GO GREEK

GUIDE TO TEXAN FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

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43 percent of fraternity and sorority members who are employed full time are more engaged in the workplace compared to 38 percent of all other college graduates who are employed full time.

Fraternity and sorority members are more likely than all other college graduates to be thriving in each of the five elements of well-being (purpose, social, financial, community, physical health).

Tarleton State University is home to 17 Greek Letter organizations that fall into three governing councils.

• Interfraternity •
  • Panhellenic •
  • Intergreek •

One of the many reasons potential members decide to go Greek is the involvement opportunities that the Greek system provides. Nowadays, it takes more than just a college degree to be successful and becoming a proactive member in a Greek chapter is one of best ways you can discover and develop your leadership skills.

Fraternities and sororities are self-governing, allowing for many leadership opportunities within the councils of individual chapters. Tarleton State Greek members participate in various student organizations outside their fraternity or sorority.

Greek leadership is present in many Tarleton organizations like:
• School Wide Activities Team (SWAT)
• Student Government Association (SGA)
• Tarleton Transition Mentors (TTM)
• Tarleton Alternative Transportation (TAT)
LEADERSHIP & ACADEMICS

The Greek community supports the value of a college education and places academics as its highest priority for its members. Fraternities and sororities provide opportunities to earn awards and recognition for academic success. The governing councils expect each chapter to maintain an acceptable overall grade point average.

Students who join fraternities and sororities are more likely to return to school the following year than students who choose not to join. Students who join fraternities and sororities are more likely to have higher GPAs throughout their college career.

-Effects of Fraternity/Sorority Membership, 2006

Leadership opportunities can increase:
- Academic Achievement
- Communication
- Management skills

PHILANTHROPY

Community Service is a key component of our Greek community. Each chapter hosts philanthropy events to support local and national organizations.

- Children’s Miracle Network
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Cook Children’s Hospital
- United Way

During 2016 Greek Week, chapters donated more than 2,800 pounds of canned goods to local food pantries.

Fraternity or sorority members at Tarleton State University have the ability to achieve academic excellence through: study hours, chapter scholarship programs, honor societies, assistance by older members within his/her chapter.

You can find out chapter grade information on our website at the Grade Report link.

Each organization offers leadership retreats and conferences that are sponsored by their national offices. If you have the time, you can also choose to participate in optional activities such as holding an office or joining a governing board. This gives you extra leadership experience that can boost a resume. Each governing council (Interfraternity, Panhellenic & Intergreek) has a leadership board that a student can join.
Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to participate in Greek recruitment:

- Be a full-time Tarleton student
- Have a minimum high school or college GPA of 2.25 for Interfraternity and InterGreek organizations and 2.5 for Panhellenic organizations
  - GPAs will be verified and supporting documentation may be required. Because individual chapters may have higher GPA requirements, meeting the above minimum standard does not guarantee an invitation for membership.
- Complete the online registration form at tarleton.edu/greeklife or on TexanSync
- Pay recruitment fee
  - Credit/Debit cards are accepted online during the registration process. Checks must be brought to the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life in the Thompson Student Center, Room 103. Checks should be made out to the recruiting council (Interfraternity, InterGreek or Panhellenic).
- Attend and participate in all required sponsored events during the recruitment period

**IFC Recruitment Information:**
Registration is open June 1 – September 14 at 5pm
Registration fee: $45
Recruitment: September 19-22
Bid Day: September 23
Sign up for IFC Recruitment at orgsync.com/51867/forms/139414

**IGC Recruitment Information**
Registration is free
Recruitment: September 26
Find more information about IGC Recruitment at orgsync.com/51868/forms/200785

**Panhellenic Recruitment Information:**
Registration is open June 1-August 28 at 11:59pm
Early registration (Ends July 10): $50
Regular fee: $75
Recruitment: September 5-9
Bid Day: September 10
Sign up for Panhellenic Recruitment at tarleton.mycampusdirector.com/register/
Membership in an IFC fraternity is an open door to many great opportunities and experiences as a Tarleton State University student. The fraternity community promotes the development of the Tarleton Core Values to its members.

