GREEK LIFE

it feels like home
Welcome to Greek Life
Membership in a fraternity or sorority is one of the many outstanding ways to become involved at WPI. Joining a Greek organization is an excellent way to meet people, incorporate yourself into campus life, develop leadership skills, contribute to the Worcester community, and establish lifelong friendships. You are guaranteed to grow as a person by joining a Greek organization.

Each fraternity and sorority plays a unique and vital role in shaping the university’s Greek community by offering its members the opportunity to get involved in service, academic, cultural, leadership, intramural, and social activities.

Use this guide as a resource to familiarize yourself with our organizations, find the right place for you, and discover what you can offer the Greek community.

If we can be of assistance, come see us in the Campus Center and Student Activities Office on the top level of the Campus Center.

Visit www.wpi.edu/+Greek or call 508-831-5961.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Did you know?

While only 3% of the US population is Greek...

88% of US presidents since 1877 were Greek.
42% of US Senators were Greek.
40% of US Supreme Court Justices were Greek.
30% of US Congressmen were, and
30% of Fortune 500 Executives were Greek.
No matter which chapter you choose to participate in, each organization has much to offer you during your time here at WPI. In addition to an emphasis on scholastics and philanthropy, there are many opportunities for leadership and personal development within every chapter.

When we arrived at WPI, joining a fraternity or sorority was one of the last things on our minds. We soon discovered that Greeks at WPI strive to distance themselves from national stereotypes, like those witnessed in Animal House or GRΣΣΚ. Instead, WPI Greeks strive to live by the values and standards we promise to uphold in our founding principles. We aspire to be organizations of which our founders and community can be proud.

The great thing about participating in recruitment is that you can see if being Greek really is for you. The entire recruitment process is completely free, and you don’t make any commitments until the very end. Whatever you decide, you’ll at least have given it a chance—and probably have had some fun along the way. Come see for yourself what being a Greek at WPI is all about!

Sincerely,

Audra Sosny ’10
Panhellenic Council President
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Being Greek...

Being Greek isn’t about parties, drinking, hazing, or anything similar to some of the stereotypes you may have heard. It’s about being an active member of the community, meeting new friends, succeeding in and out of the classroom, personal development, and so much more.

Keep reading to see how Greeks at WPI profit from their experiences.

TOP 5 REASONS TO GO GREEK

1 We’re leaders on campus
You can find Greeks in nearly every activity, from SAS to SocComm to musical groups to sports teams. Over 88% of Greeks report being involved in at least one other club or organization.

2 Greeks are brainy
After all, you came to college to get an education! Each chapter has a means of supporting its members academically, helping each achieve his/her own level of success. Greeks earn their way into academic honor societies on a regular basis. On a national level, Greeks have a graduation rate higher than non-Greeks.

WPI has two national Greek honor societies: Order of Omega and Rho Lambda. Several members of the WPI Greek community have won national scholarships through these organizations.

3 Lend a helping hand
Each chapter has at least one cause that they support locally or nationally. Activities consist of raising money for a cause or giving time to a community service organization. Some chapters win awards in these arenas and have a blast in the process!

4 Memories to last a lifetime
College is a great time to meet new people and learn how to interact in different environments. Greek Life provides a great social outlet. You’ll have friends in your brothers and sisters and have the opportunity to meet their friends, as well as members of other chapters.

5 We have connections
Getting to know your chapter’s alumni can be a great way to network. Many members are able to find internships or jobs with the help of alumni.

Decide if Greek Life is Right for You

• What qualities and values are important to you?
• How will going Greek benefit you?
• What will you gain from the organizations you are interested in?
• How much time is required as a new member and as an initiated member?
• How can the chapter help you succeed academically and in other areas of your life?
• What is the housing situation?
• Most important, remember to be yourself!
Fraternity Recruitment and Chapters

Join the men of WPI’s fraternities for house tours, barbecues, and Casino Night. Watch for more information and dates to join us for mid-week BBQs on the Quad! You’ll enjoy great food and meet a number of Greeks from different chapters!

