The University of Texas at Dallas
Community Standards
Fraternity and Sorority Life Mission Statement

UT Dallas Fraternity and Sorority Life provide students with a quality fraternal experience, which includes scholarship, service, and social awareness.

Community Standards Purpose Statement

In order for the UT Dallas Fraternity and Sorority community to reach its vision in the future, Fraternity and Sorority Life believes that individual chapters will be most successful if they fulfill the Community Standards that support the values and principles upon which their organizations were founded.

The University of Texas at Dallas Fraternity and Sorority Life advocates a Community Standards program to promote a high quality level of performance among all Fraternities and Sororities on campus. The Community Standards have been designed with several goals in mind: to assess chapter performance, to provide avenues to recognize progressing and/or excelling chapters, to serve as an equalizer for chapters of all councils, cultures, sizes, etc., and to elevate the quality of education and student involvement experience at UT Dallas.

While the Community Standards serve as a benchmark to illustrate the successes of individual chapters, the Fraternity and Sorority Life office will continue to actively assist with and develop chapter strategies for organizations and their members.

In addition to the Community Standards, chapters are, at minimum, expected to comply with all local, inter/national organization policies, all appropriate council governing documents, the UT Dallas Student Code of Conduct, as well as any other additional requirements set forth by the Student Organization Office and Fraternity and Sorority Life office.

It is the goal of the Fraternity and Sorority Life that the chapters will not only meet but exceed the criteria outlined in the Community Standards.
Fraternity and Sorority Life’s goal is to complement the University’s mission to prepare members of our organizations for life, work and leadership in a constantly changing world, while supporting them in educational and research programs, and transforming their ideas into ideas that directly benefit the personal, economic, social, and cultural lives of the citizens of Texas. To accomplish this goal, we will promote the maintenance of a healthy relationship between the Greek community and the University by following the guidelines outlined in this document.

**Point Breakdown:**

The Community Standards are based upon a 100 point scale.

There are bonus points in each section which enable an organization to earn more than 100 points in their total score.

There are four main sections within the Community Standards. Each section is worth 25 points.

An organization needs to earn 80 points or more to be in “Good Standing” with the Fraternity and Sorority Life. *Failure to achieve a “Good Standing” with Fraternity and Sorority Life the chapter will meet with their respective advisor for support, guidance, and possible sanctions.*
Community Standards Reporting Guidelines

- Deadline for submission is Sunday, November 15th, 2015 by midnight through Orgsync.
- The Community Standards Report will cover 2015 calendar year.
- All forms must be submitted on Orgsync.
- Each objective will require a 30 percent chapter attendance/participation, unless otherwise stated in the specific objective.
- Supporting documents must be included within each section.
- If documentation can be used for more than one section, a copy must be in each section (i.e. no reference should be made to another section and there should be no appendix).
- Ensure the documentation can be understood and easily interpreted by a person who is completely unfamiliar with your chapter and campus.
- For each section, follow each sub-section and provide documentation and/or fill out the required information on Orgsync.
- Remember that your answers should be written as if the individual reading it do not know anything about your chapter.
- If no documentation is provided, then no points will be awarded.
- Failure to submit the Community Standards Report by the deadline will result in the chapter not being in “Good Standing” with Fraternity and Sorority Life. This information will be noted on all reports to regional/national offices.
Definition of Terms

Hosting: Hosting an event is when an organization has an event at a designated location and others outside of the organization have been invited to attend.

Participating: When an organization attends an event that was planned, promoted, and financed by another organization and/or department.

Co-Sponsoring: When an organization works with another UT Dallas organization(s) and/or department(s) in the planning, promoting, or financing of an event.

Philanthropy: When an organization plans an event/service to raise money for a cause or non-profit organization.

Community Service: When an organization plans an event where time and talent are used for a cause and does not deal with raising funds of any kind.

Academic Program: A program or activity that discusses and educates members in areas of academic excellence.
Section I: Scholarship

Scholarship is the cornerstone of the collegiate experience. All chapters, as well as their individual members, should seek to achieve excellence in academics. The goal of the Fraternity and Sorority Life community should be to excel beyond the minimum standards.

1.1 Chapter semester G.P.A. of 2.5 or above each semester. (2.5 pts. per semester)
(Submitted by FSL from grade reports)

1.2 Chapter semester G.P.A. above exceeds either the male or female G.P.A. (2.5 pts. per semester)
(Submitted by FSL from grade reports)

1.3 Each chapter must have a scholarship policy/plan of action. (i.e. officer standards, member standings, recruitment/intake standards) (3 pts.)

1.4 Attend/host one academic program for the chapter. (4 pts.)

1.5 Develop and enforce systems to recognize/reward members for high academic achievement. (4 pts)

1.6 Develop and enforce systems for members who do not maintain the chapter’s scholarship policy/plan of action stated in Section 1.3. (4 pts.)

