



Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation Greek Life Expansion Policy

The University of New Haven recognizes the value of Greek Life and the contribution members of Greek organizations make on our community. Greek organizations wishing to colonize at the University must comply with the following policy. The Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation will only grant recognition to Greek organizations who are affiliated with a National/International Greek organization. The University of New Haven does not recognize and will not grant recognition to any chapter that is local or part of a city-wide/metro. The University reserves the right to accept, approve, or reject any social Greek organization seeking recognition, expansion, colonization or chapter status.

Greek organizations wishing to expand to the University of New Haven must follow the steps below:

Steps for New National/International Greek Organizations:

1. Requests to establish a new Greek organization must be received in writing via email to the Assistant Director for Greek Life and Programming. Requests can be made by the following groups:
 - a. The National/International Greek organization
 - b. The local council (NPC, MGC, or IFC)
 - c. **Current** university undergraduate students
2. Once the request has been received, it will be reviewed by the Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation. The respective council President will be notified and asked to form an expansion committee. The expansion committee will meet within fourteen business of receiving the below requested documentation. The expansion committee will only meet and submit recommendations during the academic year.

The expansion committee will consist of: The Assistant Director for Greek Life and Programming, the council President, one delegate from each organization in the council, the All Greek Council President, and the Undergraduate Student Government Association President. The Greek organization will be required to submit the following for review:

- a. An official letter of intent from the National/International Greek organization outlining the interest in affiliating, a proposed strategy for colonization, and the added benefit to the University community
- b. Historical and Demographic Information
 - i. Name of Greek organization
 - ii. Founding date and location
 - iii. Brief history
 - iv. Current number of colonies
 - v. Current number of chapters (Undergraduate and Graduate/Alumni)
 - vi. Average chapter size



- vii. Number of chapters closed/suspended in the past five years and the reason
 - viii. Membership costs
 1. New Member fees
 2. Initiation fees
 3. Insurance fees
 4. Regular dues
 5. Other required fees
 - ix. Verification of appropriate liability coverage
 - c. Programs and Policies
 - i. Position on risk management
 - ii. Policy against hazing (please include outline of how the Greek organization deals with allegations of hazing)
 - iii. Outline of New Member process (please include timeline)
 - iv. Membership requirements
 - v. Minimum standards for new members
 - vi. Constitution and By-laws, Code of Conduct, and judicial procedures
 - d. Greek Organization Structure
 - i. List of National officers
 - ii. List of all chapters (highlight nearby chapters)
 - iii. List of regional and local officers (if applicable)
 - iv. Names, phone numbers, and email address of each person who will be involved in the establishment of the colony/chapter
 - e. Resources
 - i. List of resources that will be provided to the University and students
 - ii. Financial resources that will be provided to the students during the establishment of the colony/chapter
 - iii. Greek organization policies and procedures for establishing a colony
 - iv. One letter of reference from each of the last three schools where a colony/chapter was most recently established
3. The expansion committee will review and make a recommendation. If the committee recommends approval, the Assistant Director for Greek Life and Programming will review the information and will outline the conditions of expansion. The outline and recommendation will be forwarded to the Executive Director for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation within fourteen business days for final approval. Recommendations will only be reviewed during the academic year. If approval is received, the Greek organization will be notified. If the application for expansion is denied the Greek organization will be notified and the Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation will take no further action. A Greek organization can submit an appeal to the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Steps After Recognition

Upon notice of recognition, all items listed below must be completed/submitted to the Assistant Director for Greek Life and Programming within fourteen business days OR before the



membership intake/new member process begins, whichever comes first. All items must be updated if they change over the course of the year.

- All students must complete the anti-hazing workshop with the Assistant Director for Greek Life and Programming before the membership intake/new member process begins
- A signed anti-hazing statement from each member
- A grade check release form for each member
- Complete roster information
- Advisor address, phone number, and email address
- A national and chapter constitution
- The membership intake/new member education schedule (including dates, times, locations of all meetings and events)
- Any information requested by the University

The Greek organization must maintain a minimum of five active members. An active member is defined as a full-time, enrolled, and matriculated University of New Haven student with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Should the Greek organization wish to register as a hybrid Recognized Student Organization, the Greek organization must work with the Center for Student Engagement Leadership and Orientation and Office of Graduate Student Services to secure hybrid status. All members must also remain in active financial and academic standing per the National/International Greek organization policies.

Additionally, all Greek organizations must complete the steps to become a Recognized Student Organization in the Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation. This process must be completed within sixty days of recognition by the expansion committee.

Steps for a Formally Recognized Chapter:

Greek organizations with less than five active members are deemed inactive. Inactive Greek organizations that wish to become active again must complete the following steps:

1. A chapter that has been inactive for less than four consecutive academic years:
 - a. Will not lose recognition status but must submit the following:
 - i. Plan of action for initiating members
 - ii. Must have a minimum of four non-seniors initiated into the Greek organization
 - iii. Complete the Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation re-recognition process
2. A chapter that has been inactive for more than four consecutive academic years must follow the same procedures as a new National/International Greek organization.

Steps for a Suspended National/International Chapter:



Greek organizations that were suspended or removed from the university will not be permitted to apply for re-recognition for a minimum of five years from the date of the suspension or removal. Should a previously suspended Greek organization wish to seek re-recognition the following must be provided:

1. The documentation listed in the steps for a new National/International Greek organization
2. A statement from the National/International Greek organization explaining the reason for suspension, agreement that previous members will have no involvement in the membership intake/new member process or serve in any capacity as advisors to the chapter, outline of what steps will be taken to ensure the same issue/incident does not occur.
3. Once this documentation is submitted, it will be sent to the expansion committee for review and recommendation. If the recommendation is made in favor, the Greek organization must set up a meeting with the Assistant Director for Greek Life and Programming. One of the Greek organizations National representatives **MUST** be the person directly responsible for the membership intake/new member process.
4. All documentation and notes from the meeting will be submitted with recommendations to the Executive Director for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation for final approval.

Other Considerations:

If a Greek organization is denied the opportunity to colonize at the University, they can reapply one calendar year from the date of the initial denial. No more than one Greek organization per council will be permitted to colonize during the academic year.

If a Greek organization is permitted to colonize at the University, representatives must meet bi-weekly with the Assistant Director for Greek Life and Programming to review their progress. All Greek organizations agree to abide by the University, USGA, Center for Student Engagement, Leadership and Orientation, and Greek Life policies and procedures. It is the responsibility of the Greek organization to review all policies and procedures.

The University of New Haven requires a minimum of seven students to establish a new organization on campus and a minimum of five to maintain an active Greek organization. However, this number may be higher depending on the Greek organizations national affiliation with NIC, NPC, NPHC, NALFO, NAPA or NMGC. Should the number be higher than five, the University will abide by the higher number. Some procedures may vary depending on the council. Any additional procedures will be communicated to the Greek organization wishing to expand.