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## **TOP TEN FAQs about College Panhellenic (CPH)**

### **1. What is National Panhellenic Council?**

National Panhellenic Council (NPC) provides support and guidance for its 26-member inter/national sororities/women's fraternities and serves as the national voice on contemporary issues of sorority life, including the sororities at University of Cincinnati. Founded in 1902, NPC is one of the oldest and largest women's membership organizations representing more than 4 million women at 655 college/university campuses and 4,500 local alumnae chapters in the US and Canada. Adopted in June 2011, the vision statement of NPC is "Advancing the Sorority Experience Together."

### **2. What benefits does my daughter (I) receive by joining a sorority/the Panhellenic community?**

Joining sorority is a huge benefit to your daughter. Not only will she find a home at school, but she will also make some of her best friends here. In addition, she has more accountability academically. She will also have several leadership opportunities to get involved on campus and in her community. Finally, she will have the tools to network with not only alumnae from her sorority, but also alumni from all Greek organizations.

### **3. Are sorority girls as catty as they seem in the movies (stereotype question)?**

As a member of a sorority, your daughter is encouraged to get to know members of other sororities and fraternities. No sorority believes that you should only have friends in your sorority. All the sorority stereotypes are false. We all promote unity and community.

### **4. What do dues cover?**

Typically, dues cover membership dues, initiation fees, housing fees, insurance fees, and activities. Most of these fees are one time only and that is why new member fees are so much higher than general membership fees.

### **5. Can my daughter live in the house as a freshman?**

On most campuses, freshman/new members are not allowed to live in the house until they are at least a sophomore or no longer a new member. This could be her second semester of college or her second year in college. It just depends on the chapter and university requirements.

## **6. What is the time requirement for my daughter on a weekly basis?**

Generally speaking, your daughter may be required to attend roughly two hours worth of meetings per week. There are also some events that she will be notified of at the beginning of her new membership that are mandatory. She may also elect to attend sisterhood events, social events, and more. The level of involvement is dependent on each member.

## **7. Hazing?**

Sororities, as well as universities, follow the state and federal laws when it comes to hazing. Any incidences that may be considered hazing are to be reported immediately. All sororities and the University of Cincinnati have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to hazing.

## **8. Don't sorority women just party?**

No. All members must abide by the Student Code of Conduct and their chapter constitution and bylaws or consequences will be enforced. Sorority women focus their time on philanthropy, community service, leadership, fostering sisterhood, and ritual.

## **9. What exactly is Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment?**

Recruitment is a two weekend series of events called 'parties', coordinated by the Panhellenic Council, where the chapters get to know you, and you get to know the women of each chapter. Panhellenic sorority recruitment is a mutual selection process that is filled with activities designed to offer prospective members the chance to learn about the Panhellenic sororities in a concentrated period of time. It is an opportunity for students to meet the sorority members, ask questions, and define financial obligations, time commitments, and membership requirements. Whether or not you decide to join a Panhellenic sorority, recruitment is a great way to meet people and get acquainted with life at The University of Cincinnati.

## **10. Is everyone guaranteed a bid?**

When a woman goes through formal recruitment, it is a mutual selection process between the chapter and the potential new member.

## **11. How hard is it to balance sorority life and academics?**

Academics are extremely important and valued in the Greek community and Panhellenic sorority life. We understand that students are at the university for an education first and we value their time spent on academics. Most times, sororities help with GPA. Sororities have a minimum GPA requirement. If a member or new member falls below that requirement they may be asked to resign their membership. The overall Greek GPA, 3.141, is higher than the all-university GPA.