



WAKE FOREST ORIENTATION

FORESTRY 101

Fraternity & Sorority Life: What Families Should Know

Dr. Brittany Harris-Nelson & Dana Pursley

Our Mission

“The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Engagement (OFSE) at Wake Forest University fosters a vibrant and inclusive community that champions connection, leadership, and personal growth. By empowering students through values-based programming, collaborative partnerships, and a commitment to excellence, we cultivate meaningful relationships, inspire service-oriented leadership, and uphold the university’s motto of Pro Humanitate. Rooted in our dedication to creating a culture of community, we strive to enhance the fraternity and sorority experience as a transformative avenue for learning, engagement, and lifelong connection.”

Helping Every Deacon Find Their Place

Meet the OFSE Staff



Dana Pursley
Executive Director,
Student Engagement



Kara Rex
Director
begins 09/08



James Spry
Associate Director
begins 09/10

Meet the OFSE Staff



Dr. Brittany Harris-Nelson
Assistant Director

Forthcoming
Assistant Director

Bethany Biney
Graduate Advisor



WFU

O R I E N T A T I O N

Four Councils, One Community

3,241

Affiliated
Students

29

Chapters

3.56

Average
FSE GPA

\$600K

Raised for
Philanthropies

20,000+

Hours of
Direct Service

58%

Student
Population

Benefits of Membership



Leadership Development



Friendships



Academic Accountability



Networking



Connection to Campus

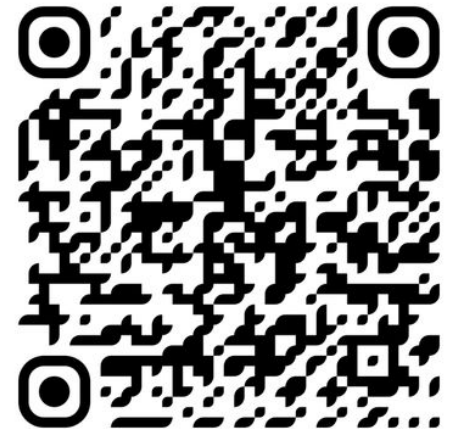


Service

Hazing Prevention and Education

Text 336.444.6661 or call 336.758.HAZE

- Students should not experience harm or intimidation while pursuing involvement in campus life.
- Parents & families are often the first people students share information about hazing
 - One out of four college students that report being hazed also talk to their families about their experience
- If your student discloses a hazing incident they experienced, or you suspect hazing has occurred, please discuss the importance of sharing this information with the university.
- Reporting hazing is not about getting students or their friends in trouble. It is about keeping students and the people they care about safe.





WFU

O R I E N T A T I O N



Interfraternity Council

Signature Programs:

IFC Week, IFC Pizza Social, IFC Spelling Bee

ifc@wfu.edu

[@wfu.ifc](https://www.instagram.com/wfu.ifc)

Our oldest, traditional fraternities

Largest council by chapter

Average Chapter Size: 90

Average GPA: 3.635

Current Chapters

Alpha Epsilon Pi

Alpha Sigma Phi

Chi Psi

Kappa Alpha Order

Kappa Sigma

Lambda Chi Alpha

Pi Kappa Alpha

Pi Kappa Phi

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sigma Chi

Sigma Pi

Phi Gamma Delta- Spring 2027



National Pan-Hellenic Council

Signature Programs:
NPHC Week, Back to School Bash, Yardfest,
Manchester Monday

nphc@wfu.edu
@wfunphc

Historically Black Fraternities & Sororities

Average Chapter Size: 12

Average GPA: 3.31

Current Chapters

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.



Panhellenic Council

Signature Programs:
What a woman week, Breast Cancer Talent
Show, Sisterhood Sizzle

panhellenic@wfu.edu
@wfu.panhellenic

Our oldest, traditional sororities

Largest council by member number

Average Chapter Size: 250

Average GPA: 3.703

Current Chapters

Alpha Delta Pi

Chi Omega

Delta Delta Delta

Delta Zeta

Kappa Alpha Theta

Kappa Beta Gamma

Kappa Delta

Kappa Kappa Gamma



United Greek Council

Signature Programs:
UGC Spring Showcase

ugc@wfu.edu
@wfu_ugc

Our special interest organizations

Newest council

Average Chapter Size: 7

Average GPA: 3.484

Current Chapters

Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Inc.

Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.

Lambda Theta Phi National Latin Fraternity, Inc.

What Does It All Mean?

Formal Recruitment

Mutual selection process in which IFC and Panhellenic recruitment Potential New Members.

Rush

Term often used by IFC and Panhellenic used to describe the beginning stages of interest and recruitment.

Potential New Member (PNM)

An individual seeking membership and/or participating in the recruitment process.

New Member Education

The process by which potential new members learn about an organization, values, and purpose.

Membership Intake

NPHC or UGC's structured process used to select and educate new members.

Crossed / Initiated

Term used to describe the conclusion of the Intake or New Member Education process.

