



NPC Position Statement on Academic Requirements

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is one of the world's largest organizations advocating for the sorority experience and is the trade association for 26 inter/national women's-only sororities. Our member organizations exist and have existed throughout their history as private women's-only social organizations, for which membership practices are excepted from the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX). These protections allow NPC member organizations to set their own academic requirements for joining, initiating, maintaining membership and leading a chapter.

We understand that some colleges and universities may set GPA requirements for participation in any registered student organization, and we do not oppose requirements that are applied evenly across all organizations or students of a specific institution. However, it is beyond the domain of colleges and universities to influence the membership practices of our member organizations; therefore, we believe strongly that they should not impose GPA requirements for eligibility to join, initiate, maintain membership, to serve as a chapter officer or as an officer of our College Panhellenic Associations.

NPC organizations are committed to supporting their members academically. We understand the need for members to prioritize academics and consider academic success and excellence a core value of our organizations. We take pride in including women of various learning abilities in our community and our organizations provide both academic and emotional support for those with learning challenges. It is worth noting that on a majority of campuses where College Panhellenic communities are hosted, the all-sorority average GPA is higher than the unaffiliated women's average and/or all-women's average GPA, demonstrating the positive role our organizations play in our members' academic lives.

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