

FAQs



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WHAT IS PANHELLENIC SORORITY RECRUITMENT?

Panhellenic SorORITY Recruitment is the process in which Potential New Members (PNM), or non-affiliated women, are able to meet each of the Panhellenic Council organizations and see which organization is best suited for them. Here at Florida International University, we currently have seven active organizations: **Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Phi Epsilon, Phi Mu, Phi Sigma Sigma, and Sigma Kappa.**

HOW DOES PANHELLENIC SORORITY RECRUITMENT WORK?

Panhellenic SorORITY Recruitment is held once a year at FIU. It is a weeklong process, where you are able to meet the inspiring women who make up our organizations. You will start by meeting all seven of our organizations and, throughout the week, the process will help you narrow down to your best fit!

- During the first day, Panhellenic hosts "Meet Your Rho Gamma," where you will meet your Recruitment Guide, also known as Rho Gamma. Your Rho Gamma is a sorority woman that has voluntarily (and temporarily!) disaffiliated from her own sorority to help you through your Panhellenic SorORITY Recruitment process! At this event, she will introduce herself and give you her contact information so you may reach out to her with any questions or concerns, and just serve as support throughout this process.
- During the first round (Monday and Tuesday), "Values and Philanthropy" you will meet all seven Panhellenic organizations throughout both days. During this time, the sororities will give you a small look into what their organization stands for and they will be talking about their local and national philanthropies, why they are so passionate about them, and how the organization gives back to the community. Additionally, the organizations will also explain their membership dues and the financial commitment to joining their sorority.
- During the second round (Wednesday), "Sisterhood and Traditions," you could visit up to five different organizations. This is the day where the sororities will share some of their personal traditions and talk about what makes their sisterhood unique, supportive, and valuable.
- During the Preference round (Thursday), you will visit up to two organizations. This is an extremely special day, where the organizations will give you a small glimpse into their ritual and why their fraternal values build a strong sisterhood.
- On Saturday we host "Bid Day!" You will meet with your Rho Gamma that morning and find out which sorority has invited you into their lifelong sisterhood! Later that day, you will be "welcomed home" and spend some time with your new sisters at their bid day celebrations, which officially marks the beginning of your new member experience!





HOW DO THE SORORITIES DECIDE WHOM TO INVITE BACK FOR EACH ROUND?

As your recruitment schedule is reduced from round to round, so is the number of women each sorority is allowed to invite back. Every Potential New Member (PNM) has something to offer a sorority, but sororities are limited in their invitations. In deciding which PNMs to invite back, each chapter has a democratic voting process, where they consider the PNMs values and whether they match the organizations'. In other words, one or a few sorority women cannot guarantee that a PNM will receive an invitation to the next round. In addition, sororities are not required to offer a bid to their legacies (a woman who has an immediate family member who holds membership in that organization)—as every organization has their own policy surrounding legacies. Most importantly, a sorority woman should never imply or promise a PNM that she will be returning to any subsequent round.

STILL NOT SURE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANT TO JOIN? COME TO A PANHELLENIC SOCIAL!

A Panhellenic social event is a free, two-hour event, where you can converse with a few representatives from every organization. Each Panhellenic social has a different theme to it, similar to Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment, where you can learn about different aspects of sorority life: sisterhood, philanthropy, academics, and finances. The Panhellenic Council encourages Potential New Members (PNMs) to attend, so you may become more comfortable with the recruitment process and get to know the organizations as well as possible. If you have not decided whether or not, you would like to register for recruitment this could also help you decide if you would want to.

Follow the Panhellenic Council on Instagram (@fiupanhellenic) to learn more about Panhellenic socials and when they are held!

What Makes a Sister?

IF I PARTICIPATE IN PANHELLENIC SORORITY RECRUITMENT, AM I OBLIGATED TO JOIN A SORORITY?

No; many women choose to go through recruitment to meet people and make new friends. Recruitment is an opportunity for you to visit the sororities, get a glimpse of Panhellenic life, and assess whether or not you would like to be a part of the FIU Greek community in this way. If you do not find your home within one of our seven organizations, Panhellenic encourages you to reach out to the other two councils (National Pan-Hellenic Council - NPHC and the Multicultural Greek Council - MGC) that have sororities within them. For more information on the other governing council with sororities, visit greeks.fiu.edu.



HOW DO I REGISTER FOR PANHELLENIC SORORITY RECRUITMENT?

If you are interested in registering for Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment, please visit the Panhellenic website at panhellenic.fiu.edu or go to <http://go.fiu.edu/recruitment>. If you are having any trouble registering, please feel free to contact us at panhellenic@fiu.edu. Registration closes July 27th. We highly encourage you to register by the Early-Bird deadline, July 13th, for a reduced rate.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR PANHELLENIC SORORITY RECRUITMENT?

All Panhellenic sorority applicants must pay a \$70 + \$3.00 process fee NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE until July 13th, 2018 by 11:59pm. After this date, the regular registration fee increases to \$80 + \$3.00 process fee NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE for Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment. Applicants may pay with credit card only. This cost helps cover recruitment logistics, giveaways you will receive (t-shirt, water bottle, tote bag, cell phone back wallet), lunch on the Monday of recruitment, as well as snacks and water throughout the recruitment process.

 **Meet the Sisters**

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RECRUITMENT?

There are many ways to keep yourself updated on recruitment. The Panhellenic Council encourages you to follow their social media outlets:

- Instagram: @fiupanhellenic
- Twitter: @FIUPanhellenic
- Facebook: FIU Panhellenic Council

We will be posting information about sorority life in general, as well as opportunities to meet and converse with some members of the FIU Greek Community.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN PANHELLENIC SORORITY RECRUITMENT?

In order to participate in Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in at least nine (9) FIU credits.
- Have a 2.0 FIU GPA if you are a current FIU student, 3.0 High School GPA if you are an incoming freshman, or a 2.7 GPA if you are an incoming transfer student.
- Dual Enrollment students are not permitted to participate in Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment.
- Please keep in mind individual sororities may have higher requirements.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO BE IN A PANHELLENIC SORORITY? WHAT IS THE REQUIRED GPA?

The cost to be in an organization as a new member ranges from \$400 to \$670 during your first year. Most organizations do offer a payment plan throughout the semester to ensure that you are able to pay your dues. If you visit the website go.fiu.edu/pcgpa, it will show what the required GPA for each individual organization is. GPA ranges from a 2.7 to a 3.0 cumulative GPA



WHAT IF I AM NOT SURE I WANT TO REGISTER, BUT AM INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

If you are interested in learning about recruitment and what it is like to be in a sorority you can fill out this form: <http://go.fiu.edu/PCinterest>. This form notifies the Panhellenic team that you are only interested in learning more. If you chose later that you would like to register, then you can do so at our tabling events or Panhellenic Socials.

WHEN ARE THE DATES FOR THE PANHELLENIC SOCIALS AND THE WEEK OF RECRUITMENT?

Dates for the Panhellenic Socials are:

June 7th, 2018

June 26th, 2018

July 26th, 2018

The date for when the team will be going over the Do's and Don'ts for recruitment is:

August 7th, 2018

The dates for recruitment are:

August 12-18, 2018

You must be present for ALL the days throughout the recruitment process. If you miss one day, then that will prevent your from going through the rest of the recruitment process.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO THE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL AT [PANHELLENIC@FIU.EDU](mailto:panhellenic@fiu.edu).