

The Georgia Tech Panhellenic Council

New Member Worksheet

Welcome

The Georgia Institute of Technology Panhellenic Council welcomes you as a member of your respective women's fraternity and into Georgia Tech Panhellenic. Every member and associate member of a fraternity at the Georgia Institute of Technology is a member of Georgia Tech Panhellenic. The Panhellenic Council at Georgia Tech was chartered in early 1974, and since then many intelligent, talented, and dynamic women have become members of Panhellenic. You, too, will share in this bond that unites all Greek organizations and especially women's fraternities.

The PANHELLENIC Purpose

Panhellenic Council is the major coordinating and governing body for all National Panhellenic Conference sororities. As the name suggests, (pan-"all", hellenic-"Greek"), the Council works to help each Georgia Tech sorority realize its individual goals as well as uniting each of them in the Greek tradition. It is composed of elected officers along with several appointed committee chairwomen provide assistance to the sororities through programming in the areas of scholarship, philanthropy, leadership, and public relations. Panhellenic Council sponsors joint projects with the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and coordinates Greek Week, Homecoming, and an annual leadership retreat.

The Council strives to advance the Panhellenic ideals at Georgia Tech. As expressed in the Panhellenic Creed, fraternity women are dedicated to upholding good scholarship, high standards of ethical conduct, and to working in harmony and understanding with each other to further the ideals of fraternity life. Panhellenic Council promotes the entire Greek System and seeks to unify all sororities into one sisterhood.

The PANHELLENIC CREED

We, as Undergraduate Members of women's fraternities,
stand for good scholarship, for guarding of good health,
for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving,
to the best of our ability, our college community.
Cooperation for furthering fraternity life, in harmony
with its best possibilities, is the ideal that
shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, as Fraternity Women, stand for service through
the development of character inspired by the close contact
and deep friendship of individual fraternity life.
The opportunity for wide and wise human service,
through mutual respect and helpfulness,
is the tenet by which we strive to live.

PANHELLENIC CODE OF STANDARDS

High ethical standards and conduct are integral to women's fraternities. A fraternity woman must strive to better herself, her sisters, all fraternal organizations, and the community. National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) and Georgia Tech Panhellenic through mutual agreement have established regulations and policies reflecting these ideals. Behaviors that violate the Code of Standards are subject to disciplinary action by the Panhellenic Judicial Committee.

I shall respect and obey the letter and the spirit of all national Panhellenic Conference UNANIMOUS AGREEMENTS enacted by all 26 NPC fraternities, including my organization.
In doing so,

I will work to foster exemplary behavior, social consciousness, mutual respect, and friendship. I know that my behavior is representative of my fraternity and the Panhellenic system.

I pledge to create friendly relations between fraternity and nonfraternity women and to avoid disparaging remarks about any fraternity or college woman.

I deem the arbitrary rating of women's fraternities to be unauthorized, unauthenticated, and erroneous. I will refrain from rating the fraternities on any campus and confront and/or report any person or organization who does so.

I will not participate in any Little Sister organization nor will I establish or maintain a Little Brother Program, as both pose a threat to the future of the existence of women's fraternities as single sex organizations.

I will neither use nor support the use of illegal drugs; I will neither abuse nor support the abuse or misuse of alcohol. I will abide by all state laws, Institute regulations, and policies of my fraternity and Panhellenic Council concerning the use of drugs and alcohol.

I will not consume or bring alcohol to any recruitment activity, new member meeting or activity. All recruitment and new member activities are to be DRY functions.

I will not tolerate or condone abusive behavior, whether physical, mental, emotional, or sexual. This includes any actions which are demeaning to women and/or men, including but not limited to date rape, gang rape, or verbal harassment.

I will not injure, malign, or discriminate against any person or organization on the basis of race, religious belief, color, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or age.

I will respect my chapter house the property of all fraternities, and the Georgia Tech campus; therefore I will not vandalize, desecrate, or steal any property public or private.

I will uphold both the Georgia Tech Student Conduct Code and the Georgia Tech Honor Code.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Panhellenic Code of Standards, as certified by my signature.

