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 Greeks Life

It’s Everywhere You Want To Be!
Welcome to Greek Life at WPI!

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...
- 90% of US presidents were Greek
- 42% of US Senators were Greek
- 40% of US Supreme Court Justices were Greek
- 30% of US Congressmen were Greek
- 30% of Fortune 500 Executives were Greek

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Greek Life at WPI

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 GRΣΣK. 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,
Morgan Oexner ’09
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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.

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!

Campus Involvement

You can find Greeks in nearly every activity, from SAS to SocComm to musical groups to sports teams. Over 75% of Greeks report being involved in at least one other club or organization.

Scholarship

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.

Philanthropy and Community Service

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

Social Outlet

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.

Honor Societies

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.

Networking

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

**House Tours**
Monday, November 3
Tuesday, November 4
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.

**Jillian’s**
Tuesday, November 11
7 PM, JILLIAN’S
Get answers to your questions and meet Greek men from every chapter. A shuttle will run from campus.

**Bid Night**
Friday, December 5
8 PM, ODEUM
Sign your bid and start your journey toward brotherhood.

**How Recruitment Works**
Based on what you experience over the November nights listed above, 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.

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**Alpha Chi Rho**
**AXP**
- **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:** Alex Demers, aldemes@wpi.edu

**Alpha Tau Omega**
**ATΩ**
- **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:** Ryan Eley, ryry2587@wpi.edu

**Lambda Chi Alpha**
**ΔΧΑ**
- **Nickname:** Lambda Chi
- **Address:** 30 Dean Street
- **Website:** corp.pizeta.org
- **Fraternity Charities:** North American Food Drive; Worcester Friendly House
- **Colors:** Purple, Green, and Gold
- **Founded (national/local):** 1848/1891
- **Open Motto:** Every Man a Man
- **President:** Eric Destefano, estefano@wpi.edu
Phi Gamma Delta  FIJI
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: Kyle Wessling, kjw1221@wpi.edu

Phi Sigma Kappa  ΦΣΚ
Nickname: P-S-K, Phi Sig Kap, Phi Sig
Address: 11 Dean Street
Website: www.phisigkap.com
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: Jonathan Bahlatzis, jon@wpi.edu

Phi Kappa Theta  ΦΚΘ
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: Nick Pelletier, npelly@wpi.edu

Sigma Alpha Epsilon  ΣΑΕ
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: Kevin Wilson, kdubbs@wpi.edu

Sigma Phi Epsilon  ΣΦΕ
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: Jonathan Shoemaker, jdshoe@wpi.edu

Sigma Pi  ΣΠΙ
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: Sean Seymour, sseymour@wpi.edu
Greek Life at WPI
Building a Stronger Community

- A majority of WPI individuals surveyed in 2006 indicated that Greek organizations on our campus benefit members by providing friendships, academic support, and leadership development.

- WPI Greeks contributed 12,600 hours of community service last year—that works out to 525 total days of service!

- 8 of 15 chapters on campus have won awards from their National or International Headquarters.

- $78,000 was raised for charitable causes by members of the Greek community last 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 ever 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: www.wpi.edu/Pubs/Policies/Judicial
**Sorority Recruitment and Chapters**

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

**Sorority Recruitment Counselors**

**Daniels Hall**
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**Morgan Hall**
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Jen Thompson/jthompson@wpi.edu
Allie Griffin/adgriff@wpi.edu

**Transfers and Upperclass**
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Jackie McDonough/jackie@wpi.edu

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**Sorority Recruitment Dates**

**November 2008**

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**Calendar Notes**

- Recruitment Round 4 on Wednesday, November 12 is by invitation only.
- Preference Party on Sunday, November 16 is the last event and is by invitation only. It’s a beautiful ceremony that gives you an opportunity to reflect on your formal recruitment experience. Dress in business casual attire.
- Bid Day Reception on Monday, November 17 is your opportunity to accept your bid and join your new chapter!
**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 the preference party 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 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 Day. 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 what 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.

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

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**Alpha Gamma Delta**

Nickname: Alpha Gam  
Address: 1 Schussler Road  
Website: users.wpi.edu/~agd  
Fraternity Charities: Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation to benefit Diabetes; 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: Karyn Gottardi, karyng@wpi.edu

**Phi Sigma Sigma**

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

**Alpha Xi Delta**

Nickname: Alpha Xi  
Address: 13 Hackfield Road  
Website: users.wpi.edu/~alphaxi  
Fraternity Charities: Choose Children  
Colors: Double Blue and Gold  
Mascot: BetXi Bear  
Flower: Pink Rose  
Open Motto: The Pen Is Mightier Than the Sword  
President: Kathryn Bomba, kbomba@wpi.edu