



## Fraternity and Sorority Academic Standards

**Chapter:** Each fraternity or sorority should strive to be above the university all-men's/women's GPA each fall and spring semester. Chapters are required to maintain a minimum 2.65 chapter GPA each semester. High performing chapters will be recognized in various ways throughout the year. Chapters that fail to meet this standard will need to develop an academic plan for improvement.

Chapters that meet or exceed the required 2.65 semester GPA will be in **good academic standing** with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. This status provides continued rights and responsibilities to recognized fraternities and sororities

### *Membership Intake*

- A chapter will receive a warning for a new member class who does not obtain a 2.65 term GPA
  - The class must collectively have a 2.65 and above GPA the following semester in order for the chapter to retain membership intake privileges.
- A chapter will receive an automatic suspension of membership intake if a new member class does not obtain a 2.65 cumulative GPA.
- The chapter will be placed on Academic Probation if the cumulative GPA is between a 2.64 and a 2.60
- The chapter will be placed on Academic Suspension if the cumulative GPA falls below a 2.60

Chapter GPA	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester
Above 2.65000	Good Standing		
Between 2.5-2.64	Warning	Probation	Suspension
Below 2.000-2.49	Probation	Suspension	

**Academic Warning:** If the chapter falls below a 2.65 (but above a 2.5), the chapter will be placed on Academic Warning and subject to the following outcomes:

1. A letter will be sent via email from FSL to the chapter president and advisor on record.
2. Develop and submit chapter's academic plan in the first two weeks of the semester in which the chapter is sanctioned. Academic plans can be defined as a plan that will be implemented to help the chapter meet the minimum standards.
3. Meet with the Assistant Director to discuss the seriousness of poor academic performance. The Academic plan should be submitted at least two business days prior to this meeting.
4. Schedule an academic skills workshop by Advising plus that would support the academic plan and meet the needs of chapter members.

**Academic Probation:** If the chapter falls below 2.65 for a second consecutive semester, or the chapter GPA falls below a 2.65 in any one semester, then the chapter will be placed on Academic Probation and subject to the following outcomes:



1. A letter will be sent via email from the Office of Student Involvement to the chapter president, advisor(s) on record, inter/national organization, and other university departments (Advising Plus, Student Organization Resource Center, etc.).
2. Develop and submit chapter's academic plan in the first two weeks of the semester in which the chapter is sanctioned. An academic plan can be defined as a plan that will be implemented to help the chapter meet the minimum standards.
3. Meet with the Assistant Director and campus/chapter advisor(s) to discuss the seriousness of poor academic performance. The academic plan should be submitted at least two business days prior to this meeting.
4. Schedule an academic skills workshop with Advising Plus or other UAlbany department that would support the academic plan and meet the needs of chapter members.
5. The chapter will have restricted event and programming privileges and must receive approval from the Office of Student Involvement to host events and programs.

**Academic Suspension:** If the chapter falls below a 2.65 for the third consecutive semester, or the chapter GPA falls below 2.0 for a second consecutive semester, then the chapter will be placed on academic suspension for one year and subject to the following outcomes:

1. A letter will be sent via email from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to the chapter president, advisor(s) on record, inter/national organization, and other university department.
2. Meet with the Assistant Director and campus/chapter advisor(s) to discuss the seriousness of poor academic performance and to discuss appropriate strategies for the semester.
3. The chapter will be prohibited from maintaining registered student organization status with Fraternity and Sorority Life and cannot participate or function as an organization at UAlbany.
4. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life will continue to monitor academic performance of those students who are members of the chapter at the time suspension was imposed to see if performance has improved however, the chapter will not be included in the community grade report. If the chapter demonstrates the ability to achieve the minimum standard, then the chapter may be eligible to be reinstated as a registered student organization.

**Council and Board Officers:** Any student who serves as an officer for a governing council or the All Greek Council (AGC) must maintain a cumulative 2.75 GPA and a 2.65 semester GPA. If an officer falls below this standard at the end of the semester, while in office, the individual must resign from their position(s). Councils and AGC may vote to increase this standard, but may not go below a cumulative 2.65 GPA.

**Individual Members:** The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life expects that each fraternity and sorority will hold individual members accountable to the inter/national organization's and/or chapter's standard for individual members. OFSL recommends that individual chapter members must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.65 GPA as any student who falls below a cumulative 2.0 GPA will be placed on academic probation by the university. It is the chapter's responsibility to define the academic good standing for members and should implement sanctions and an



environment that will make it significantly easier for these members to focus on academics (rather than the chapter) until they are able to meet the minimum standard.

### **Academic Awards & Recognition**

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life recognizes outstanding academic performance by chapters and individual members during the Recognition and Scholars Reception. The following awards are presented annually:

- All Greek Scholarship Award
- Outstanding Council GPA
- Most Improved Chapter GPA
- Outstanding Fraternity/Sorority Academic Success

Additionally, chapters and councils that meet or exceed the all-men's/women's/undergraduate GPA for any given semester will be recognized publically.

**Individuals:** Students who achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher are eligible to attend our Gamma Sigma Alpha National Greek Academic Honor Society's Scholars Reception. Students who are active and graduating will be invited to our Senior Sendoff and participate in our cord ceremony.