Bonus:
- Ten percent of chapter members are above a 3.5 semester G.P.A. (1 pt. each semester)(Submitted by FSL)
- Chapter’s semester G.P.A is at least .2 above all male or female semester G.P.A. (1 pt. each semester)
(Submitted by FSL)
- Chapter members in Order of Omega. (2 pts.) (Submitted by FSL)
Section II: Contributions to Campus and Community Service

In order to learn and grow as individuals, it is a necessity that chapter members positively contribute to their campus and surrounding community. Campus involvement enhances the undergraduate experience by encouraging students to reach out to other areas of campus life. Additionally, being supportive of the university and various departments/events will enhance the image of the organization and the learning experience of chapter members.

2.1 Six hours of community service/per member. (2.5 pts. per semester)

2.2 A chapter co-sponsors an event with a UT Dallas Department or other Organization outside their council per academic year. (I.e. SG, SUAAB, Career Center, Athletics, Multicultural Center, etc.) (3 pts.)

2.3 The chapter attends University Convocation at the beginning of the fall semester (2 pts.)(Submitted by FSL)

2.4 Host an annual event that contributes to and involves the campus and/or community. (5 pts.) (Event can include philanthropic/community service component, or be a campus-wide event open to UTD students)

2.5 Fifty percent of Members are involved in other organizations. (1.5 pts. per semester)

2.6 The chapter attends a UT Dallas athletic event once per semester. (1pt. per semester)

2.7 The chapter participates in Homecoming week. (3 pts) (Submitted by FSL)

2.8 The chapter participates in two-thirds of summer orientation organization fairs. (2 pts) (Submitted by FSL)

Bonus:
- All chapter members have 10 hours of community service each semester. (1 pt per semester)
- Co-sponsoring an additional event as stated in 2.2. (2 pts.)
- Twenty percent of chapter Members hold an officer position in other campus organizations. (1 pt per semester)
- The chapter attends three or more athletic events as a chapter. (2 pts.)
- The chapter participates in freshmen move-in. (2 pts.) (Submitted by FSL)
Section III: Chapter Management & Recruitment

To be an effective organization and enhance the development of chapter members, a new member development program is also crucial for the growth and future of an organization. Additionally, relationships with chapter alumni have a positive impact on the chapter. Greek alumni should be encouraged to work closely with the University and their former chapters to promote and facilitate a positive experience for current chapter members.

3.1 All new members/interests attend FSL 101. (2 pts.) *(Submitted by FSL)*

3.2 Submit “Guidelines for Conducting a New Member/Intake Program” on time. (1 pt per semester) *(Submitted by FSL)*

3.3 Chapter must retain 80 percent of their new members through each new member/intake program. (2.5 pts per semester) *(Submitted by FSL)*

3.4 Provide a copy of correspondence to alumni. (One per semester) (2 pts. per semester) *(i.e. newsletter, invitation to events, e-mail, etc.)*

3.5 Host an annual alumni/undergraduate event. (2 pts.)

3.6 A faculty/chapter advisor attends one advisor dinner sponsored by FSL. (2 pts. per semester) *(Submitted by FSL)*

3.7 Must attend 75 percent attendance at all presidents meetings. (1 pt. per semester) *(Submitted by FSL)*

3.8 Hold an officer transition retreat/meeting for chapter leadership. (2 pts.)

3.9 Maintain and submit a chapter calendar for each semester. (1 pt. per semester) *(Submitted by FSL)*
3.10
Maintain updated chapter website. (2 pts.)

**Bonus:**
- One hundred percent attendance at all presidents meetings (2 pts.) *(Submitted by FSL)*
- One hundred percent attendance at all council meetings (2 pts.) *(Submitted by FSL)*

Section IV: *Programming*

As fraternity and sorority members it’s important to us that we “do what we say we will do.” More specifically, social events and promoting brotherhood/sisterhood assist in preparing students for the real world by providing opportunities in areas such as leadership, collaboration, and well-rounded life skills.

4.1
Host a social event once a semester. *(1 pt. per semester)* *(Ex. mixers, formals, date parties, etc.)*

4.2
According to the FSL roster, 80 percent of the chapter must attend Greek Convocation. *(5 pts.)* *(Submitted by FSL)*

4.3
Host a member development program for the chapter each semester.
*(1 pt. per semester)*

4.4
Host an event that promotes the development of brotherhood/sisterhood once a semester. *(1 pt. per semester)*

4.5
Chapter hosts/participates in one Risk Management Program once a calendar year. *(Alcohol/drug use and abuse, hazing, legal liability, sexual assault, harassment, etc.) (Cannot be the SOC Risk Management Program)*
*(2 pts.)*

4.6
Ten percent of the chapter participates in one event with an organization from each of the governing councils. *(2 pts.)*
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4.8
Chapter is represented at the FSL Leadership Retreat. (4 pts.) (Based on FSL Requirements) (Submitted by FSL)

4.9
Chapter host or attend a leadership program. (2 pts.)

4.10
Chapter participates in all Greek Week events. (2 pts.) (Submitted by FSL)

Bonus:
- Chapter participates in two events with an organization from each of the governing councils. (2 pts.)
- Chapter hosts or participates in an additional risk management program. (2 pts.)