



Office of Greek Life

GREEK EXPANSION POLICY

Rider University recognizes fraternities and sororities as organizations that impact positively on the social, moral, intellectual, and personal development of student members. In order for this experience to be made available to more students, Rider University supports regulated expansion of the Greek community when expansion is deemed advisable.

To regulate this expansion process, Rider University reserves the right to screen national/international organizations interested in colonization. Also, Rider University recognizes the right of any organized collegiate groups to seek affiliation with a national/international organization of its choice. However, this choice is subject to review by the appropriate Greek governing body and final approval by the University President according to the plan outlined below.

I. Criteria for Expansion Consideration

- A. Interest as shown through the number of prospective new members during membership recruitment periods and/or the number and size of groups showing interest in becoming affiliated
- B. Current Status of the Greek community (average chapter size, campus image, growth potential, judicial sanctions, housing, etc.)
- C. Number of new Fraternities and Sororities on campus
- D. University enrollment trends
- E. Affirmative vote by the appropriate governing council (Interfraternity, Intercultural Greek, Panhellenic Councils) in accordance with their constitution
- F. Approval or direction from the Dean of Students after reviewing all relevant information
- G. For NPC expansion, all NPC guidelines and unanimous agreements as outlined in the *Manual of Information: Thirteenth Edition* will be followed in conjunction with University policy
- H. The University reserves the right to implement a moratorium on expansion if deemed necessary for any reason.

II. Expansion Request Process

- A. In the case of an interest group that wishes to become affiliate with a specific national organization:
 - The national organization and the interest group will be contacted and invited to submit requested documents and information to:
 - The Office of Greek Life
 - 2083 Lawrenceville Road
 - Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-3099
 - The University will develop a committee led by the Director of Greek Life or designee to review the requested documents after they have been received. The committee will consist of students currently affiliated with Fraternities and/or Sororities, members of the staff and/or faculty, chapter advisors and/or alumni members, and others as deemed appropriate by the Director of Greek Life. The purpose of the committee will be as follows:
 - To determine the viability, support, and suitability of the national organization
 - To verify the legitimacy of the local interest group
 - To develop a timeline for execution of the expansion

- Names and addresses of Trenton/Princeton Area alumni who have expressed and interest in working with the chapter in an advisory capacity
- Names of key chapter and faculty advisors who have committed to working with the colony
- C. Colonization
 - Outline of new member recruitment strategies
 - Outline of retention strategies
 - Provide guidelines for the colony, such as maximum length of colony status, the colony's responsibility to the national, etc
 - Outline a growth plan for the duration of the colony
- D. Corporation
 - Total number of chapters nationwide and geographical distribution
 - Total number of colonization's over the past 5 years with geographical locations and rate of success.
 - Total number of chapters (or colonies), lost in the past 5 years (when, where, and reasons)
 - A copy of the constitution and bylaws, including resolutions passed and pending
 - A list of national officers
- E. Financial
 - Financial support for housing from the national organization
 - Membership dues and associate/new member fees
 - Provide a budget for the year concerning a new colony
- F. Philanthropy Projects
 - A copy of the national philanthropy program, if applicable
 - Suggested programming activities for community involvement
- G. Associate/New member Program
 - Recommended length of program
 - Outline of recommended program activities
 - Position statement concerning anti-hazing policies and compliance to the University Hazing Policy

IV. Information Provided to Prospective Groups

- A. University enrollment statistics
- B. University policies regarding fraternities and sororities
- C. Fraternity and Sorority membership statistics
- D. Fraternity and Sorority recruitment statistics
- E. Fraternity and Sorority housing information (Greek Living Unity Policy)
- F. Constitution, bylaws, and policies from the appropriate governing Council
- G. University Student Handbook
- H. Other pertinent information necessary or requested

V. University and Governing Body Requirements

- A. When a group is granted a colony status, it must comply with the rules and regulations concerning fraternities and sororities set forth by the respective governing body and the University.
- B. The colony must comply with the national sponsoring organizations policies relative to maintaining colony status and progress towards chartering.
- C. Once a group has achieved colony status they will be required to present for recognition through the SGA Student Senate. This presentation should include support by the appropriate governing council.
- D. Colonies may have members from Rider University only.
- E. The colony should show an increase in membership.

- F. The colony must participate in its respective governing council as a non-voting member. The colony is expected to become familiar with the operations and policies of the governing council. Refer to the respective Council's constitutions for requirements for recognition and participation.
- G. The colony must participate in the Greek community and maintain regular contact with the Office of Greek Life through the following:
 - Submit required paperwork (i.e. membership, officer roster, new member programs, goals and action plans, etc.)
 - Meet regularly with the Director of Greek Life or designee
 - Attend leadership retreats and training
 - Develop colony goals and action plan(s)

VI. Requirements for Obtaining University Recognition as an active chapter:

- A. A group should be an approved colony for at least one calendar year from the date colony approval was granted and no more than two years. If at the end of the second year the colony has not fulfilled the requirements for University Recognition, the colony will be reviewed by the University.
- B. To petition for University recognition the National Organization and the colony must send a joint petition statement to the Director of Greek Life. The petition must address the following information:
 - Membership roster and growth
 - Colony organization and management
 - Academic status and achievement
 - Financial stability
 - Alumni and advisor involvement
 - Governing council involvement
 - Colony activities
 - Future plans and goals
- C. Upon final approval of the University, the group will be given full recognition to become a chartered organization at Rider University.