expect a larger time commitment during your first semester as a new member while you are learning about the organization. Time management is one of the many skills members of fraternities and sororities learn as they balance school, family, their sorority or fraternity commitment, and perhaps even a job.

WHO OVERSEES THE FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES?
The Office of UNM Fraternity and Sorority Life is a part of the Student Activities Center, located on the lower level of the Student Union Building. Greek Advisor, Jon Gayer, was recently awarded the 2014 National Advisor of the Year Award. Our second Greek Advisor, Greg Golden, started in June 2014. Both advisors have been a part of the Greek community (at UNM and other campuses) for a number of years. All councils are also supported by advisory boards.

WHAT IS THE UNIVERSITY’S STANCE ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE?
UNM is a dry campus. All sorority and fraternity houses, as well as all recruitment events, are alcohol and drug free.

WHAT IS THE UNIVERSITY’S STANCE ON HAZING?
Greek Life prides itself on being a community of respect. Activities detracting from the goal of fostering personal and intellectual development have no place in our community or on our campus. Hazing in any form will not be tolerated. See page 12 for additional information.

HOW CAN I SPEAK WITH A PERSON AND REQUEST MORE INFORMATION?
Call the Student Activities Centre at 505-277-4706 and ask to speak with a Greek advisor, or visit greeks.unm.edu and fill out an interest form for IFC, CPH, or MGC.
**Live Your Philanthropic Life**

Greek groups are involved in giving both their time and financial donations to a number of charitable organizations. Just last year, UNM’s fraternities and sororities devoted two years worth of service in the greater Albuquerque community.

- **$12,077** donated to the Albuquerque Public Schools Title One Homeless Project during Greek Week.
- **$80,423** donated over the last seven years to local charities
- **14,067** hours of service in 2014

**Live Your Scholastic Life**

Academic achievements are based on the Greek community’s individual chapters have scholarship chairs and academic programming that provide the support their members need to succeed in the classroom.

- **3.2** nationally, 71% of all fraternity and sorority members graduate, while only 50% of non-members graduate.

**Live Your Connected Life**

Greek life is a community of almost 900 students that will go through similar experiences together, so a shoulder to lean on is always near.

- Since 2007, men’s membership rose by: 145%
- And women’s rose by: 67%

**Live Your Influential Life**

A variety of officer positions are available in Greek groups that allow members to learn and develop leadership skills. Greek life often serves as a gateway to involvement in other areas of campus life, such as government, clubs, athletics, and more.

- 65% of Greek members are involved in a campus organization outside of their chapter.
- 76% of who’s who in America are fraternity or sorority members.
- Of the nation’s 50 largest corporations, 43 are led by Greeks

**Words of Wisdom**

- **Meagan Cagel**
  - “Being Greek means being a part of something bigger than yourself. It means your opinion matters and everyone is important. It teaches cooperation, self-respect, and leadership. Without my chapter, truly believe in myself and that I am so much more stronger than I ever thought possible.”

- **Skyler Davila**
  - “My fraternity, the guys are truly independent and not associated. I will always be so much more stronger than I ever thought possible.”

- **Joseph Sanchez**
  - “Don’t immediately sign on to anything considering going through formal process. ‘No, because I was excited. After meeting the girls and learning what they stand for, I knew this was for me.’

- **Gina Lopez**
  - “Greek life is something that you need to experience first hand to fully understand. Whatever you can gain from it. It definitely gets overlooked!”

- **Meagan Cagel**
  - “Keep an open mind but have your own opinions. Everyone is different, don’t let that ever discourage you to be yourself. Be bold and wear sweatpants as much as possible.”

- **James Graver**
  - “‘Greek Week was a lot of fun, especially the Greek Sing night where everyone sang and danced their pants off.’

- **Henry Sorto**
  - “It gives me a sense of brotherhood after being enlisted in the military. As if I’m home.”

- **James Graver**
  - “The amount of enthusiasm in my chapter and that of my friends in other Greek Life organizations. There never seems to be a dull moment.”

- **Henry Sorto**
  - “How to better apply your leadership potential to your interests.”

