

**FAST FACTS ABOUT RECRUITMENT AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
NWHCAP RECRUITMENT SEMINAR - 2016**

**REGISTERING FOR RECRUITMENT**

**You must sign up with UT to go through recruitment! We also recommend that you register with NWHCAP.**

- **UT:** MUST sign up at [www.texasgreeks.com](http://www.texasgreeks.com) or [www.texaspanhellenic.com](http://www.texaspanhellenic.com). May register beginning May 18<sup>th</sup> and registration deadline is August 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. You **WILL NOT** be able to participate in recruitment without registering with UT.



- **NWHCAP:** we highly recommend you register with NWHCAP prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Instructions are online at [www.nwhcap.org](http://www.nwhcap.org).

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## How to Register At The University of Texas

Online recruitment registration begins Monday, May 23, 2016 and concludes at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2016. ***Paper applications will not be accepted.*** You will be asked to upload a photo and may choose to pay your registration fee online. If you prefer, you may also mail in your registration fee. If you choose this option, your check would follow the fee timeline described below. ***Please make your check or money order payable to University Panhellenic Council and mail to:***

The University Panhellenic Council  
Attn: UPC President  
100 West Dean Keeton, A5800  
Austin, Texas 78712-0175

### **Registration Fee Timeline:**

\$100 if paid online by 11:59 p.m. or postmarked by **July 18, 2016**  
\$125 if paid online or postmarked after **July 18, 2016**

## RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE

*(The information below from [www.texaspanhellenic.com](http://www.texaspanhellenic.com) is current as of February, 2016 and is subject to change. Check the website for the most current information.)*

**Convocation** (each PNM attends one event the evening before recruitment begins) **Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>** The mandatory Opening Convocation is at 8pm in Hogg Auditorium

- This is a required meeting for all PNMs and serves as an orientation to formal recruitment. PNMs will meet their recruitment counselors and the panhellenic recruitment team, who will guide them through the week. PNMs will receive their t-shirts for the Open House rounds at this orientation.
- PNMs will be assigned one of the two mandatory sessions, either 6:00 pm-7:30 pm or 8:00 pm-9:30pm.
- Attire: Very casual, no sorority members will be present. Nike shorts and t-shirts.

**Round 1 - Open House** (each PNM attends 14 events that are 25 minutes each, spread over 2 days) **Tuesday and Wednesday August 18<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>**

- NOTE: Many times, these events are not scheduled evenly over the two days. It is quite possible a PNM will have more events on one day and fewer on the other.
- This round focuses on "Going Greek!" Each PNM will walk from house to house with her recruitment group and Rho Chis.
- PNMs should expect to be greeted with loud singing and clapping. During the events, PNMs will have an opportunity to speak with several different members.
- Attire: Each potential new member will receive a recruitment t-shirt to wear for Open House. Khaki shorts and tennis shoes are strongly suggested.

**Round 2 - Philanthropy Round** (up to 10 events that are 35 minutes each, spread over 2 days) **Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

- NOTE: Many times, these events are not scheduled evenly over the two days. It is quite possible a PNM will have more events on one day and fewer on the other.
  - This round of events focuses on community service. PNMs will visit up to ten chapters and will participate in a small project that will benefit the chapter's local or national philanthropy.
  - In addition, chapters may choose to entertain PNMs with a few songs, or provide information about their philanthropy and other chapter events.
  - PNMs will again have the opportunity to speak with many different chapter members.
  - Attire: Comfortable daytime dresses or skirts, comfortable sandals, wedges, or flats. No denim or flip-flops.
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**Round 3 – Sisterhood Round** (up to 6 events that are 45 minutes each, on 1 day)**Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- This round of events focuses on entertainment.
- Each chapter should also allow plenty of time for one-on-one conversations.
- Attire: A semiformal dress- dressier than daytime, more casual than cocktail. Think Sunday Brunch attire. Shoes should be wedges or heels.

