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TOP TEN FAQ's for Interfraternity Council (IFC)

1. What Is the IFC?

The IFC or Inter-Fraternity Council is the governing body of fraternity's on campus. They operate in alignment with the National Intefraternity Council standards, which serves as an umbrella group for the IFC.

2. How many fraternities are there?

At the University of Cincinnati there are 21 IFC fraternities, with additional expansion happening on a regular basis. The NIC has 75 member organizations with approximately 5,500 chapters located on 800+ campuses in the United States and Canada with approximately 350,000 undergraduate members.

3. How much does it cost?

Prices depend on the chapter; we will learn this price information in later sessions

4. Is there hazing?

No, it's NOT tolerated. Hazing is a criminal offense in Ohio and is prohibited at the University

5. Will it affect my grades?

Ideally, they should shoot way up! Academics must be his first priority. You can help him to remember that! The fraternity can offer support in time management, tutoring, study enhancement and incentives, and class assistance. It's up to your son to make sure that he does well.

6. How much time will I give?

This depends on how much time you want to put in; many chapters have a requirement for weekly chapter meetings. Basically you get out what you put in.

7. What does it mean to rush?

To rush is essentially to check out the fraternity and get to know the guys, going to recruitment events.

8. How do you join a fraternity?

You can visit the Go Greek website or sign up on the Greek interest list

9. How many fraternities?

At the University of Cincinnati there are 22 IFC fraternities

10. Am I just buying friends?

No, the cost of a membership in a fraternity house is competitive, if not cheaper, than simply living in the residence halls. Yes, there are costs associated with being a member of a fraternity. But these costs are very similar to what you would pay to be a member of any other student or community organization. Many fraternities offer financial benefits through many different faucets

11. What are the requirements to join?

Eligibility for new member processes varies by chapter and some fraternities are major selective. In general, your GPA, activities and mutual fit will all be considered.

12. What is a bid?

A bid is an invitation from a fraternity or sorority to become a member of its organization.