



## Total Setting Method Overview

### What is total?

**Total is the allowable chapter size determined by the College Panhellenic.** Total includes new and initiated members. If a chapter has met total, they are no longer eligible to invite new members to join the chapter. If a chapter is below total, they can invite new members to join the chapter.

### What is the purpose of total?

The purpose of total is to provide opportunities to grow the Panhellenic community, seek parity among chapters and allow the maximum number of women to experience sorority membership.

### How is total determined?

1. Each chapter must accurately count its members.
2. The College Panhellenic considers the four total setting methods (i.e., options) and consults with their NPC College Panhellenic area advisor.
3. The College Panhellenic votes on a total setting method in their recruitment rules.
4. The College Panhellenic communicates the total setting method and number to all chapters each term.

### Options in Determining Total (2009, 2015, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023) – Policy

<b>Option 1</b>	Average (ACS) or median chapter size (MCS) (whichever is larger)
<b>Option 2</b>	Midpoint between median and largest chapter size
<b>Option 3</b>	Largest chapter size (LCS)
<b>Option 4</b>	LCS plus up to 20 women
	<p>When a campus experiences greater than a 2% decrease in the open house pool over the previous year, total must be set at midpoint or higher.</p> <p>For Panhellenics with only two chapters: when selecting a method among the four options, total will be set at the number yielded by the calculation or 40 whichever is higher.</p> <p>For Panhellenics with housing: If half or more chapters are not meeting their respective housing obligation total must be set using method 4. Total will automatically be reset to LCS plus one unless this policy requires a total setting method that will set total at a higher number. Housing obligation shall be defined as the revenue from chapter membership necessary to support housing/facility expenses. Each NPC inter/national organization will report to NPC on behalf of its local chapters, by June 30 of each year, whether its chapters are meeting their housing obligations.</p>



## When to set total?

College Panhellenics should evaluate total every term. During the primary recruitment term, total is determined and announced following bid matching and before the start of bid distribution. During the non-primary recruitment term(s), if total is reset, the revised total must be determined and then announced within 24 hours of the start of the academic term.

## Total Setting Example

Panhellenic University College Panhellenic hosts fall primary recruitment. They are an unboxed community. They used ACS or MCS (whichever is larger) to set total after primary recruitment. Chapter sizes and total options for the fall were as follows and they set total at 87.

Chapter	Fall Chapter Size	Total Setting Methods	Spring Chapter Size	Total Setting Methods	<b>Non-Primary recruitment term total cannot be lower than 83</b>
Alpha	102	ACS = 87	90	ACS = 79	
Beta	93	MCS = 87	81	MCS = 78	
Omicron	72	Midpoint = 95	70	Midpoint = 84	
Delta	81	LCS = 102	74	LCS = 90	

All chapter sizes decreased in the spring term. The College Panhellenic cannot set total lower than 95% of the fall total—which would be 83. The community could either keep total at 87, readjust to 83 (95% of the fall total), or choose a different method (i.e., MML, LCS or LCS+). The community should consider what method to use based on the considerations below.

## Total Setting Considerations

College Panhellenics should consider the following questions to determine the best total setting method:

- Does the total setting method allow the Panhellenic community to grow?
- Are women interested in joining a sorority after primary recruitment?
- Is the College Panhellenic marketing the sorority experience year-round?

## Other NPC Policies Related to Total

College Panhellenics should also review these other NPC policies when determining total:

- Adjusting Total (2013, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2021, 2023) – POLICY
- Calculating Total (1955, 2009, 2015) – POLICY
- Chapter Membership Roll (1955, 2018) – POLICY
- Graduating Seniors in Chapter Total (2002) – POLICY
- New Member (1981) – POLICY
- Transfer Member (1977) – POLICY
- Vacancies (1978) – POLICY