

# PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY

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## Fraternity Education

Pledgeship, freely offered by a Fraternity Chapter and freely accepted by an individual, is the period of education, training, and service that prepares one for initiation into a fraternity. Initiation into full membership and Brotherhood is a privilege, not a right, conferred on a pledge by the members of a private, voluntary society.

The pledge is expected to prove himself worthy of the privilege by demonstrating academic competence, good character, knowledge of the Chapter and the Fraternity, and loyalty to the Fraternity and its members. He is expected to fulfill whatever requirements may be asked of him, provided that these are legal, ethical and moral.

It must be understood that no pledge is automatically entitled to be initiated. He must prove himself personally acceptable to the members of his Fraternity Chapter. If a pledge is found unsuitable for whatever reason, the Fraternity Chapter should either ask him to resign or cancel his pledgeship as soon as incompatibility becomes evident. In that event the separation of a pledge from the Fraternity Chapter should be carried out humanely and discreetly.

The pledge should always bear in mind that his conduct reflects not only on himself and his Fraternity, but on his college and the fraternity movement at large.

1. The pledge should be assured that his Fraternity Chapter will conscientiously foster and safeguard his health, safety and well-being.
2. The pledge shall be enabled to pursue his academic studies and educational interests through the help and support of his Fraternity Chapter.
3. The pledge shall be properly housed, fed, and provided with adequate facilities for study, if he lives in a house operated by his Fraternity Chapter.
4. The pledge shall be free to associate with whomever he chooses, provided that such associations do not bring disrepute to the Fraternity.
5. The pledge shall be prepared for initiation into his Fraternity throughout the course of a period of education, training, and service as conducted by his Fraternity Chapter. He will be eligible for initiation upon the satisfactory completion of the stated requirements.
6. The pledge shall not be subjected to hazing and cannot consent to being hazed; that is, any physical, mental, or emotional indignity or objectionable activity that might be required under the threat of dismissal from the pledge class, whether implicit or explicit.
7. The pledge shall not be required to perform any duty or take part in any activity that violates any law, ordinance, or university regulation, or is contrary to the dictates of his own conscience.
8. The pledge shall be entitled to inform the officers of his Fraternity Chapter, officers of the house corporation, alumni and faculty advisors, officers of the national Fraternity, or responsible persons, of any action or practice that he believes illegal or immoral; no penalty or reprisal of any kind shall be taken

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against him if the report is made in good faith.

9. The pledge shall enjoy the full rights and privileges as well as the obligations and responsibilities of any other student at the university.
10. The pledge shall be entitled to a satisfactory explanation and adequate arrangements for resettlement in the event that his Fraternity Chapter decides to dismiss him.

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