Requirements of Membership

- Successfully complete 12 credit hours at Wake Forest University.
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative collegiate GPA.
- Have a completed Grade Release Form on file for the current academic year.
- Complete the required anti-hazing modules.

Panhellenic Council

- Must not have initiated into an NPC sorority.
- Must not have received, declined, or resigned from a bid since the most recent Formal Recruitment (for Continuous Open Bidding eligibility).
- Must complete the recruitment registration and submit the required registration fee (Formal Recruitment only)
- PNM Orientation

National Pan-Hellenic Council

- Attend FSL 101.
- Meet any additional eligibility requirements established by the individual fraternity or sorority, as organizations may have requirements beyond those set by the university.

Interfraternity Council

- Complete recruitment registration (Formal Recruitment only).
- Submit the required recruitment registration fee (Formal Recruitment only).
- Attend the mandatory IFC Kickoff (Formal Recruitment only).

United Greek Council

- Attend FSL 101.
- Meet any additional eligibility requirements established by the individual fraternity or sorority, as organizations may have requirements beyond those set by the university.

Recruitment Timeline

Fall

Continuous Opening Bidding (COB) for Panhellenic

Informal Recruitment for IFC

Intake for NPHC and UGC

Eligible students:

Upper Class and/or transfer students with 12 earned credits and 2.5 GPA

Spring

Formal Recruitment for Panhellenic (begins January 6th)

Formal Recruitment for IFC (begins when classes start)

Intake for NPHC and UGC

Eligible students:

All students with 12 earned credits and 2.5 GPA

Housing Blocks and Lounges

- Wake Forest does not have live in fraternity or sorority houses on campus.
- Housing blocks are designated groups of residential rooms or spaces set aside in campus communities for members of a recognized Greek organization.
- Recognized student organizations and Greek chapters submit housing block requests through the Wake Forest Residence Life and Housing office.
- Some fraternity and sororities have on campus lounges, located within a variety of residence halls. These lounges are allocated through an application and triennial review process.

Standards of Excellence

How do we assess
organizational
effectiveness?



Academic Excellence

Campus & Community Impact

Membership Engagement

Health & Wellbeing

Leadership Development

Financial Commitments

Council	New Member Fees	Average annual fees
Panhellenic Council	\$600-\$1,000	\$400-\$1,300
Interfraternity Council	\$600-\$2,000	\$400-1,000
National Pan-Hellenic Council	\$800-\$2,500	\$150-\$600
United Greek Council	\$300-\$900	\$100-\$400

Fees will vary based on organization

Time Commitments

Weekly Chapter Commitments

Chapter meetings, council meetings, committee work, and required programs.

New Member Experience

Students should expect an increased time commitment during the first several weeks of membership.

Service & Philanthropy

Chapters participate in community service, philanthropy events, and campus-wide initiatives.

Leadership & Involvement

Officer positions and committee leadership may require additional meetings and planning.

Social & Community Events

Mixers, formals, sisterhood/brotherhood events, retreats, and other chapter activities.

Peak Seasons

Recruitment, new member education, major programs, and signature events can require additional time.

How Do You Support Your Student?

Be supportive and encouraging, let them lead

Discuss financial obligations

Stay in touch, be observant, ask good questions

Keep an open mind

Manage expectations

What Questions Should You Ask?

- What is the organization's culture?
- What are the organizational values? Do they align with your values?
- How will this organization enhance your overall Wake experience?
- Will this organization help you become a better person? student? leader?
- How does the organization promote a safe, respectful campus environment?
- What is the organization's reputation?

Beyond Fraternity & Sorority Engagement

Leadership

Holding executive roles in a variety of student organizations, student government, and student-led initiatives.

Service

Volunteering locally and globally through chapter-led and university service opportunities.

Academic Excellence

Peer tutors, study groups, mentorship programs that support academic success.

Philanthropy

Raising funds and awareness for social issues and meaningful causes that directly impact our community.

Campus Engagement

Participating in campus traditions, athletics, club sports, and student employment.

Community Building

Serving as RAs, Forest Guides, Tour Guides, and building lasting bonds and friendships based on shared values.

Upcoming Events

IFC Kickoff/Social

August 25th | 5:00–8:00 PM

Involvement Fair

August 27th | 3:00–6:00 PM

NPHC Back to School Bash

August 29th | 2:00–5:00 PM

Panhellenic Info Session

September 1st | 6:00 PM

Meet UGC

September 7th | 6:00 PM

Parent & Family Listserv

Stay connected with the Wake Forest Fraternity & Sorority community.

Scan the QR code to subscribe to our parent and family listserv. Receive timely campus updates, university news, and essential resources tailored to help you support your student's journey.



Questions?



EMAIL

fse@wfu.edu



CALL

336-758-8020



VISIT

Benson 218



INSTAGRAM

[@wfu_fse](https://www.instagram.com/wfu_fse)



WEBSITE

fse.wfu.edu