**Round 4 - Preference Round** (up to 3 events that are one hour each on one evening)**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- These events focus on the deepest aspects of sorority life, including sisterhood, friendship and ritual. This is a PNM's last chance to interact with chapter members.
- On Preference Day, PNMs will often speak to members they've already connected with earlier in the week.
- Attire: Cocktail dress (*typically black*) and heels. Stick with black – this is not the night to wear a different color to try to stand out!

**Bid Day!****Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

- All PNMs will gather at a location on campus to receive their sorority bid. PNMs will then be invited back to the sorority house each has joined to participate in fun activities such as pictures, dinner and "get-to-know-you games". Activities differ from chapter to chapter.
  - Attire: Comfortable daytime dresses or skirts, comfortable sandals, wedges or flats; no denim or flip-flops.

**Classes begin Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.****RECOMMENDATIONS**

Please note that each sorority is different and it is difficult to advise each PNM on every detail of every sorority's procedures. As you go through recruitment, it is helpful to keep in mind that every sorority has its own process for writing recommendations. Some turn them in online, and others mail them. Some just need one rec, and others must have two or more. **Rely on your alumnae references** to know their process. Work through them instead of trying to manage the process yourself. They have a vested interest in helping, and should know their sorority's process. It's also likely that you will not know when a recommendation form has been sent in for your PNM due to the volume of forms being processed. Rest assured that the alumnae have processes in place to ensure your PNM recommendation is received by the UT collegians for each sorority.

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## ELIGIBILITY

A woman is eligible to participate in recruitment and join a sorority if she is a regularly matriculated student at UT Austin. Any student who is enrolled and has been granted full-time status may participate, however each UPC organization has specific eligibility requirements. She must not be an initiated member of any National Panhellenic Conference sorority.

**A Note to PACE Students:** Students participating in the Pathway to Admission through Co-Enrollment, also known as PACE, will have access to all of the benefits and privileges of a full time student at UT Austin. Participating in extracurricular activities, such as joining a sorority and fraternity, is encouraged and will enhance your experience in college.

It is important to note that our sorority and fraternity partners each have individual membership requirements. Membership decisions are the sole responsibility of the organization. We would encourage you to consult with the national organizations should you have questions about eligibility requirements.

## LET'S TALK...CONVERSATION TIPS

You have a killer resume, glowing recommendations and a fabulous wardrobe, but once you actually step in the door of the sorority house it's the conversation that counts. Here are some suggestions:

1. Think of questions you might be asked, and think of possible responses. These are topics you will probably talk about:
    - Round 1: Hometown, high school activities, summer activities, favorite movies/TV shows, UT (major, dorm, roommate, what you're most excited for).
    - Round 2: Volunteer activities in HS, philanthropy at UT (within sorority and participation in other groups' events), what you want to be involved in at UT or within sorority.
    - Round 3: Leadership in HS and positions within sorority and on campus, passions likes and dislikes, hobbies, HS activities, what you're looking for in a sorority
    - Round 4: How you're feeling about the sorority, questions or concerns you have, qualities you want in sisters, qualities you could bring to the sorority
  2. No one word answers! It's a dead end to a conversation, creates awkward silence and it makes you appear disinterested.
  3. Ask open-ended questions that can't be answered yes or no.
  4. Don't complain. Everyone is hot and tired. The sorority members have even longer days than you do.
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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### NWHCAP WEBSITE

- Recruitment Guide – tips about how to complete registration with us (very helpful in securing recommendations!)
- Sample social resume'
- Tips and suggestions to help you through the recruitment process

#### UT's FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS DOCUMENT (handing out today)

- Information on how to register with UT (mandatory!)
  - Information about average cost ranges sororities at UT
  - Websites for Greek Life and Panhellenic (UPC) at UT (Tip: check the UPC website for pics of what to wear during recruitment.)
  - What is covered during summer orientation
  - How much time a sorority takes...and more!
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