



University of North Texas

Standards of Excellence Program

Standards of Excellence Purpose Statement

The University of North Texas (UNT) Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life advocates a *Standards of Excellence* program to promote a high-quality level of performance among all fraternities and sororities on campus. The *Standards of Excellence* program has been designed with several goals in mind: to assess chapter performance, address areas that the university and/or individual chapter(s) feel are of concern, provide avenues to recognize progressing and/or excelling chapters, enrich the diversity of the fraternity and sorority community, and elevate the quality of education and student experience at UNT.

While the *Standards of Excellence* will serve as a benchmark and illustrate the successes of individual chapters, the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life will continue to actively assist with and develop chapter strategies for chapters and their members.

The reports you are submitting are a tool for the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life and the university to see the scope of your chapter and your impact on the community. These reports also allow us to provide mid-year progress reports to support organizations in an effort to promote a balanced calendar and successful programming.

In addition to the *Standards of Excellence*, chapters are, at minimum, expected to comply with all local, inter/national organization policies, all appropriate council governing documents, the UNT Student Code of Conduct, as well as any additional requirements set forth by Student Activities and the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Ultimately, the goal of the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life that chapters will not only meet, but exceed the criteria outlined in the *Standards of Excellence*. Should you ever have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to contact the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Reporting Guidelines

- Materials will be submitted via the chapter's OneDrive folder.
- All materials will be due by the last day of class, each semester.
 - We *strongly recommend* that you submit materials in a timely manner.
- Standards reporting period will cover both the Fall and Spring academic semesters.
- Please be specific about any programming or activities the chapter has done each semester.
 - Please use photos as supplemental items and not replacements for descriptive explanations of your activities and programs.
- **If no documentation or event description is provided, no points will be awarded.**
- Programs and events may be counted across multiple sections in order to encourage multipurpose programming.

Definition of Terms

Hosting: Hosting an event is when an organization has an event at a designated time and location.

Participating: When an organization attends an event that was planned, promoted, and financed by another organization/department.






Co-Sponsoring: When an organization works with another organization in the planning, promoting, workings, or finance of an event together.

Philanthropy/Fundraising: When an organization and/or members plan an event/service to raise money for a cause or non-profit organization or initiative.

Community Service: When an organization/members plan an event where their time and talent are used for a cause and does not deal with raising funds of any kind (hands-on service).

Grading Rubric

Chapters will earn stars based on the number of points they earn during the academic year. Scoring will take into account the holistic execution of the fraternity and sorority experience. This rubric is designed to encourage chapters to have varied and expansive programming that positively impacts the UNT community. This grading scale represents what CFSL has identified as the core tenets and goals of the fraternity and sorority experience and hope this helps chapters in planning their efforts for the academic year. Chapter scorecards will be posted on the CFSL website each year.

5		950+
4		949-726
3		725-476
2		475-251
1		0-250

Section I: 30%

Academics:

(Scholarship is the cornerstone of the collegiate experience and an area in which chapters, and individual members, should seek to excel.) Chapters should not only achieve these academic standards, but work towards excelling beyond the minimum standards outlined below.

Academics	
	Total Points Possible (300 pts.)
1.1 Chapter GPA is above council GPA (100 pts. total/50 pts. per semester) <i>(No submission necessary. The information is on file with the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life)</i>	
1.2 Chapter GPA is above all men's or women's GPA (75 pts. Total/37.5 pts. per semester) <i>(No submission necessary. The information is on file with the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life)</i>	
1.3 Academic guidelines and plan of action (50 pts.) Provide proper documentation of chapter academic guidelines. (ex: officer standards, member standings, recruitment/intake standards, plan to increase/maintain GPA, study hours, etc.)	
1.4 Host academic programming for chapter (75 pts.) <i>(ex: study night, partner with Learning Center, etc.)</i>	

Bonus:

-25 pts awarded if at least 10% of chapter members are above a 3.5 semester G.P.A. (12.5 pts. each semester) - No submission necessary. The information is on file with the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life.

-10 pts awarded if chapter members are a part of Order of Omega and/or Rho Lambda.

