

Reasons Your Student Should Consider Fraternity & Sorority Life at UNM

Fraternity and Sorority Life is a community of values-based organizations that offer students opportunities to build friendships, grow as leaders, serve others, and succeed academically. At UNM, these groups create smaller communities within the larger campus, helping students find support, purpose, and a place to belong.



Questions or concerns?

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Higher Student Retention & Success

Fraternity and sorority members at UNM are 1.5 times more likely to return for their sophomore year, with a 95% freshman-to-sophomore retention rate compared to just 64% for non-affiliated students.

Academic Support & Performance

With chapter-based study hours, mentorship, and accountability, FSL students consistently earn higher GPAs than the campus average—most recently achieving a 3.31 community GPA in 2024–2025.

Increased Experiential Learning

Students in fraternities and sororities are three times more likely to participate in experiential learning, including internships, applied projects, and campus leadership—giving them practical experience that enhances their education.

Stronger Career Readiness & Employment Outcomes

Fraternity and sorority members are more likely to apply classroom learning in real-world settings and secure jobs quickly after graduation. Over 50% report having job offers within two months, compared to just 36% of non-affiliated peers.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS & FAMILIES

How will my student benefit from joining a fraternity or sorority?

Fraternities and sororities provide a built-in support system, leadership opportunities, academic resources, and service experiences. Members often form strong friendships, get more involved on campus, and build skills that support both college success and future careers.

Will FSL interfere with academics?

No. Academics are a top priority in the FSL community. Most organizations offer study sessions, peer mentoring, and GPA-based incentives. In fact, the average GPA for UNM fraternity and sorority members in 2024–2025 was 3.31—higher than the campus average.

Is hazing allowed at UNM?

Absolutely not. UNM and all recognized fraternities and sororities enforce a strict no-hazing policy. Chapters are held accountable to both university and national organization standards, and concerns are taken seriously and addressed promptly.

What about alcohol or risky behavior?

All organizations must follow campus policies, state laws, and national risk management guidelines. Chapters receive training on health and safety, and events are monitored to ensure they promote responsible behavior.

How much does it cost?

Costs vary by chapter, but most include national dues, local chapter fees, and event costs. New members generally pay more their first semester. Many groups offer scholarships or payment plans to help offset costs.

When should my student join a fraternity or sorority?

We recommend students consider joining as early as possible—ideally during their first semester. Research shows that a strong sense of belonging within the first eight weeks of college significantly improves student success, well-being, and retention. Fraternity and Sorority Life provides that connection right away through friendships, support systems, and meaningful involvement. While it's absolutely fine to wait and join later, students who get involved early often see the greatest long-term benefits.

How does this help after college?

Membership is for life. Many alumni stay connected through graduate chapters, professional networks, and mentoring programs. These relationships often help members find internships, jobs, and meaningful personal connections beyond college.

How can I support my student?

Stay curious and ask questions. Let your student explore their options and make the decision that's right for them. Once they join, attend Family Weekend, chapter events, or ask to meet their advisors. Your engagement matters!