Men involved in the Greek community have the opportunity to hold various leadership positions in and outside their chapter. Tradition is a rich part of the Fraternity world that is played out through the chapter rituals that have been handed down. Service and Civility are learned through the many philanthropy projects that are completed each year. Integrity and excellence are learned through the values that each fraternity instills in their members through their education process.

Chapters include: Alpha Gamma Rho, Delta Chi, FarmHouse, Kappa Delta Rho, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Sigma, & Sigma Chi
ALPHA GAMMA RHO

Founded at Ohio State University on October 10th, 1904. The Beta Sigma Chapter was chartered on October 3rd, 1992. Their philanthropic efforts focus on the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

COLORS: Dark Green & Gold  •  MOTTO: “To make better men”
SYMBOL: Sickle & Sheaf  •  FLOWER: Pink Rose

DELTA CHI

Founded at Cornell University on October 13th, 1890. The Tarleton Chapter was chartered on April 13th, 1988. Their philanthropic efforts focus on the V Foundation for Cancer Research.

COLORS: Red & Buff  •  MOTTO: “Leges” (law)
SYMBOL: Dove, Scimitar & Axe  •  FLOWER: White Carnation
KAPPA DELTA RHO

Founded at Middlebury College on May 17th, 1905. The Zeta Beta Chapter was chartered on April 22nd, 1989. Their philanthropic efforts focus on KDR Kids.

COLORS: Middlebury Blue & Princeton Orange
MOTTO: “Honor Super Omnia” (Honor above all things)
SYMBOL: Balance, Sheaf & Book • FLOWER: Red Rose

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

Founded at Boston University on November 2nd, 1909. The Phi-Rho Zeta Chapter was chartered on April 19th, 1986. Their philanthropic efforts focus on Feeding America.

COLORS: Purple, Green & Gold • MOTTO: “Vir Quisque Vir” (Every Man a Man); “Χαλεπά τά καλά” (Naught without Labor)
SYMBOL: Cross & Crescent • FLOWER: White Rose
SIGMA CHI

Founded at Miami University on June 28th, 1855. The Kappa Xi Chapter was chartered on September 28th, 1996. Their philanthropic efforts focus on the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

COLORS: Blue & Old Gold • MOTTO: “In Hoc Signo Vinces” (In this Sign You Shall Conquer) • SYMBOL: White Cross
FLOWER: White Rose

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Founded at the University of Pennsylvania on August 16th, 1850. The Epsilon Alpha Chapter was chartered on April 30th, 2016. Their philanthropic efforts focus on the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

COLORS: Black & Old Gold • MOTTO: “Stellis Aequus Durando” • SYMBOL: Maltese Cross • FLOWER: Yellow Chrysanthemum
FARMHOUSE

Founded at University of Missouri on April 15th, 1905. The Alpha Gamma Chapter chartered on March 11th, 2012. Their philanthropic efforts focus on the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

COLORS: Green, Gold & White • FLOWER: Red & White Roses
MOTTO: “Builder of Men” • SYMBOL: Sickle and Sheaf

IT’S ALL GREEK TO ME

Frequently Used Greek Terms

ADVISOR: Alumnus who serves as a resource for the active chapter and liaison between the alums and collegians.

ACTIVE MEMBER: An undergraduate fraternity or sorority member who has been initiated by their chapter.

ALUMNAAE/ALUMNI: A member who is no longer a member of a collegiate chapter.

BADGE: Also known as a pin, an item of jewelry given to a member upon initiation. It is to be worn at all official functions; must be worn with business attire and usually worn over the heart and higher than all other pins.

BID: A formal invitation to join a sorority or fraternity.

BID DAY: Last day of formal recruitment where potential new members receive formal invitations to join a chapter.