Casino Night
Sunday, November 1
7 PM, ODEUM
IFC’s famous Casino Night is a great time to meet Greeks from every chapter, hang with friends, and win prizes.

House Tours
Monday, November 2
Tuesday, November 3
7 PM, WEDGE
House tours allow you to see the inside of all fraternity houses, meet the members, and learn about each chapter. You’ll visit about half of the houses each night.

Bid Night
Friday, December 4
8 PM, ODEUM
Sign your bid and start your journey toward brotherhood.

See individual chapter schedules, available during house tours, for more dates.

How Recruitment Works

Based on what you experience over the November nights listed here, you will probably start to get a feeling for where you may belong. You are then free for the next several weeks to visit any organizations you want—not only during recruitment events, but also for meals—to figure out what chapter really suits you best. If the members of any chapter you visit feel that you are a good fit and that you will be an asset to the organization, they will extend you a bid. The qualifications for bids are different from chapter to chapter. When you sign the bid of your choice on IFC’s Bid Night, you will become a new member of that fraternity.

Contact the Vice President of Recruitment and Involvement, Skyler Whorton, at swhorton@wpi.edu
Alpha Chi Rho

Nickname: Crow
Address: 8 Boynton Street
Website: users.wpi.edu/~axp
Fraternity Charities: American Cancer Society; Habitat for Humanity; Autism Society of America; Feed the Children
Colors: Garnet and White
Founded (national/local): 1895/1978
Open Motto: Be Men
President: Hunter Senft-Grupp, huntcsg@wpi.edu

Alpha Tau Omega

Nickname: A-T-O, Taus
Address: 10 Regent Street
Website: www.atogs.org
Fraternity Charity: Friendly House
Colors: Azure and Gold
Founded (national/local): 1865/1906
Open Motto: To enhance the personal development of young men, beginning with the collegiate experience and continuing for a lifetime through a principle-based friendship.
President: Tyler Carroll, tcarroll@wpi.edu

Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc.

Nickname: L-A-U, Lambdas
Website: www.lambdas.com
Fraternity Charities: Sickle Cell Awareness, AIDS Walk, and Disaster Relief Funds
Colors: Red, Yellow, White, and Black
Founded (national/local): 1985/colony at WPI
Open Motto: ¡Venceremos Porque Nacimos Para Triunfar! We Will Overcome Because We Were Born To Triumph!
President: Victor Montero, v.a.montero@wpi.edu
Lambda Chi Alpha
Nickname: Lambda Chi, L-C-A
Address: 30 Dean Street
Website: www.pizeta.org
Fraternity Charities: North American Food Drive; Worcester Friendly House
Colors: Purple, Green, and Gold
Founded (national/local): 1909/1913
Open Motto: Every Man a Man
President: Matthew Parker, parkeram@wpi.edu

Phi Gamma Delta
Nickname: FIJI
Address: 99 Salisbury Street
Website: www.phigam.org
Fraternity Charities: American Red Cross
Colors: Royal Purple
Founded (national/local): 1848/1891
Open Motto: Friendship, the Sweetest Influence
President: Kile Simpson, ksimson@wpi.edu

Phi Kappa Theta
Nickname: Kap
Address: 26 Institute Road
Website: users.wpi.edu/~pkt
Fraternity Charities: Children’s Miracle Network
Colors: White, Gold, and Cardinal Purple
Founded (national/local): 1899/1935
Open Motto: Give, Expecting Nothing Thereof
President: Chad Mondor, chad@wpi.edu
Phi Sigma Kappa
Nickname: P-S-K, Phi Sig Kap, Phi Sig
Address: 11 Dean Street
Website: www.phisigkap.org
Fraternity Charity: Special Olympics
Colors: Silver and Crimson
Founded (national/local): 1873/1915
Open Motto: Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You
President: Artem Kutikov, akutikov@wpi.edu

Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Nickname: S-A-E
Address: 6 Humboldt Avenue
Website: www.saemade.com
Fraternity Charities: Children’s Miracle Network
Colors: Royal Purple and Old Gold
Founded (national/local): 1865/1894
Open Motto: The True Gentleman
President: Jarad Kukla, jkukla@wpi.edu

Sigma Phi Epsilon
Nickname: Sig Ep
Address: 11 Boynton Street
Website: users.wpi.edu/~sigep
Fraternity Charities: YouthAIDS
Colors: Purple and Red
Founded (national/local): 1901/1938
Open Motto: Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love
President: David Kulis, dakulis@wpi.edu
Sigma Pi
Nickname: Sig Pi
Address: 17 Dean Street
Website: users.wpi.edu/~sigmapi
Fraternity Charity: The ACE Project; Sam Spady Foundation
Colors: Lavender and White
Founded (national/local): 1897/1965
Open Motto: A New Generation of Leaders
President: John Meade, jmeade@wpi.edu

Tau Kappa Epsilon
Nickname: Teke, T-K-E
Address: 63 Wachusett Street
Website: www.tkezm.org
Fraternity Charities: Special Olympics; Alzheimer’s Association
Colors: Cherry and Gray
Founded (national/local): 1899/1959
Open Motto: Not for Wealth, Rank, or Honor, but for Personal Worth and Character
President: Bryan Rickard, brickard@wpi.edu

Theta Chi
Nickname: Theta Chi, OX
Address: 85 Salisbury Street
Website: www.oxepsilon.org
Fraternity Charity: Up ‘til Dawn
Colors: Military Red and White
Founded (national/local): 1856/1909
Open Motto: The Helping Hand
President: Will Skene, willyt@wpi.edu
Building a Stronger Community

• A majority of WPI individuals surveyed indicated that Greek organizations on our campus benefit members by providing friendships, academic support, and leadership development.

• WPI Greeks contributed 11,790 hours of community service last year—that works out to 491 total days of service!

• 9 of 15 chapters on campus have won awards from their National or International Headquarters.

• $51,700 was raised for charitable causes by members of the Greek community last year.
Come be part of something that has been a tradition at WPI since 1977: strong, spirited women becoming leaders. Check out what sisterhood is about this fall! Join us during our events to see and experience sisterhood in action. Greek Life is about building life skills, finding support and friendship, and, of course, having fun! Registration will begin at the beginning of B-Term in the Campus Center and in the Wedge. You don’t have to join even if you participate in recruitment.

Sororities are composed of women with strong bonds of friendship and common ideals, goals, and standards. At WPI, you’ll often hear sororities referred to as “women’s fraternities.” Fraternity women uphold and believe in the ideals of scholarship, sisterhood, and service. Sororities are a great opportunity for you to meet other women on campus and grow into the woman you can be.

Recruitment counselors (RCs) are selected from each of the sororities to guide interested women through the recruitment process. To help you decide if Greek Life is for you, these women are “disassociated” (in other words, detached) from their chapters to represent an unbiased position. Feel free to contact VP of Recruitment, Sarah Gilkey, at sgilkey@wpi.edu, or your RCs if you have any questions. They are excited to help you out.

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Maura Craig/mcraig@wpi.edu
## Sorority Recruitment Dates

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** by invitation only—a beautiful ceremony and an opportunity to reflect on your recruitment experience. Attire: business casual!

