

Membership

Joining a tradition of excellence

The benefits of joining a fraternity or sorority go far beyond a few years of fun, friends, and personal development.

National studies generated by the UCLA Higher Education Research Institute among college freshmen indicate that a degree of involvement outside the classroom provides more satisfied students who do better in school, graduate at a higher rate, and are often more loyal to their Universities.

Top 9 facts about Greek Life

1. We're Smart! On average, the all-sorority and fraternity GPA consistently matches and often well exceeds the all-women's, men's, and campus averages.
2. We're Diverse! Fraternities and sororities represent the rich diversity of the campus population and depicts UL Lafayette's multifaceted community.
3. We're Responsible! Greek men and women remain committed to the on-going education of its members on the issues such as alcohol & drug use.
4. We Help Others! UL Lafayette's fraternity and sorority members participate in countless hours of community service efforts and contribute annually to charitable organizations.
5. We're Leaders! Greek men and women are involved in an array of campus activities, are often the most visible campus leaders, and are the most enthusiastic supporters of University events like Homecoming, Greek-wide events, and intramural sports.
6. We Don't Haze! Hazing is prohibited; it's against the law, and at UL Lafayette it is enforced... plain and simple! Educational seminars and presentations are given to members in meetings and forums that outline the definition and consequences of this illegal activity.
7. We're Affordable! UL Lafayettes; greek system is affordable for today's working student.
8. We're Not Rich! Greek members are not wealthy! Men and women in sororities and fraternities maintain jobs, internships, receive financial aid, and obtain scholarships to afford their college education.
9. We Network! Fraternity men and sorority women are afforded networking opportunities through Greek Alumni for job assistance and advice, internships, exposure, and experience, and general direction

Social Development

A big part of college is taking the time to enjoy life. The Greeks take a larger step to help the college students social development.

Fraternities and sororities are a major part of intramural sports at UL Lafayette. Participation by most members, with a special emphasis on fun, is an excellent way

to develop not only physical skills; but promotes spirit, sportsmanship, and teamwork in and among chapters.

Formal events, toga parties, costume/theme parties, cookouts, T.G.I.F.'s, football game parties, Greek Shows, Greek Week, Homecoming, picnics, variety shows, socials, and various other parties offer inexpensive means to becoming a well-rounded individual and are a great way to have fun. Besides giving the opportunity to meet new people and have new experiences, Greek chapters also aid in the development of skills to be comfortable in these performances. Greeks sponsor workshops and lectures which range in subject matter from etiquette to alcohol and substance abuse, and from anti-drunk driving campaigns to seminars on date rape. Greeks are looking for students who want to enjoy themselves, but at the same time are mature and responsible.

Social and Community Service

Since most Greek organizations at UL Lafayette were founded on Christian principles, service is a meaningful part of each chapter's goals. Greeks take part in Community Service (called Philanthropies) such as sponsoring blood drives, tutoring students, and raising funds for various charities.

Projects such as these heighten the individual's awareness of the problems of others and of the responsibility each has to the community and society.

Sisterhood and Brotherhood

Beyond all else, each chapter offers a warm, congenial association with others of like interests. An individual grows comfortable as a strong sense of "belonging" is realized. From this experience, the individual realizes the SISTERHOOD or BROTHERHOOD found within the fraternal societies.

Each sister and brother, individuals with their own backgrounds, share experiences, hopes, successes, and failures. Each brother and sister add to another's life in making it fuller. And because of this bond, friendships develop which last beyond a semester and surpass college life. Sisters and brothers become friends for life!

Brotherhood and sisterhood are unique, private bonds based on intangible principles. To know of its existence is one thing, to experience BROTHERHOOD or SISTERHOOD is another

Sense of Leadership

Through the techniques of self government, every Greek acquires experience in public speaking, decision making, rules of conduct, parliamentary procedure, committee work, assumption of individual and group responsibilities, self-confidence, budgeting, and maintenance of individuality while supporting majority patterns. Fraternities and sororities are "a microism of the real world."

Being leaders, Greeks hold offices in nearly every student organization on campus including the Student Government Association, Union Program Council, honorary societies, departmental clubs, etc.

Then, Greeks go on to lead our country. Over 70 percent of the legislators, US presidents, and key business executives are Greek. The reason, within the classroom, students gain knowledge of leadership, within the Greek system, students gain valuable experience in leadership.