CHAPTER: A membership unit of a national or international sorority or fraternity.

COLONY: A new organization that is recognized by the university but is in the process to receive recognition from their national offices.

FORMAL RECRUITMENT: A designated membership recruitment period comprised of a series of events hosted by each sorority or fraternity, scheduled and governed by the governing council.

FRATERNITY: Greek-letter organizations that are characterized by a ritual, badge, and a strong tie of friendship. Informally, women’s fraternities are called sororities.

INFORMAL RECRUITMENT: Joining an organization outside of the formalized process. This can include continuous open bidding.

INITIATION: The formal ceremony that brings a new member into full membership.

LEGACY: A woman whose mother, sister, or in some cases grandmother, is an alumna or active member of a sorority or a man whose father, brother, or in some cases grandfather, is an alumni or active member of a fraternity.

LINE: An NPHC term somewhat equal to a pledge class. They are the potential new members of that organization.

NEW MEMBER: An individual who has accepted a bid but is not yet an initiated member.

PHILANTHROPY: A service project undertaken by Greek organizations at the campus, community, or national level. Most national organizations have a designated cause to which they serve.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER: Any person interested in becoming a chapter member who is eligible to join according to the Panhellenic, InterGreek, or Interfraternity Council requirements.

RHO GAMMA: An individual that is disaffiliated from their organization to assist individuals in the recruitment process.
Joining one of the National Panhellenic Conference sororities at Tarleton State allows you to become part of the Panhellenic Association. The Tarleton State Panhellenic Association is the governing council for the sororities chartered here and is responsible for organizing activities related to all chapters. During each recruitment cycle, members of Tarleton’s Panhellenic Council disaffiliate themselves from their organizations and become known as Rho Gammas.

Founded in 1902, it is the encompassing organization for 26 international women’s fraternities and sororities. Each member group is an autonomous, social Greek-letter organization. Members are represented in over 600 campuses in North America and in more than 5,300 alumnae associations, making up more than 3 million sorority women around the world.

Chapters include: Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Zeta, Delta Phi Epsilon, & Phi Mu.
ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

Founded nationally on May 30th, 1904. The Epsilon Upsilon Chapter was chartered on January 19, 1985. Their philanthropic efforts focus on the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation and Diabetes Awareness and Education.

COLORS: Red, Buff & Green  •  FLOWER: Red and Buff Roses  
MASCOT: Squirrel  •  JEWEL: Pearl

ALPHA OMICRON PI

Founded nationally on January, 2, 1897. The Theta Sigma Chapter was chartered on November 21st, 2015 and is the newest sorority on campus. Their philanthropic efforts focus on Juvenile Arthritis Research and Education.

COLORS: Cardinal Red  •  FLOWER: Jacqueminot Rose  
MASCOT: Panda  •  JEWEL: Ruby
DELTA ZETA

Founded nationally on October 24th, 1902. The Xi Nu Chapter was chartered on April 19th, 1985. Their philanthropic efforts focus on Speech and Hearing and The Painted Turtle Camp.

COLORS: Rose Pink & Nile Green  •  FLOWER: Pink Killarney Rose  
MASCOT: Turtle  •  JEWEL: Diamond

DELTA PHI EPSILON

Founded at New York University Law School on March 17th, 1917. The Gamma Sigma Chapter was chartered on April 13th, 2013. Their philanthropic efforts focus on The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, The National Association for Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders and the Delta Phi Epsilon Education Foundation.

COLORS: Royal Purple & Pure Gold  •  FLOWER: Lovely Purple Iris  
MASCOT: Unicorn  •  JEWEL: Pearl
Founded at Wesleyan College on March 4th, 1852. The Epsilon Pi Chapter was chartered on April 23rd, 1994. Their philanthropic efforts focus on the Children’s Miracle Network.

