

# Ohio University Greek Organization Academic Policy

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Every social fraternity and sorority chapter must maintain a minimum chapter semester grade point average of 2.500 inclusive of new members and initiates. A grade report of individual chapter members will be made available to their respective chapter presidents, advisors, and inter/national staff members after the reports have been received and verified by the Greek Life Office in the Campus Involvement Center for accuracy. A Scholarship Performance Report including rankings and other statistic information will be issued by the Greek Life Office on a semester basis and will be provided directly to each chapter with their grade report. Chapters that are placed on sanction status will be notified in writing. If a chapter has not attained a grade point average of 2.500 and a change occurs in a member's grades, the Greek Life Office should be notified of the change (in writing or via email) at the time the change takes place. This change will be verified for accuracy and the grade reports and Scholarship Performance Report re-issued as necessary. Only if a chapter is on sanction status will a change in member's grade warrant re-computation of the chapter's grade point average for a given semester.

Failure to achieve the minimum grade point requirement of 2.500 will result in the following sanctions statuses:

## **Level I Sanction Status**

Failure to achieve the minimum required grade point average for one semester will result in Level I Sanction, with failures in successive semesters leading to higher levels of sanction.

1. Notification of chapter probationary status sent to chapter president, chapter advisor, and inter/national office.
2. The chapter must complete the following:
  - Plan two academic programs for the chapter using University academic resources.
  - Prepare a written action plan for academic improvement. The plan for academic improvement must be signed by the chapter president, chapter scholarship/academic officer, and advisor.
  - Arrange a meeting between the Assistant Director for Greek Life, the chapter president, and the chapter advisors to review the action plan (no later than two weeks after notification).
  - Limit chapter social activities to two events for the semester.
3. Failure to comply with any of the above conditions and/or of the requirements automatically and immediately places the chapter on Level II Sanction Status.
4. If the chapter achieves the required grade point average at the end of the semester, the chapter will be placed on Scholarship Development Status (SDS) (see end of document) for the following semester.

## **Level II Sanction Status**

Failure to achieve the minimum required grade point average for two consecutive semesters will result in a Level II sanction, with failures in successive semesters leading to higher levels of sanctions. Includes all requirements of Level I, but amending the social event limit to:

1. Suspension of all chapter social privileges. The chapter president must make an appeal by the third week of the semester for any exception to this sanction in writing to the Assistant Director for Greek Life.
2. Failure to comply with any of the above conditions and/or of the requirements automatically and immediately places the chapter on Level III Sanction Status.
3. If the chapter achieves the required grade point average at the end of the semester, the chapter will be placed on Scholarship Development Status (SDS) for the following semester. If the chapter achieves the required grade point average at the end of their SDS semester, the chapter will be removed from any sanction status for the following semester. If the chapter fails to achieve the required grade point average while on SDS status, it will be placed on Level III Sanction Status.

## **Level III Sanction Status**

Failure to achieve the minimum required grade point average for three consecutive semesters will result in a Level III sanction, with failures in successive semesters leading to higher levels of sanctions. Includes the requirement of Level II plus the following:

1. Suspension of recruitment and/or intake for the duration of the semester.
2. Request from the University to the inter/national office for a formal meeting between representative of inter/national office, chapter president, chapter advisor, and University official.
3. Failure to comply with any of the above conditions and/or of the requirements automatically and immediately places the chapter on Level IV Sanction Status.
4. If the chapter achieves the required grade point average at the end of the semester, the chapter will be placed on Scholarship Development Status (SDS) for the following semester. If the chapter achieves the required grade point average at the end of their SDS semester, the chapter will be removed from any sanction status for the following semester. If the chapter fails to achieve the required grade point average while on SDS status, it will be placed on Level IV Sanction Status.

## **Level IV Sanction Status**

Failure to achieve the minimum required grade point average for four consecutive semesters will result in a Level IV sanction. This includes:

1. Revocation of University recognition of the chapter including loss of exemption from the University parietal housing policy that allows chapter members to live in chapter house instead of University residence halls.
2. Request from the University to inter/national office for removal of chapter's charter.

## **Scholarship Development Status**

Chapter must create and follow a written academic improvement plan. By Friday of the third week of the semester, the chapter president and chapter scholarship officer will meet with the Assistant Director for Greek Life to review the action plan for approval. If the chapter achieves the required grade point average at the end of their SDS semester, the chapter will be removed from any sanction status for the following semester. If the chapter fails to achieve the required grade point average while on SDS status, it will be placed on Level II Sanction Status.

## **Further Information**

In the event that a chapter loses University recognition due to failure to meet the requirements of this policy (ex. Level IV sanction), the chapter may petition for reinstatement using the guidelines established under the Reinstatement policy, but with the additional required information listed below:

- The chapter must present a plan for chapter redevelopment that clearly and persuasively addresses the previous academic failings.
- The petition must include explicit support from the inter/national organization.
- The chapter will be placed on an inactive or suspended status for at least one semester, during which it may function only for the purpose of preparing its petition and redevelopment plan.
- The Greek Life Office in the Campus Involvement Center will continue to monitor academic performance of a suspended chapter members for one calendar year if so requested by the chapter and/or inter/national organization for use in its development of a petition and redevelopment plan.
- A chapter petitioning for reinstatement must follow the Reinstatement Policy and meet all other requirements of the University in order for its petition to be considered.
- In the event that a reinstated chapter is suspended from campus within one year of reinstatement, no further petition for reinstatement will be considered from the chapter for five years or until all members of the chapter graduate or are no longer affiliated with Ohio University as undergraduate students.
- A reinstated chapter returns to the community on Level II Sanction Status.
- The Greek Life Committee will consider the petition for reinstatement and present its recommendation to the Vice President for Student Affairs for final approval or denial, per the instructions of the Reinstatement Policy.