



GREEK LIFE RECRUITMENT TIPS: **Asking the Right Questions** UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

It can be difficult to know what questions to even ask fraternities and sororities as you go through recruitment! We've prepared a list to help guide you as you look for the chapter that fits you best!

Scholarship

- What is your chapter GPA?
- What is the GPA for your most recent new member class?
- Is there a grade requirement I must meet to initiate and/or stay a member?
- Are there a lot of members in the house with my major?
- How much emphasis does your fraternity/sorority put on academics?
- What type of scholarship program does your fraternity offer (e.g. study hours, grade reports, upperclassmen tutors, study/time management workshops, etc.)?
- Are there financial scholarship opportunities with your chapter and/or national organization?

Social

- What are some of your traditional social activities?
- How many events do you hold a semester?
- What do you do to help new members meet people on campus?
- What 'non-theme' social opportunities does your chapter provide (e.g. date nights, dinner exchanges, football blocks, putt-putt golf, etc.)?
- Is there anyone else rushing from my area or current members that I might know?

Time Commitment

- What time commitments are involved in joining your fraternity/sorority?
- When and how often are new member meetings?
- When and how often are chapter meetings?
- What new member events are required and what events are optional?
- What events will I be required to attend once I'm a full member?

Financial Commitment

- How much are membership dues and what benefits do they cover (e.g. intramural fees, socials, community service events, retreats, conferences, etc.)?
- Are there separate one time pledging and initiation dues and if so how much are they?
- How much are room and board costs and what do they cover (e.g. meal plan, phone, cable, internet, electricity, etc.)?
- How does the billing and payment plan work?
- What if I need to cancel my University Housing contract?
- What are some of the optional costs that may come up during the year (shirts, trips, etc.)?

New Member Education Program

- What is your membership education period like? What is its purpose?
- What rules do you have for new members?
- What are the requirements I must meet to initiate (e.g. GPA, membership quizzes, etc.)?
- How long before I am initiated?
- What percent of the most recent new member class was initiated?
- What's the time commitment for new members?
- What is your chapter's stance on hazing?
- Are there chapters or new member class leadership positions available right away?

Athletics

- How active is your house in intramurals?
- What are some of the traditional sports you have teams for?
- Are intramural costs included in membership?

Networking

- What alumni/alumnae connections are available through your organization?
- What alumni events or activities does your chapter provide?
- Do you have an alumni advisor and/or an advising team?

Housing

- Do you have a chapter house? Where is it located (i.e. on campus, city or east)?
- What advantages would I gain from living in a chapter house and more specifically, your house?
- What kind of sleeping arrangements do you have / how big are the bedrooms?
- How do members choose rooms and roommates?
- Do you require members to live in the chapter house for any period of time?
- Are you University Approved housing and am I able to live in my freshman year (fraternities only)?
- What are the chapter house rules (e.g. quiet hours, alcohol, open kitchens, refrigerators/microwaves, etc.)?
- What responsibilities do live-in members have (e.g. cleaning, help with the cooking, etc.)?
- Do you have a live in advisor or “House Parent”?

Leadership

- How involved is your fraternity in other campus activities?
- What are some of the campus organizations that your membership has traditionally been a part of?
- What offices or positions do you have within your chapter?
- What local/regional/national awards has your chapter earned?

Service

- What is your organizations local and/or national philanthropy benefactor and what community service events/activities does your chapter organize?
- How important is community service to your chapter?

Comparison

- What sets your chapter apart on campus and what are some advantages of membership in your fraternity/sorority as compared to others?

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- Why do you want to join a Greek organization?
- Do you have the financial resources to pay for rent, food, and chapter dues?
- Will you have the time to participate in chapter leadership positions, chapter meetings, service events, intramurals, and other chapter events?
- Could the chapter’s scholastic programming help you achieve your academic goals?
- Does the chapter disclose the contents of its pledge/new member program?
- Does the chapter tell you up front the date of initiation and the requirements?
- What is the percentage of chapter members involved in other student organizations?
- If the chapter has a housing facility, is it well-kept and clean?
- Do the members respect the property?
- Do all members participate equally in cleaning the house?
- Will this organization help build your resume for a successful career after you graduate?
- Will this organization help you to get connected to other students on campus?
- Lastly, and perhaps most important, what chapter do you connect best with and feel the most comfortable around?