

For more than 120 years, fraternities and sororities on our campus have forged a rich heritage of tradition, history, success and pride. This heritage benefits both our fraternity and sorority members and the broader University community. Today, the University hosts over 20 fraternity and sorority chapters. Each chapter is committed to the Principles of the Fraternity/Sorority community: Scholarship and Learning, Service and Philanthropy, Leadership and Values, Community, and Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Our members are involved in many of the University's events, programs, athletics, and student organizations.



**Sending a family member to college can be a challenging and stressful time in a parent's life. As a part of the UNM family we want to make sure you have all the information you need about your child getting involved in the Fraternity and Sorority Community. We feel it is important that you, the parent, be educated about the enriching experience that your son or daughter will find by being involved in a fraternity or sorority at UNM.**



Interested in learning more?

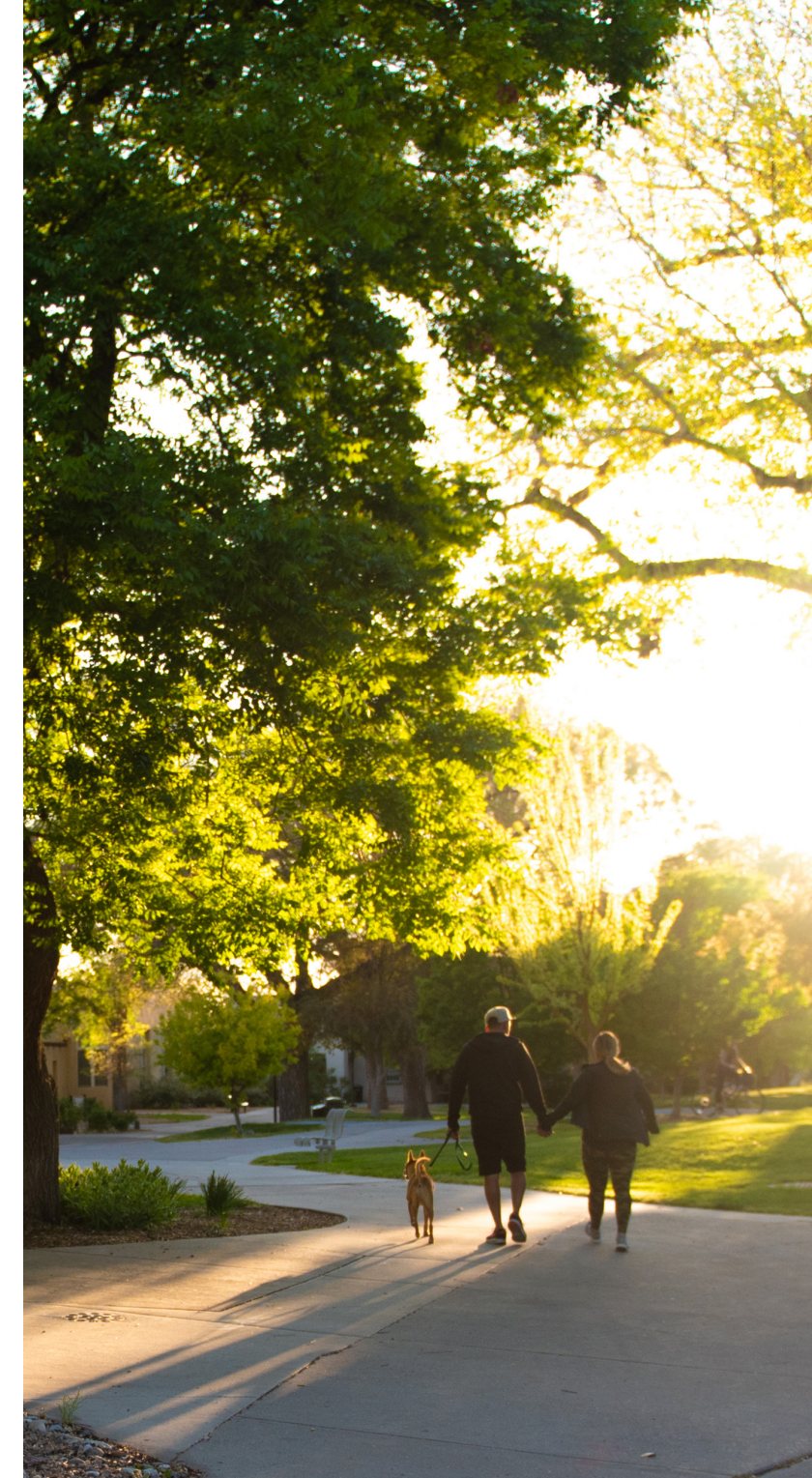
Visit us at [greeks.unm.edu](http://greeks.unm.edu) and click on the "For Parents" section. You can also visit us on social media @unmgreeks.

