

Greek Life  
Delta State University

**NEW MEMBER POLICY**

New Member:

*He or she is an individual who has accepted an invitation to membership and is engaged in preparing for initiation. During this minimum six week new member education period, new members are instructed in the rites and obligations of full membership.*

- Any potential new member must be fully admitted to Delta State University before being eligible for new member status in any DSU Greek organization.
- Any potential new member must also be in good academic and social standing with the University.
- When a potential new member joins a DSU Greek organization, he or she is considered to be a new member of that organization with the same privileges of all members with the exception of certain ritualistic activities and initiation.
- All members, including initiated and new, must maintain a semester minimum of a 2.0 in order to be considered in good standing with the University (chapters are encouraged to have higher GPA requirements).
- New members may be initiated after a minimum of six weeks of membership education and having maintained good social standing with the University.
- The requirements for initiation are the specific responsibility of each individual fraternity or sorority.
- Delta State University requires that the President present a typed list (in alphabetical order) of members to be initiated, including the date, time, and place of initiation one week prior to the initiation ceremony. This is for the Greek advisor to verify that each prospective initiate is a full-time student.

**Initiation Policy**

- A new member may be initiated into a Greek organization if he or she completes a minimum six week new member education period and maintains good social standing with the University.
- If a new member is initiated into a Greek organization and his or her GPA at the end of the semester is below a minimum of 2.0, the new member is required to participate in his or her chapter's scholarship program, as designed by each chapter and approved by the University, and has limited social privileges until the GPA has improved to at least a 2.0.
- A new member is allowed a maximum of two semesters to meet a chapter's requirements for initiation. The University does not require that the two semesters be consecutive.