*** your opportunity to accept your bid and join your new chapter!
**Alpha Gamma Delta**

**Nickname:** Alpha Gam  
**Address:** 1 Schussler Road  
**Website:** users.wpi.edu/~agd  
**Fraternity Charities:** Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; various local charities  
**Colors:** Red, Buff, and Green  
**Founded (national/local):** 1904/1980  
**Mascot:** Squirrel  
**Flower:** Red and Buff Roses  
**Open Motto:** Inspire the Woman, Impact the World; Surrounded by Sisterhood  
**President:** Kim White, kjw1118@wpi.edu

**Phi Sigma Sigma**

**Nickname:** Phi Sig  
**Address:** 15 Elbridge Street  
**Website:** users.wpi.edu/~pss  
**Fraternity Charity:** Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation; National Kidney Foundation  
**Colors:** King Blue and Gold  
**Founded (national/local):** 1913/1977  
**Mascot:** Sphinx  
**Flower:** American Beauty Rose  
**Open Motto:** Aim High  
**President:** Ashleigh Wood, aewood@wpi.edu

**Alpha Xi Delta**

**Nickname:** Alpha Xi  
**Address:** 13 Hackfeld Road  
**Website:** users.wpi.edu/~alphaxi  
**Fraternity Charities:** Autism Speaks  
**Colors:** Double Blue and Gold  
**Founded (national/local):** 1893/2007  
**Mascot:** BetXi Bear  
**Flower:** Pink Rose  
**Open Motto:** The Pen Is Mightier Than the Sword  
**President:** Bethany Kuhn, blkuhn@wpi.edu
Greek Life FAQs

What is recruitment like?
You will need to register for recruitment to determine if you are academically eligible to participate. This requires that you pass an average of 2/3 of your courses and be in good academic standing with the university.

Fraternity Recruitment—The process is very relaxed, beginning with Casino Night and house tours, at which you can meet brothers in a casual atmosphere to decide which chapters you feel comfortable looking into further. Chapters host dinners and lunches on a regular basis, as well. Each organization has several events at which you will be able to hang out with the brothers, at the house or at other locations.

Sorority Recruitment—There will be four rounds and a preference party (round four and preference are by invitation only). At these events you will meet members of each chapter.

What should I wear?
No particular mode of dress is required. Dress comfortably and in your style! If you receive a bid, it will be for who you are and not for what you wear. Dress to make a good first impression.

How much time does belonging to a Greek organization take?
There is a required meeting once a week in addition to sister or brotherhood events, community service projects, and social events. Remember, the more you put into the organization, the more you will gain from your membership.

What benefits are available to me if I go Greek?
You’ll gain valuable academic support from upperclassmen in your major as well as support from brothers or sisters. Going Greek allows you to meet others outside of your residence hall with similar interests and values. Every chapter has a number of positions in which you can develop leadership skills. Networking with alumni has proven helpful in securing internships and jobs.

How do bids work?
Chapters give out bids to members they feel will be a great addition to the chapter. Women will receive their bids on Panhellenic Bid Day. Men will receive bids throughout the recruitment period up to IFC Bid Night. Once you sign your bid, you affirm your commitment to become a member of that chapter. To increase your chances of getting a bid, attend as many recruitment events as possible. Make an effort to talk to a number of brothers or sisters in each organization.

How do I decide which chapter to join?
Each person looks for different attributes in a Greek organization. The choice is up to you, so look carefully at all of the chapters and evaluate which one best meets your needs and interests. The key is to join the organization where you feel most comfortable. If you decide not to join this year, you can still choose to join next year.

What About hazing?
Hazing constitutes an activity that is designed or intended to humiliate or embarrass a student during the process of joining an organization. Hazing practices are a criminal violation of Massachusetts state law, and are strictly prohibited by campus and organizational policies. It is our goal to provide the best possible experiences for fraternity and sorority members on campus. If you become aware of any situation that creates a negative or dangerous environment for any of our students, please let us know. Hazing incidents rarely occur, but when they do they can create negative ramifications for the individuals experiencing hazing. For more information: wpi.edu/Pubs/Policies/Judicial

For more information regarding Recruitment Guidelines and Greek Terminology, visit the Greek Life website at wpi.edu/+Greek.
For More Information

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To view a campus map that includes the Greek houses, visit wpi.edu/maps and click on “Download the 2-D map”.

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