Printed Name

GTID#

Date

Signature

Sorority

SCHOLARSHIP AND JUDICIAL AGREEMENT

Panhellenic and its member fraternities promote superior scholarship as it is basic to intellectual achievement. Panhellenic supports assistance to new member/associate members in their academic adjustment; and encourages high scholastic achievement on the part of all members, as the fraternity accepts the responsibility to aid its individual members in attaining this scholastic success.

Your signature below authorizes release of your midterm and semester grades and judicial standing to the Office of Greek Affairs and, through that office, to your Chapter President and other authorized agents and appropriate governing board officers, who may use them in your chapter's scholarship program and to verify your eligibility for membership, offices, and awards. Information regarding your judicial standing is used to verify your eligibility for any Greek involvement opportunities. This agreement will remain in affect during your affiliation with your organization unless you personally revoke the agreement in writing to the Office of Greek Affairs.

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HAZING

Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created by a chapter or member which subtly, flagrantly, recklessly, or deliberately, embarrasses, threatens, invited ridicule or draws inappropriate or negative attention to a member, associate, or group, and/or an attitude which implies one member/associate is superior to another or that membership in the group must be earned through personal services or meaningless activities.

Hazing is not only incompatible with the ideals and traditions of women's fraternities, but also violates Panhellenic Council policies and regulations and Georgia law. Georgia Tech Panhellenic Council, the National Panhellenic Conference, and the (Inter) National Organizations or Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Xi Delta, Lambda Theta Alpha, Phi Mu, and Zeta Tau Alpha and the associate members, Chi Omega Tau, all condemn hazing. The State of Georgia has enacted legislation making hazing a criminal offense. The Georgia Tech administration is unconditionally opposed to any situation created to produce mental and/or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule.

Georgia Tech fraternity women will not participate in any hazing activity or be hazed. Any knowledge or information concerning such activity must be reported to the proper authorities, anonymously if necessary. Failure to report this information is considered being an accessory to having.

Hazing may be caused by either overt or covert coercion. When any hazing activity is suggested by a fraternity or member of a fraternity, to new or associate members, covert coercion will be established, even if the activity is said to be "voluntary."

All hazing should be eliminated, and new members programs are to be directed toward the appreciation of the fraternity and the understanding of the opportunities for self improvement that are offered for the individual.

Hazing will be defined as any action taken or situation created intentionally, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule no matter how good the end result or intent. Such activities and situations include, but are not limited to:

PSYCHOLOGICAL

- Any activity considered morally offensive by an individual new member
- Demeaning or degrading treatment
- Critiquing of physical appearance, mental capabilities, or personal characteristics
- Any activity without constructive aspect or reasonable purpose, including but not limited to, "line ups", "rat courts", mock trials, interrogations, yelling of obscenities, or voted of continuance not consistent with the national constitution of, or sanctioned by, the national fraternity
- Engaging in public stunts, jokes, and buffoonery
- Late night sessions which interfere with scholastic activities
- Memorization of information not directly related to fraternal history
- Morally degrading or humiliating games and activities
- Required participation in public acts, skits, or songs, for the purpose of humiliation or embarrassment

- Psychological shocks
- Wearing publicly, apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste.

PHYSICAL

- Any dangerous activity including, but not limited to, long swims, jumps from high places, binding, and blindfolding (except as may be required during national ritual)
- Confining new members to rooms or areas that are uncomfortable due to temperature, noise, size, or air quality for the purpose of harassment
- Creation of excessive fatigue
- Deprivation of normal sleep (less than six hours uninterrupted hours per night)
- Forced, required, or coerced consumption of any food, liquid, especially alcohol, or other substance
- Intentionally creating clean-up work
- Paddling in any form, or pushing, hitting or physical threats
- Physical shocks
- Physical disfigurement or marking (temporary or permanent) including tattooing or branding (simulated or actual)
- Required the carrying of objects such as bricks, buckets, or large objects
- Mandatory nudity, whether public or semi-public

And any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual, or regulations and policies of Georgia Tech Panhellenic and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

My signature below certifies that I have read, understand, and will abide by this hazing policy.

Printed Name

GTID#

Date

Signature

Sorority