



national panhellenic conference

Extension Information for College Panhellenics

Explanation of the College Panhellenic Extension process

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) welcomes your interest in establishing and/or expanding the sorority experience on your campus. For more than 150 years, sororities have been an important part of higher education, enriching the academic life of collegiate women. The benefits of sorority membership reach beyond the undergraduate experience: research shows this commitment made at the collegiate level positively impacts lifetime giving and contribution to one's alma mater, and enhances members' lifelong educational and social development.

The NPC Panhellenic Extension Committee acts as the clearinghouse for both institutions and organizations by monitoring the extension of Panhellenic communities according to NPC extension protocol. This protocol is based on Unanimous Agreements followed by all 26 NPC member organizations. It is critical to note that NPC organizations will establish a new chapter only at appropriately accredited, bachelor degree-granting colleges and universities if permission has been granted by what we term the "proper authority." The identity of the proper authority depends on the particular situation and is described more fully in the extension resource materials. The NPC Panhellenic Extension Committee serves to verify that the proper authority has granted permission and is also available to advise and assist in the various approaches of establishing chapters of NPC member organizations.

As you begin the extension process, it's important and helpful to download and refer to these references:

- [Glossary of Terms](#), for NPC's basic extension terminology.
- [Best Practices for Extension](#), which focuses on NPC policies surrounding extension.
- Extension section in the Manual of Information, to review all extension rules.

The materials in our [resource library](#) will provide a step-by-step guide as you evaluate whether campus conditions are right for extension and determine the appropriate course of action at each step in the process. On behalf of the NPC Panhellenic Extension Committee, I encourage you to contact me if you would like further assistance.

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