In addition to the selection, training and supervision of the residence staff, the professional staff make room assignments, participate in the renovation of campus living units and work closely with the Residence Hall Association. They also work with the custodial and facilities staff of the University to keep the facilities in the best possible condition. In addition, professional staff assist residents students in resolving difficulties with roommates or with hall facilities, both directly and through student staff members.

Requests to live off-campus, to change rooms or to obtain a single room should be addressed to the Residence Life Office.

Greek Life

Office of Greek Life, Bart Laedeke Center, Student Affairs Suite . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 896-5327

Fraternities and sororities have long been a tradition at Rider University. Presently close to 15 percent of the undergraduate population is in a social fraternity or sorority. The Greek community at Rider University consists of international fraternities and sororities. The governing bodies of the Greek community are the Panhellenic Council, the Interfraternity Council and the Intercultural Greek Council.

The Office of Greek Life believes in the benefits of fraternities and sororities and promotes a positive environment for these organizations to assist in the development of men’s and women’s intellect, values, leadership, relationships and citizenship. The office provides programs and services that enhance the academic experience, promote responsibility, teach transferable skills and provide direction for each Greek organization in order to assist those groups to achieve high standards in all that they do. Expansion, recognition, regulation, discipline, resources and guidance of the Greek community and member organizations is provided by the Office of Greek Life.

At Rider, the Greek community participates in a variety of service activities, intramural events, community education, leadership development programs and social activities. Traditional activities include Greek Week, the Greek Lecture Series, New Member Synergy, formal recruitment, state and regional leadership conferences, as well as involvement in all campus-wide activities and events.

Although each chapter has its own standards and process for membership selection, the primary University rush period occurs at the beginning of each semester. In order for an individual to join a fraternity or sorority, he/she must be at least a second-semester freshman or transfer with a minimum of 12 completed college credits and a 2.5 cumulative GPA per the Office of Greek Life. Additionally, the Office of Greek Like has established minimum standards for all chapters to abide by through an annual assessment process. For details and further information about the policies and regulations for fraternities and sororities, contact the Director of Greek Life.

As organizations or corporations, fraternities and sororities are expected to follow federal, state, university and local rules, regulations and policies that are applicable to such groups. Fraternities and sororities also are expected to comply with the policies and rules of their respective national organizations. Furthermore, fraternities and sororities and their national organizations are responsible and will be held accountable for the actions of their members and violations of these standards of care when the behavior is related to fraternity and sorority life.

The University shall have no obligation to enforce the policies and rules of a national Greek organization; the national Greek organization is responsible for the supervision of its chapters and the enforcement of its policies and rules.

For a full list of fraternity and sorority polices and guidelines, please contact the Office of Greek Life or visit www.rider.edu/greeklife
Greek Housing

Rider University does not recognize any fraternity or sorority that maintains an official off-campus residential house. Several houses have been designated specifically for members of these organizations and are located on Sorority and Fraternity Rows, near Centennial Lake. Each house has a full time live in house director and a house manager. Both act as liaisons between the residence facility and the Office of Greek Life.

These special group living units provide students with the unique opportunity to balance extra freedoms with added responsibilities. This housing privilege is bestowed either by a designated floor or within an entire freestanding house. The regulation of these facilities is a combination of the University’s residence hall regulations and the Greek Living Unit Policy.

Each chapter with housing is required to meet specific minimum occupancy levels and other regulations. For this reason, each student who joins a fraternity or sorority with housing is required to live in the house when there is room.

Information concerning Rider’s Greek community and housing can be obtained in the Office of Greek Life, Bart Luedeke Center, Student Affairs Suite. More information, including a complete listing of all Greek organizations on campus, can be obtained from the Office of Greek Life, or on the Rider Web site (www.rider.edu/greeklife).