COLORS: Rose and White • FLOWER: Rose Carnation
MASCOT: Lion • SYMBOL: Quatrefoil

BROTHERHOOD & SISTERHOOD

You will notice that no two organizations are made up of members who are all alike. Each chapter has its own sense of diversity and individuality. However, you will notice a common bond among the members of each chapter that is unique and very private. When you become part of a fraternity or sorority, you are not just meeting new friends; but, you are becoming a part of a brotherhood or sisterhood.

You will enjoy the benefits of friendship that will grow stronger through the years and last a lifetime. Brotherhood or sisterhood means the joining of individuals in love and friendship, while striving for similar goals. Being part of a fraternity or sorority is something that cannot compare to anything else. To know of its existence is one thing, but to experience it is another.
The purpose of the InterGreek Council is to promote and foster the general welfare of the Multicultural and Professional Greek Community and to ensure a greater level of cooperation, communication, and achievement for the Greek Community.

The InterGreek fraternities and sororities offer unique chances for growth. The friendship that comes with being in the InterGreek community provides an encouraging environment that promotes diversity, inclusion, and professionalism. These chapters promote and develop leadership skills and a commitment to service. Members work hard to cooperatively realize shared goals.

Chapters include: Alpha Phi Omega, Kappa Delta Chi, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Alpha, & Zeta Phi Beta.
ALPHA PHI OMEGA

Founded at LaFayette College on December 16th, 1925. The Tarleton Chapter is Xi Omicron. Their philanthropic efforts focus on the Boy Scouts of America.

COLORS: Royal Blue and Old Glory Gold
FLOWER: Forget-Me-Not • MOTTO: Be a leader, Be of service
SYMBOL: Golden Eagle, sturdy oak

ZETA PHI BETA

Founded at Howard University on January 16th, 1920. The Sigma Omicron Chapter was chartered on February 25th, 1994. Their philanthropic efforts focus on the Z-H.O.P.E., Stork’s Nest & National Education Foundation.

COLORS: Royal Blue and White • FLOWER: White Rose
MOTTO: A community-conscious, action-oriented organization
SYMBOL: Dove
KAPPA DELTA CHI

Founded at Texas Tech on April 6th, 1987. The Tarleton Chapter is Nu. Their philanthropic efforts focus on American Cancer Society.

COLORS: Pink and Maroon • FLOWER: Pink Rose • MOTTO: What we are to be, we are now becoming because what we are is God’s gift to us, what we become is our gift to God • JEWEL: Emerald

SIGMA ALPHA

Founded at Ohio State University on January 26th, 1978. The Alpha Zeta Chapter was chartered on November 10th, 2012. Their philanthropic efforts focus on Agriculture in the Classroom and Heifer International.

COLORS: Emerald and Maize • FLOWER: Yellow Chrysanthemum • MOTTO: Women Excelling in Agriculture • JEWEL: Emerald
HAZING

Tarleton State University and the Tarleton State Greek Councils have a zero tolerance policy on hazing.

“Hazing” means any intentional or reckless act occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of that student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are students at an educational institution.

“Hazing” includes, but is not limited to

1. Any type of physical brutality or physical activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student (sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, calisthenics)

2. Activities involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, drug or other substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely effects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.

3. Activities that intimidate or threaten the student with ostracism

4. Activities that subject the student to extreme mental stress, shame or humiliation or that adversely effects the mental health or dignity of the student.
Since 1984, fraternities and sororities have served as fundamental elements of Tarleton State University’s student life. Greek life at Tarleton totals more than 1,000 members and makes up more than 11 percent of the overall student body. Each organization has its own rituals, ideals and philanthropies, but they all strive to live by Tarleton’s six core values: Tradition, Integrity, Civility, Leadership, Excellence and Service.

Discover more about Greek life as well as all of Tarleton’s involvement opportunities through TexanSync. For any questions, please contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Visit the Greek Life website  
Tarleton.edu/greeklife  
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Thompson Student Center, Room 103

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