Section II: 25%

Leadership and Service

(In order to learn and grow as individuals, it is a necessity that chapter members positively contribute to their campus and surrounding community. Campus involvement enhances the undergraduate experience by encouraging students to reach out to other areas of campus life. Additionally, being supportive of the university and various departments/events will enhance the image of the organization and the learning of members)

Leadership and Service	
	Total Points Possible (250 pts.)
2.1 Chapter president 1-on-1 attendance (20 pts.) <i>(Chapter president must attend all chapter president 1-on-1 throughout academic year.)</i>	
2.2 6 hours of community service per member (80 pts. total/40 pts. per semester) <i>Fill in CFSL provided Excel spreadsheet. This will include the number of hours each member volunteered per event as well as total hours volunteered for EACH SEMESTER.</i>	
2.3 Participate in campus-wide events (40 pts. total/20 pts. per semester) <i>Provide documentation (pictures, chapter minutes, emails) of chapter participation in a campus-wide event sponsored by a UNT Office or Division (ex: the Big Event, Eaglethon, Homecoming, etc.).</i>	
2.4 Host an event that contributes to & involves the campus and/or community (60 pts. total/30 pts. per semester) <i>Event(s) can include philanthropic/community service component or be a campus-wide event open to UNT students. (ex: chapter philanthropy events, open study nights, pageants, etc.)</i>	
2.5 Memberships in other organizations (30 pts. total/15 pts. per semester) <i>Provide a list of names with corresponding organizations for EACH SEMESTER. Points will be awarded if at least 50% of chapter members are involved in other campus organizations.</i>	
2.6 Attendance at UNT Athletic Events (20 pts. total/10 pts. per semester) <i>Provide a picture of chapter organized attendance at a UNT athletic event once per semester. PICTURES OF TAILGATING WILL NOT BE COUNTED. YOU MUST BE INSIDE THE STADIUM, ARENA, OR WHERE THE SPORTING EVENT IS TAKING PLACE.</i>	

Bonus:

-20 pts awarded for 100% of chapter members with 10 or more hours of community service each.

-15 pts awarded for hosting an additional campus-wide/community event.

-10 pts awarded for attending 3 or more athletic events as a chapter.

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Section III: 20%

Member Development

(To be effective as an organization, while enhancing the development of chapter members, specific attention should be paid to risk management and finances. New member development is also crucial for the growth and future of an organization. As a third tier, relationships with chapter alumni have a positive impact on the chapter as well. Greek alumni should work closely with the University and their chapters to promote and facilitate a positive experience for chapter leaders.)

Chapter Management & Member Development	
	Total Points Possible (200 pts.)
3.1 New Member Development (50 pts. total/25 pts. per semester) <i>Submission of New Member Intake/Education Packet by advisor deadline.</i>	
3.2 Member Development (50 pts. total/25 pts. per semester) <i>Provide an overview of active member development programs, initiatives, workshops, and educational sessions. (if unable to share, a letter from an advisor indicating that such plan exists will suffice)</i>	
3.3 Risk Management (25 pts.) <i>Provide proof of chapter-wide risk management training sessions whether that is through chapter minutes, a copy of the presentation, a flyer, etc.</i>	
3.4 Finances (25 pts.) <i>Provide documentation that chapter has a financial plan (ex: spreadsheet of chapter's budget, document outlining financial goals for the year, etc.).</i>	
3.5 Correspondence/Communication with Alumni Members & Chapter Advisor (30 pts. total/15 pts. per semester) <i>Provide documentation of correspondence at least two times during the academic year. Correspondence may be in the form of a newsletter or other mailed information or in the form of electronic correspondence (email, Facebook invitation for alumni, etc.).</i>	
3.6 Host an annual Alumni/Undergrad Event (20 pts.) <i>Provide a description of the event and an example of how the chapter communicates the information regarding this event effectively.</i>	

Bonus:

- 15 pts awarded if an additional risk management training session is held during the academic year.
- 15 pts awarded if a member(s) attend any leadership development conferences.
- 5 pts for agenda of Officer Transition meetings
- 5 pts if 100% attendance at all Council Meetings

Section IV: 25%

Programming

(As fraternity and sorority members, it's important to us and those that critique us, that we "do what we say we will do." More specifically, social events such as philanthropies, campus events, guest lecturers, etc., assist in preparing students for the real world by providing opportunities in areas such as leadership, collaboration, and "well-rounded" life skills.)

Programming	
	Total Points Possible (250 pts.)
4.1 Host a social event (40 pts. total/20 pts. per semester) <i>(ex: mixers, takeovers, game nights, watch parties, trunk or treat, etc.)</i>	
4.2 Host a philanthropic event (40 pts. total/20 pts. per semester)	
4.3 Hosting an educational event (80 pts.) <i>(ex: resume workshop, alcohol awareness, voter registration, etc.)</i>	
4.4 Co-sponsoring an educational program (90 pts.) <i>Provide documentation of a sponsored event with an organization outside of your council once each year. The event should offer an educational component (speaker, workshop, etc.)</i>	

Bonus:

-40 pts (20 pts. per semester) awarded if an event was hosted with a fraternity or sorority outside of your council.

-30 pts (15 pts. per semester) if two additional educational programs are co-sponsored throughout.