- **James Graver**
  - “I have learned a sense of community and love so much that I never would have known had I not put aside my stereotypes and given it a chance.”

- **Henry Sorto**
  - “I know there are many other sororities, but mine is unique to me!”

- **Meagan Cagel**
  - “‘Greek Week was a lot of fun, especially the Greek Sing night where everyone sang and danced their pants off.’

- **Henry Sorto**
  - “Learn how to manage your time!”
FINANCES AND HOUSING

LESS THAN

2%

OF AVERAGE COLLEGE STUDENT
_EXPENSES GO TO MEMBERSHIP DUES.

STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW:

1. CPH, IFC, and MGC have monthly dues.
2. Please ask each organization about financial obligations, including specific fees and dues, before joining.
3. Some groups offer scholarships and payment plans to help with costs.
4. Dues fund an operating budget that covers community functions, international fees, chapter events, and other social functions.
5. Some groups require you to live in their house for a certain amount of time, but this varies by chapters who have facilities.

CONTINUOUS OPEN BIDDING

Continuous Open Bidding (COB) is the informal recruitment process for College Panhellenic sororities. This process occurs after the formal recruitment period has concluded and may take place during both the Fall and Spring semesters. Not all sororities will participate in COB.

To register, please contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at 505-277-4706, email at greeks@unm.edu or stop by the Student Activities Center located in the Student Union Building, room 1018.

*If campus housing is available.

Living in a chapter house may be a great option for some of our organizations’ members, but not all organizations have a living facility. The foundation of a meaningful experience is not necessarily dependent upon bricks and mortar, but instead upon the relationships you build.
SAFETY EDUCATION AND HAZING PREVENTION:

RESPONSIBILITY
Fraternities and sororities are held to high standards by their international organizations, their advisors, and the institution. Each organization receives chapter specific and campus based training to prepare members to be responsible and behave in a manner that reflects their values. Trainings are completed via workshops, presentations, national conferences, online modules, and more.

WHAT IS HAZING?
The University of New Mexico prohibits hazing and activities as requirements for acceptance, advancement, membership, or continued measure of good standing in formal and informal student groups, clubs, or athletic teams. Hazing and subtle hazing are defined at: greeks.unm.edu

RESPECT
To make a stand against sexual violence, the fraternity and sorority community at UNM is a proud campus partner of Lobo RESPECT: Respond, Educate, Support, Prevent, Empower, Consent, Train. For more information on LoboRESPECT, visit: loborespect.unm.edu.

Fraternities and sororities at UNM aim to create a safer community for men and women by stepping up and making a difference. Individually, all of our organizations have taken it upon themselves to educate their members above and beyond campus expectations. The Greek community continues to explore future programs and works to open discussion about sexual assault and other important topics.

REPORTING INCIDENTS AND CONCERNS:
The safety and wellness of students is our priority and the priority of all of our organizations. If you hear of or perceive an incident of hazing, sexual assault, alcohol abuse, injury, injustice and bias, as well as a person threatening suicide, please report them to our office at greeks.unm.edu or 505-277-4708 as soon as possible.

OTHER RESOURCES:
Hazinglevention.org: A national organization that empowers people to prevent hazing in student organizations.
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (collegedrinkinggov.gov): A one-stop resource for comprehensive research-based information on issues related to alcohol abuse and binge drinking.
UNM Sexual Assault Response Team (SART.unm.edu): SART, or Sexual Assault Response Team, is part of the university’s overall efforts to reduce sexual violence on campus.

SUSPENSIONS AND DISMISSELS:
SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON
The University of New Mexico and the Headquarters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon do not recognize a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at UNM.

THE UNM FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE COMMUNITY WELCOMES:

THE LGBTO COMMUNITY:
The University of New Mexico sorority and fraternity community strives to have an inclusive environment where all students feel safe and accepted. Greek Life understands people join people, and we feel regardless of how you identify, you will find your home at UNM.

Students who identify as LGBTQ can discover their social and professional network. Outside of the U.S., fraternities and sororities have chapters across the world, allowing students to connect with their home campus and community. Many of our organizations have LGBTQ members. If you identify as LGBTQ, and would like to talk to one of our students about their experience, contact the Greek Life office.

