Membership Intake

Membership intake is the process by which students become members of a fraternal organization. Chapters wishing to participate in membership intake must meet with the Assistant Director of Student Life in order to gain permission. The intake chairperson and chapter president must be present at this meeting. Membership intake is usually conducted by regional teams comprised of members of the fraternity selected by the national or regional representatives. It does not involve any pledging activities. Most Greek letter fraternities no longer permit pledging. Each organization is required to host an information session that provides details about membership. Membership intake activities can only begin after the Campus Wide Information Sessions, Organizational Information Session, and the Office of Student Life grants permission.

Because the College recognizes fraternal and social fellowship groups as private organizations, these groups may select student members according to their criteria. These criteria must not discriminate against students in an arbitrary and capricious manner, and must be functionally related to the explicit goals of the organization and the mission of the College. Prospective members of a fraternal organization have the right to learn about the organization, its rules, responsibilities, and benefits of membership in an environment that poses no risk or threat to them.

The national offices must be sure to take the academic calendar into consideration when setting deadlines relating to intake and other activities. The college policy supersedes the fraternal organization’s policy. Fraternity and Social Fellowship organizations are guests of the college and exist only with its permission.