You may also visit the following sites for more general information about Fraternity and Sorority Life:

[TheSororityLife.com](http://TheSororityLife.com)  
[MyFraternityLife.org](http://MyFraternityLife.org)  
[NPCWomen.org](http://NPCWomen.org)  
[NICFraternity.org](http://NICFraternity.org)  
[NPHCHQ.org](http://NPHCHQ.org)  
[NationalMGC.org](http://NationalMGC.org)  
[NALFO.org](http://NALFO.org)

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**A Family Guide to  
Fraternity &  
Sorority Life  
at  
University of New Mexico**



Welcome to the Lobo Family! As your student embarks on their new journey at the University of New Mexico, getting involved on-campus is a key to their success! They will soon find there are many avenues for involvement at UNM and each will contribute to their development as a student, but none will be quite as exciting as becoming a member of one of our Fraternities or Sororities. Membership in a Greek-Lettered Organization will provide your student with an opportunity to develop valuable leadership skills, pursue academic excellence, serve the UNM and Albuquerque Communities, and make lasting friendships that will be treasured forever.

### **Why Should Your Student Join a Fraternity or Sorority?**

#### **UNM Fraternities & Sororities Stand Out**

Becoming a member of a fraternal organization will provide your family member with a number of experiences that will help prepare them for not only a career, but for life after college.

#### **Fraternity & Sorority Members Excel Academically**

All Fraternities and Sororities at the University of New Mexico set high standards for academic achievement. The average Fraternity/Sorority GPA of 3.46 exceeds the all-student average and all organizations have minimum requirements to join.

In addition, according to research, members of Fraternities and Sororities are more than two times as likely to complete their undergraduate degrees in four years than the average student.

#### **Fraternity & Sorority Members Avoid the “Sophomore Slump”**

While the average return rate for general UNM students is relatively high at 90.22%, the return rate for members of Fraternities and Sororities is even higher at 96.80%. The support system provided to new members in the first few crucial months of their college experience through the Greek system means more students find their “home” at the University.

#### **Fraternity & Sorority Members Are Devoted to The Community**

Service and Philanthropy are cornerstones of any Fraternity or Sorority experience. As a community, UNM Fraternities and Sororities have dedicated over 10,000 service hours to UNM and the Albuquerque area in the past four years. In addition, the community has raised over \$100,000 in the same period through community-wide and chapter-specific philanthropic events.

#### **Fraternity & Sorority is for Everyone**

The Fraternity & Sorority Community at UNM is not a stereotypical Greek system. While there are financial obligations, our membership is very diverse and there is a membership opportunity for everyone. 41% of Fraternity & Sorority members are first-generation college students.

### **How Can Your Student Join a Fraternity or Sorority?**

#### **Three Greek Councils**

Greek Life at the University of New Mexico is represented by three governing councils that oversee all recruitment activities. The College Panhellenic Council (CPH) represents large women’s organizations, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) represents large men’s organizations, and the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) represents men’s and women’s organizations that all have an ethnic or cultural connection as well as our Black Greek Lettered Organizations (BGLO).

Panhellenic Formal Recruitment is held in the fall semester shortly after school starts. Interested women must pre-register and pay a small registration fee. This is a formal, 3-day recruitment that ends in a mutual selection process.

IFC Recruitment is held in the fall shortly after school starts. It usually starts with a large kick-off event that interested men should attend in order to register for the remainder of the process.

MGC and BGL organizations conduct a process called Intake. This is a discrete process and new members are not public until they cross, or initiate. Interested students should complete an interest form and attend Meet the Greeks in fall.



### **What Will Your Student Experience as a Fraternity or Sorority Member?**

#### **Cost of Membership**

Joining a fraternity or sorority does carry a financial commitment. Each chapter is self-supporting through the dues paid by each member every semester. Dues go toward inter/national fees, social functions, chapter operating expenses and educational programs and initiatives. While your son or daughter is going through the recruitment process, please make sure that he or she asks about the financial obligations of membership. For more information about cost, please visit our website at [greeks.unm.edu](http://greeks.unm.edu) and click on the finances section. Some organizations offer financial assistance, scholarships, and payment plans to make membership more achievable.

#### **Time Commitment**

The time commitment varies from chapter to chapter and student to student. The first semester is the most time intensive. New members participate in their chapter’s educational program, during which they develop leadership and time management skills, get acquainted with the new member class as well as the rest of the chapter, and become involved in Chapter activities and organizations. Each chapter has weekly chapter meetings, annual philanthropies, service projects, and chapter events. Chapter members are encouraged to become involved in campus activities and leadership positions inside and outside of the chapter while always remembering that academic commitments come first. The time commitment is similar to that of a 3-4 credit course.

#### **Safety, Hazing, and Risk Management**

The University of New Mexico has a zero-tolerance policy for hazing activities. In addition, hazing is expressly prohibited by all of the inter/national organizations represented on the campus. As a dry campus, UNM Fraternities and Sororities are not permitted to host events with alcohol unless served by a licensed third-party provider and all events are pre-approved. The safety and well-being of our students is our top concern at all times. All new members are required to complete a first semester orientation for UNM Fraternity and Sorority Life as well to provide them safety information.