STUDENT ATHLETES:
Many notable athletes across the country have been members of fraternities and sororities. This can also be a part of your experience as a student athlete at UNM. Our fraternity and sorority community includes current and former members of several NCAA sanctioned sports such as:

- Swimming and Diving
- Soccer (men’s and women’s)
- Football
- Basketball (women’s)
- Track and Field
- Spirit Program
- Softball

Consider making both Athletics and the sorority and fraternity community a part of your University experience. Many students have successfully managed the time commitments each activity requires.

OUT-OF-STATE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

Students who come to UNM from out-of-state or another country are eager to make connections with other students. Making friends in a new place can be stressful, but membership in a fraternity or sorority can make that process easier. In addition, it offers an opportunity to connect quickly, without worrying about what avenues to take, what places to visit, and who to try to build relationships with on campus. Sororities and fraternities encourage their members to branch out on campus by facilitating interactions with different people both in and out of the organization.

Tyler Wafer, California
“Going to school out of state was so hard since I didn’t know anyone coming to UNM. Going Greek gave me the sense of home at a time when I was thinking about transferring back home. I don’t want to imagine what my collegiate experience would be like without going Greek.”

Laur DeMers, Soccer
“When I went through recruitment, I was worried that I would have too much going on to stay focused on school and athletics. However, this did not turn out to be the case at all. Although it takes good time management to be involved in all three areas, I am so thankful that I decided to become a part of Greek Life. It has enhanced my college experience in such a great way.

Greek Life has given me the opportunity to lead and become involved at UNM beyond the athletic community. I’ve met an incredibly diverse group of individuals and taken part in a wide range of events. I feel more connected to my school (and the Albuquerque community) than I did before joining my sorority.”

FREATHETHY AND SORORITY FACTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:
Fraternity/Sorority: Fraternities and sororities began in the 1820s, striving to provide students with a social and professional network. Outside of the U.S., these groups usually revolve around academics or extracurricular activities. There are some incredible benefits to joining a fraternity or sorority including the opportunity to completely immerse yourself in an American college tradition that is nearly 100 years old on the UNM campus.

“Greek” sororities and fraternities are described as Greek because their organizations typically use Greek letters to name themselves, not because their members are from the European country Greece.
15 THINGS TO DO IN GREEK LIFE:

1. Attend the New Member Summit
2. Compete and win in UNM Greek Week
3. Go to the All-Greek/Athletic Speaker in the Fall
4. Attend your organization’s national conference
5. Participate in the All-Greek Community Service event at the zoo
6. Attend a Greeks at the Game sporting event
7. Go to the annual MGC Showcase in the Spring
8. Plan a social with a fraternity or sorority
9. Become a CPH, IFC, or MGC executive member
10. Wear your fraternity/sorority badge or pin on Badge Day
11. Help out at Class Crawl and Spring Storm with your chapter members
12. Check out another UNM organization
13. Attend a Greek Formal
14. Take a photo on Lobo Day (UNM’s birthday) wearing your letters
15. Take a selfie at Red Rally with your organization

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

A. ZIMMERMAN LIBRARY
   Main library on campus for education, government information, humanities, and social sciences.

B. STUDENT UNION BUILDING (SUB)
   The SUB offers a variety of resources such as food, a computer lab, places to study, as well as social activities. Many Greek organizations host meetings and have office space here.

C. UNIVERSITY ADVISEMENT AND ENRICHMENT CENTER/ACCESSIBILITY RESEARCH CENTER
   Located on second floor of Mesa Vista Hall, room 2021. Offers services to UNM self-identified students with disabilities.

D. CENTER FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUPPORT (CAPS)
   Office located on the third floor of Zimmerman Library, at the top of the stairs. Tutoring held at various locations on campus. Visit: caps.unm.edu

E. ETHNIC AND WOMEN’S CENTERS
   African American Student Services, El Centro de la Raza, American Indian Student Services, Women’s Resource Center

F. LGBTQ RESOURCE CENTER
   A safe zone environment for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations. Visit: lgbtqrc.unm.edu

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