**FAST Facts**

- There are 49 fraternities and sororities at the University of Iowa, and 26 have chapter houses. Fifteen of these groups have a multicultural emphasis.
- All chapters with a housing structure are required to have a live-in House Director, who assists in providing support and guidance to the members.
- All chapters are recognized with the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership (CSIL) and are considered recognized student organizations.
- There are four governing councils that oversee our fraternities and sororities here on campus.
- More than 200 alumni, faculty and staff volunteer their time serving as advisors to the chapters.
- On average, fraternity and sorority members contribute around 50,000 hours of community service and donate close to $800,000 annually to local and national charities.

**FRATERNITY & SORORITY Alcohol Policy**

Alcohol at any chapter-sponsored event requires the use of a licensed third party vendor present to serve alcohol, provide security, and verify legal age. All sorority houses at Iowa are strictly alcohol-free. Alcohol consumption within fraternity houses is prohibited by students under 21 years of age. Persons of legal age in a fraternity house may be permitted to bring alcoholic beverages into their private bedrooms only and only those of age are allowed to consume alcohol.

**Average alcohol-related charges and their associated costs:**

- Possession of Fake ID: $315 to $1,875 (up to 1 year in jail)*
- OWI - 1st Offense: $1,250 (up to one year in jail)*
- Under 21 in a bar after 10pm: $465
- PAULA (possession of alcohol under legal age): $330
- Public intoxication (first offense): $65 to $625 (up to 30 days in jail)*
- Unlawful use of someone else’s ID: $195
- Disorderly house: $65 to $750*

*A surcharge of 35% of the fine plus court costs will be added to the above amounts if convicted. Iowa City does not have municipal infractions; these charges are all criminal offenses.

**ANTI-HAZING POLICY**

Hazing is defined as any intentional or reckless action or situation, with or without consent, that endangers a student or creates risk of injury, mental or physical discomfort, harassment, embarrassment, and/or ridicule for the purpose of initiation into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in any student organization, fraternity, sorority, or team recognized by the University of Iowa Student Government or by any other University Sponsor or department. Hazing may occur on or off campus. Acts of hazing include, but are not limited to: compulsory alcohol or drug consumption; physical brutality; psychological cruelty; public humiliation; morally degrading activities; forced confinement; creation of excessive fatigue; required removal or destruction of public or private property; or any other activity that endangers the physical, mental, psychological, or academic well-being and/or safety of an individual.

**FRATERNITY & SORORITY Community**

Membership in a fraternity or sorority is life-time commitment to the values of leadership, scholarship, friendship, and service. At Iowa, we have four professional staff members whose work is dedicated to providing the education, support, challenge, and accountability necessary for our students to live those values now and throughout their lives.

-**Dr. William “Bill” Nelson**  
  Associate Dean and Executive Director, Iowa Memorial Union
  Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity

As a 20-year member of the fraternity and sorority community, I have experienced firsthand, when aligned with the values and ideals of the community, what a positive influence it can have on the lives of those who choose to participate. It’s important for families to make informed decisions about the chapters. Please visit the FSL website, fsl.uiowa.edu/community/scorecard, to review the scorecards and learn more.

-**Dr. Melissa Shivers**  
  Vice President for Student Life, The University of Iowa  
  Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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**GREETINGS Hawkeye Families!**

The 150-year tradition of fraternity and sorority membership at Iowa provides an immediate connection to a close-knit group of men and women, helping to make Iowa feel more like home. Fraternity men and sorority women are some of the most active student leaders on campus and can introduce your student to a multitude of other student organizations and leadership opportunities. Participating in Fraternity & Sorority Life is a great way to ensure a well-rounded undergraduate experience, and we hope it will be a part of that journey. We invite you to spend some time looking through this publication to learn more about the Fraternity & Sorority Community at Iowa.

Go Hawks!

Sincerely,

The UI Fraternity & Sorority Community

**WHAT IS MY ROLE AS A Parent/Guardian?**

- Take the time to learn more about the Fraternity and Sorority Community at Iowa and visit fsl.uiowa.edu.
- Ask questions about what the organizations will offer your student in order to make the best decision for them. Fraternities and sororities are different on every campus, so allow your student to choose the group with whom they feel most comfortable.
- Keep an open mind. Even though you may or may not have been a member does not mean that it is or is not the right choice for your student.
- Discuss the financial obligations with your student. Determine who will pay for what and the limits those expenses may include. Joining a fraternity or sorority is a lifetime commitment, both personally and financially.
- Above all, be supportive!

Our son’s membership has given him a place to belong, a few group of young men to call brothers, and who will most definitely be lifelong friends. I would encourage parents to support their child’s decision to join a fraternity or sorority. Finding and becoming an active member in a good fraternity or sorority can help a student feel secure on a large campus.

—Lynn Bleeker, mother of an Iowa fraternity man

**IOWA FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE The Opportunity**

**THE OPPORTUNITY to belong.**

We all want friendships that are true, that are real, that are more than passing college acquaintances. Iowa Fraternity & Sorority Life presents the opportunity to belong to something big, important and unforgettable. Most of all, it is the opportunity to build friendships that will last a lifetime.

**THE OPPORTUNITY to thrive.**

We all want a college experience that is academically successful, but we also want to build collegiate memories that are rich with tradition, full of long-lasting relationships, and overflowing with a sense of personal fulfillment. Iowa Fraternity & Sorority Life challenges its members to not settle for the average college doldrums, but instead to flourish as a fully engaged student.

**THE OPPORTUNITY to explore.**

We all want to contribute to the greater good and make a difference. Iowa Fraternity & Sorority Life provides the opportunity for students to serve our campus, community, and world in ways that make a real impact.

**THE OPPORTUNITY to lead.**

We all want to leave a legacy in our own way. We want to feel respected by our peers and the appreciation from our friends. Iowa Fraternity & Sorority Life offers students the opportunity to lead, to influence and to guide our organizations and our community.

**THE OPPORTUNITY to succeed.**

We all want to graduate, get a job, and have a successful career, but that is easier said than done. Iowa Fraternity & Sorority Life connects its members to the largest and most successful network available to students. Our alumni are positioned all over the globe and are committed to helping us succeed as professionals and as members of a productive society.

**FINANCIAL Information**

The fraternity and sorority experience is an investment in your student’s future. Fraternal organizations are quite affordable and fees go to programs and services that positively impact your student. Dues directly support the betterment of the chapter and the national organization. To assist members, chapters may offer various scholarships and grants. We encourage your students to ask questions related to finances during the recruitment process. We also encourage you to be “hands-on” in this decision if you have any questions about the financial obligations. Costs will vary if the organization does or does not have a house/living structure. The price of living in a fraternity or sorority house is comparable to, and usually less expensive than, many other housing options.

For 2019-2020, the average cost of living in a university-owned residence hall per year for a double room and unlimited meals is $10,640.00.

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